

STATUTABLE HALF-YEARLY MEETING.- 2nd DECEMBER 1914.

The Statutable Half-Yearly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 2nd December 1914.

Present:- Mr C. H. Peacecke, (Vice-Chairman) Presiding.

Also present:- Messrs P. O'Neill, P. Whelan, J. J. Kehoe, N. J. Cowman, R. Scallan, M. Cloney, J. T. Mayler, J. J. Stafford, M. Doyle, M. Codd, James Codd.

The County Secretary, County Surveyor, and Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor, were also in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The late Lord Courtown.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we offer our deep sympathy to our Colleague-Lord Stopford- in the loss he has sustained through the death of his father, the Right Hon the Earl of Courtown.

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Lord Stopford."

Courtown Harbour Boat Dues.

At the Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 13th November, the following recommendation had been agreed to:-

"That Mr Elgee, Solicitor communicate with the owners of boats who are in arrear and endeavour to induce them to pay off their indebtedness.

That the question of the writing off a certain proportion of the arrears due by these boatowners be considered at the next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."

"Adjourned to meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

Notion of Motion.

The following notice of motion, of which Mr Hearn had given previous notice, was by permission of the meeting, proposed by Mr Kehoe:-

"That the County Council purchase another stonebreaker for use in scheduled quarries."

Mr Cloney seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the Motion:- Messrs Cloney, O'Neill, Stafford, Kehoe, Scallan, M. Codd,

James Codd.- 7.

Against:- Messrs Doyle, Whelan, Cowman, Mayler, and the Chairman. -5.

"The Chairman declared the motion carried."

Read Limit of Expenditure.

Under date 26th November, Mr. Kehoe, Clerk Wexford District Council, wrote that his District Council desired that their present limit of expenditure £7935. 10/- to remain unaltered in any fresh consent which the County Council may ask the Local Government Board to give.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That our Secretary again communicate with the Clerks of New Ross, and Greystown R. D. Councils, and point out to them that their present read limit of expenditure will expire in March 1915."

University Scholarship Scheme.

Thomas J. O'Rourke, 95 Lower Baginbun Street, Dublin, University Student, wrote asking for permission to reside at the place altho' not a recognised hostel.

He forwarded approval of Rev M. Hickey, Dean of Residence, University College, who stated that the house was most suitable.

Mr. John L. Beekey, Co. Council Student, wrote requesting permission to reside at 50 & 51 Heytesbury Street, Dublin, altho' not a recognised hostel. He forwarded the approval of Rev M. Hickey, Dean of Residence.

On the motion of Mr. Cloney, seconded by Mr. Whelan, the following resolution was agreed to:-

"That we agree to the requests of Messrs T. J. O'Rourke, and John L. Beekey, to reside in the houses mentioned in their application though they are not recognised hostels. That in all cases in which University Students of this Council are unable to secure lodgings in a recognised hostel we will raise no objection to their residence in any other lodging provided they forwarded to our Secretary the approval of the Dean of Residence to the lodging selected."

Audit of County Council Accounts.

"Under date 26th November, the Local Government Board wrote, letter No. 64717-1914, Wexford, forwarding attested Abstracts of the Accounts of the Council for half-year ended 30th September with the following report of their Auditor:-

"I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the Co.

Council of the County Wexford for the Half-Year ended September last, and I forward, herewith, a certified Abstract thereof in pursuance of your Order. The accounts were prepared and submitted for audit in every satisfactory manner and no item of expenditure calls for any remark on my part."

Marked "Read"

Foreign Hay & Straw (Ireland) Order of 1912.

Amendment Order of 1914. (No.2)

The Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarded a copy of above Order the effect of which is to prohibit importation of hay and straw from the United States.

Marked "Read"

Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction

Under date 24th November 1914, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 64165 Wexford Co.) forwarding copy of report of their Auditor on his audit of the Co Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction Accounts, for half-year ended 30th September last, with attested copy of the Abstracts of the Accounts.

Marked "Read"

River Navigation Improvement (Ireland) Act 1914.

Under date 24th November 1914, the Local Government Board (letter No. 184 M. 1914) wrote forwarding copy of above Act, which empowers County Councils to construct and maintain within the County works for improvement of the navigation of any river in accordance with schemes prepared by the Councils and approved by the Board of Works.

Marked "Read".

Tara Hill Quarry.

The Secretary asked instructions as to whether the direction of the Finance & Roads Committee that Mr Paddle Assistant Surveyor should attend at Tara Hill Quarry on one day per week instead of two as heretofore, would interfere with the amount voted to Mr Paddle for discharge of this work, viz £5 per annum.

"It was decided that no change be made in the amount allowed Mr Paddle for supervising the work at the Quarry, viz £5."

Meetings of County & District Councils.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following dates of half-yearly meetings of Councils were agreed to:-  
 Gorey R. D. Council-Thursday April 8th 1915 at 11.30 a.m.,  
 Enniscorthy R. D. Monday April 12th at 11 a.m.,

New Ress R. D. Tuesday April 13th at 11.30 a.m.,  
 Wexford R. D., Saturday April 10th at 10.30 a.m.,  
 Proposal Committee-Wednesday 7th April at 10.30 a.m.,  
 County Council-Wednesday May 5th at 10.30 a.m.,  
 Proposal Committee-Quarterly Meeting- 11th February-10 30 a.m.,  
 County Council- " " " " 11 a.m.,

Piers & Harbours.

The following report on the Piers & Harbours of the County was submitted from the County Surveyor:-

"I beg to submit report on the Harbours and Piers of County Wexford as follows:-

Courtown Harbour:-

The structure and fittings of this Harbour have been maintained in good condition. According to the state of the wind the part at the Harbour entrance from time to time gets into a bad condition, and fishing boats have difficulty in entering and leaving. However, this state of affairs cannot be remedied without very extensive expenditure.

At the present time some slight repairs are required to the cap on the hinge of the gate containing the sluices.

In the river opposite the square there is now accumulating a bank of gravel where the small stream from Riverchapel discharges and interferes with the current of the main river, this is not a serious matter. The retaining wall to the Square is in a <sup>semewhat</sup> defective condition but I do not recommend that any repairs be undertaken at the present time as very probably the wall will stand for a good while to come, and if repairs be now undertaken a great deal of good work must be removed contingent on the repair of the defective part.

The Harbour Master asked me to obtain directions from the County Council as to what should be done to two old boats belonging to the Council which are at present on the bank and are in the way. Sometime ago an attempt was made to sell these but no offer of any consequence was made, and now the boats are only fit for firewood.

Poulduff Harbour:-

During the Summer time I had the timber bridge over the stream discharging alongside the Pier repaired and it is now in good condition. There is now required for the Pier a new lamp, the existing one which is of iron having rotted away. I suggest that a copper lamp be supplied.

I have already reported to the Finance Committee in regard to the

settlement appearing at the end of the Pier. On the last occasion of a visit I had an appointment with Mr Oliver the Department's Engineer and we made a thorough examination of the Pierhead at low water. Some of the blocks have settled opening the horizontal joints, and I discussed with Mr Oliver the best method to preserve the structure from further damage.

I have since heard from Mr Oliver who discussed the matter with the resident engineer on the construction of the work, that the pierhead had been founded on rock, so that it is difficult to understand how this settlement has taken place, possibly some of the concrete in the bag-work of the foundation has deteriorated as has been found to happen from time to time in sea works.

We decided that a quantity of rubble material should be dumped over the Pierhead to protect the foundations from scour and I was authorised to have this done. Delay took place in starting the work owing to the difficulty in arranging about a quarry, but I have now settled this matter and have made agreement with a man named Patrick Fortune to carry out the work for £25, and I have submitted a proposal to the Proposal Committee for this amount.

#### Blackwater Harbour:-

Sometime ago a proposal was passed for the construction of a Pier or Jetty at Blackwater contingent on the Department of Agriculture making a grant of half the cost, but as this has not been done up to the present no work has been undertaken.

#### Carne Harbour:-

This pier was repaired during the Summer time. The breach in the parapet caused by the Spring storms has been made good and at present there is no further attention necessary.

#### Kilmere Harbour:-

During the Summer time extensive repairs were carried out to the buttress on the outside of the Pier, to the breakwater, and to the retaining wall near the lifeboat slip. This last was done by concrete in situ and the other two places were repaired by concrete bags, except small holes in the breakwater which were filled in and stones rammed home. The Committee of the County Council inspected this work with me and have already reported to the Council their opinion of the work.

At the present time with the exception of the lamps which require some change to be made and a new lamp to be supplied there is no attention required.

#### Fethard Harbour:-

I have been informed that some ten years ago this Harbour was cleaned out and at the present time it seems to be in fairly satisfactory condition. Some small repairs are required to the masonry at the top of the two sets

of steps and there is also a small hole at the end of the short pier on the West side. At the time of the Fethard lifeboat disaster one of the lifebuoys was taken away by the lifeboat authorities and was lost. The lifeboat Institution, however, has refunded the cost of replacing it, and it is now there.

**Slade Harbour:-**

Last year the iron railing at Slade Harbour was scraped and painted but at present is not in a satisfactory condition. I recommend that in the future all iron work at this and any of the harbours be coated with bituminous mastic, which I believe will stand the sea air and spray where paint would be rapidly destroyed.

At the August Meeting of the Proposal Committee a proposal was approved for the sum of £20 to clean out the Harbour. I have been endeavouring to get a person to undertake the work and I find it cannot be done for less than £50. The approach channel outside the Harbour entrance will require deepening to an extent which will absorb practically the whole of the amount approved and little or no work can be done inside the Harbour.

**Duncannon Harbour:-**

In the month of September last I made a thorough inspection of this Harbour in company with Mr Cloney M. C. C.,

The moorings of the hulk now require some adjustments so as to keep the gangway from moving upstream as it has a tendency to do, and some caulking to the old planking on the deck of the hulk is required. Around the pier head near the hulk the joints in the masonry require cleaning out and pointing, the upper portion of this work may possibly be done at once but for the lower part it will be necessary to wait for Springtime. At the Steps at the outside of the main Pier there is the remains of an iron railing, the upper portion of which had at one time been sheeted with iron. This is now wasted away and I recommend that a small reinforced concrete wall be erected here to prevent seas breaking in on the Pier surface and some pointing is required at the end of the inner or boat Pier and also on the Slip alongside same.

The greater portion of the iron railings are at present badly wasted and should be chipped and coated with bituminous mastic.

I noticed that the angle iron railings are not at all suitable for Piers as the moisture lodges in the crevices and wears them out rapidly, whereas the iron tubular railings stand well. As an alternative to painting the railings I suggest that a thin concrete wall may be built round them leaving the iron work as a reinforcement, this would be a

permanent job but should not be undertaken until next year.

There are a number of safety chains on the inside of the Pier which we are required to maintain by the Board of Trade. Four of these chains have become broken or defective and require renewal. There are two new lamps required to replace defective ones, and I recommend that copper lamps similar to the last lamp erected be obtained. Three of the lifebuoys require to be fitted with new ropes and one of them requires to be re-covered, there are six buoys in all at the Harbour.

#### Arthurstown Harbour:-

At the Meeting of the County Council in May last a Proposal was passed to make some improvements in the roadway at Arthurstown Pier but I have not been able to get anyone to undertake the work and I am now letting it remain over until next year. The retaining wall of the roadway adjoining the Pier was repaired during the Summer under the District Council and the Pier itself adjoining will require some small underpinning and pointing during the coming year, otherwise the structure is in good condition. I have recently ordered a new lamp for this Pier as the existing one was defective.

#### Ballyhack Harbour:-

The building of the breakwater and contingent work at Ballyhack is now in progress. On the 9th inst., there were thirteen men working at the job. I have been informed that the Waterford Harbour Commissioners intend to cease the care of the lamp at the end of the boat slip way and it will be necessary for the Council to provide for this."

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor procure a new lamp for Harbours of Poulduff and Kilmere, and two new lamps at Duncannon, to replace these worn out in service."

With regard to Duncannon Harbour, the following order was agreed to on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Stafford:-

"That the County Surveyor communicate with the owner of the timber blocking the roadway at the pier and inform him that unless he leaves a sufficient passage for the public use of the pier he will be prosecuted."

On the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Courtown Harbour Committee be asked to consider the advisability of disposing of two old boats at the Harbour, which the Harbour Master considered to be blocking the Harbour there."

Deeps Bridge.

The following report of the Deeps Bridge Committee was laid before the Meeting:-

"The Committee met at the Bridge at 1.15 p.m., on 25th November, all the Members with the County Surveyor and Mr Jennings, Resident Engineer were in attendance.

The Committee made the following recommendation:-

That the concrete retaining wall at both sides of the approach be carried up to road level, that on the down stream side the existing post and wire fence be enclosed as reinforcement in a concrete parapet wall, that on the upstream side the post and wire fence be removed and be re-erected, partition at each side of the roadway adjoining the bridge, to strengthen and improve existing thorn fence, that a concrete wall with necessary reinforcement be erected on the upstream side of the approach in substitution of wire paling already referred to and that the line of this new wall be laid out so as to give increased width on east end of road approach."

Mr Stafford proposed, and Mr Cloney seconded the adoption of the report.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the adoption of the report:- Messrs Whelan, Cloney, Stafford, Kehoe, Cowman, Scallan, M. Codd, J. Codd, and the Chairman.- 9.

Against:- Mr M. Doyle.-1.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Proposals for Roads Etc.,

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr O'Neill, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the several proposals for New Works and renewals of Contracts submitted from the Proposal Committee and the several Rural District Councils of the County as appearing on Forms 20 with the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman, be, and are hereby approved."

Proposals for Payment.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Cowman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the several proposals for payment submitted from the Proposal Committee and the several District Councils of the County, as appearing on Forms 22 and also as recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon, and initialled by the Chairman, be, and are hereby approved."

Coals.

Two tenders were received for supply of coals to County Courthouse, viz:- Mr William Kinsella, Commercial Quay, Wexford, at 28/- per ton, Mr George Stafford, John Street, Wexford, at £1. 6. 6d per ton.

"On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the tender of Mr Stafford, was accepted."

Remuneration Veterinary Surgeons Etc., under Tuberculosis  
(Ireland) Order 1913.

The Secretary reported that the following recommendation had been agreed to at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 25th November (Mr Norris, M.R.C.V. S., Inspector to the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, being in attendance.):—

"That a sum of £40 each as from 1st January 1915, to 31st December 1915, be paid Messrs R. Malone, James Malone, W. J. Doyle, A. Dobblyn, and F. W. Taylor, Veterinary Inspectors, for their duties under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1913.

That as for the same period a sum of £15 be paid to the Secretary of the County Council, as Clerk to the Executive Committee under the Diseases of Animals Acts, in respect of duties under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1913."

Under date 28th November, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (letter No. 4947-1914, V.B.,) that if the County Council accepted the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee, the approval of the Department to the proposal of the Committee may be regarded as given.

In connection with this matter the Secretary stated that confirmation was also required to remuneration for necessary microscopical and bacteriological examination of milk. This work had been carried out up to the present by Mr R. Malone M.R.C.V.S., at the following rates for analyses:- Milk 2/6 per sample, faeces at 4/- per sample, and blood at 5/- per sample. When the matter was first under consideration a suggestion had been made that the work should be carried out alternatively every six months by the Veterinary Inspectors of the County Council.

"The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

"It was decided that the question of arranging for microscopical and bacteriological examination of samples of milk, etc., be adjourned to the next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee, and that this

Committee be requested to make any arrangements in connection with the

matter which they consider most desirable."

Special Road Account.

The following was read from the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"In connection with the difficulty of paying wages etc., to quarrymen etc., the following recommendation was agreed to on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Cowman:-

That this Council be recommended to agree to the proposal of the County Surveyor to open a special account in his own name in order to provide for these payments, amounts expended to be recouped after each meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee, and amount of interest on any overdraft to be deducted from the Interest on the credit balance of the General Account of the County Council."

"The foregoing recommendation was agreed to on the motion of Mr Stafford seconded by the Chairman."

Irrecoverable Rates.

Under date 20th November 1914, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 62602-1914 Wexford County) as follows:-

"With reference to the lists of arrears of rate in the County of Wexford for the period ended the 30th of September 1914, recently forwarded by you to this Department, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to return the lists, herewith, and to state that the rulings of the Board are duly stamped thereon approving of the recommendations of the Council except in the following cases:-

Collector P. Redmond:- Items 358, 363, 371, 368. More than two years due.

The lists of the following collectors are returned unstamped as several items thereon are not reconcilable with the amounts on the corresponding receipts:-

J.Cogley, J.F.Sullivan, F. Blake, J. Mullett, N. O'H.Walsh.

I am, at the same time, to point out that the Rulings of the Board have been given on the assumption that the information contained in the several lists is in all respects accurate, and must not, therefore, be regarded as interfering with the jurisdiction of the Auditor in case for any cause he should at audit find it necessary to deal otherwise with any item or items.

Collectors Blake and Walsh should also be required to furnish an explanation why they signed and dated some of the unused receipts in advance in spite of the Board's repeated admonitions."

"The Secretary stated he had written to the Collectors

concerned asking them to furnish replies to the points raised in the communication of the Local Government Board."

Roads Etc., Untendered for.

In connection with the Roads and Works untendered for at District Council Meetings, the Secretary called attention to the following resolution of the Finance & Roads Committee Meeting held on 25th November:-

"That in the cases of roads untendered for at District Meetings and for which the District Councils have not interfered with the specified tonnage or the estimate of the County Surveyor, the latter be instructed not to accept the old contractor. And that in cases in which the District Councils have cut down the tonnage or the estimate of the County Surveyor, that an order be made that the work be referred back to the District Council, these directions to apply only in instances in which the County Surveyor considers desirable."

"The resolution of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Cloney."

Special Road Committee.

The Report of Special Road Committee suggesting that in all cases of roads in the hands of the County Surveyor and in other cases in which it could be arranged road metalling should be supplied by the Council at a fixed rate, also suggesting the purchase of stonebreaker and employment of an expert staff of quarrymen was considered.

The following Minute of the Finance & Roads Committee in connection with this matter was read for the Meeting:-

"A report was read from the Secretary as to the consideration of the report of Special Road Committee by the Rural District Councils of Enniscorthy New Ross, and Wexford.

At Enniscorthy the principle of the report had been adopted, at New Ross the Council had adopted the report and had requested the Co Council to procure a sufficient number of scheduled quarries to meet the needs of the District, at Wexford the only suggestion of the report which had been adopted was the extension of road contracts, from five to seven years. The Wexford District Council had also adopted a resolution requesting the Co Council not to provide any further quarries for their district. Gorey R.D. Council had not fixed any date for the consideration of the report.

The following is a copy of the Report in question:-

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

SPECIAL ROAD COMMITTEE.

At the Meeting of the Wexford County Council on 21st August 1914, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That a Committee, composed of three Members of the County Council with one representative of each of the four Rural District Councils of the County, be appointed to consider the question of the roads in charge of the County Surveyor, and report to the County Council what, in their opinion, are the best steps to take in the matter."

The first Meeting of the above Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on Wednesday 30th September 1914, at 10 a.m.,

Present:- Mr J. Bolger, Chairman, County Council (presiding) Also Messrs J.S.Hearn, R. A. Rice, J. Lynch, Lord Stopford, Mark Murphy, W.R. Devereux.

The Secretary and the County Surveyor were also in attendance.

The following tables were laid before the Meeting.-

Amount actually paid through Subsidiary a/c, for Roads and Works in charge of County Surveyor for the four Rural Districts of the County for the past three years was as follows:-

District	Year to 30th Sept 1912.			Year to 30th Sept 1913.			Year to 30th Sept 1914.		
	E.	S.	D.	E.	S.	D.	E.	S.	D.
Enniscorthy	726	5	1	880	0	4	2960.	16.	2
Gorey	463	12	3	757	9	6	1578	11	10
New Ross	619	9	6	676	0	2	1291	8	8
Wexford	210	3	9	395	1	9	674	14	9
Totals..	2019	10	7	2708	11	9	6505	11	5

Return by Co. Surveyor for Works in his charge

	Year.	Amount		Specfd Tonnage	Rate per C.Yd.	Amt. Expnd.		Specfd Tonnage	Rate per C.Yd.	No Agreements yet completed.	
		£	S			£	S.D.			Amt. £	Tonnage
Gorey	1913	707	0	1670	8/5½	700.0.0	1250	11/2½			
	1914	671	0	1542	8/8½	630.0.0	1071	11/9	41.		108
Enniscorthy	1913	1268.	18	3678	6/10½	1216.6.4	2659	9/12½			
	1914	1313.	0	3373	7/9½	838 0 0	1820	9/12½	475		1230
New Ross	1913	507	8	1630	6/2½	498 18.0	1273	7/10			
	1914	1342	0	3284	8/2½	1313 0 0	2928	8/11½	29		96
Wexford	1913	351	14	972	7/2½	336 6 6	745	9/0½			
	1914	466	0	1278	7/3½	406 0 0	908	8/11½	60		144

The Committee having considered points set up for discussion came to the following conclusion:- The present system of arranging for the

execution of works in charge of the County Surveyor is wasteful, extravagant, and slovenly, and in the interests of wise organisation and efficiency must be changed.

No efforts of the Co. Surveyor and his Staff or of the Co. Council could so improve present methods as to put them on a business basis. A new procedure must be devised, because,

- 1.- Contractors find it practically impossible to provide road material properly broken and at a proper season of the year. This trouble becomes more acute in districts in which the Co. Surveyor has been able to secure quarries of hard wearing quality, so it is to be expected that the opening of each new quarry will render it more and more difficult for the District Councils to obtain contractors.
- 2.- One of the great reasons why complaint is made of the condition of some of our roads arises from the fact that the material is not finely broken.
- 3.- The cost of quarrying and breaking the best material by hand is prohibitive.
- 4.- The employment of a large amount of hired labour introduces the element of uncertainty into the execution of the contract, and, as it were, frightens the would-be contractor from tendering.
- 5.- The difficulty of having material provided at the proper season of the year.

In order to establish a system which will give the best results in road maintenance it is essential that

- (a) The best material must be procured.
- (b) It must be broken to a suitable gauge
- (c) It must be placed upon the road at the proper season

The present system is certainly unable to attain these objects, its shortcomings are apparent generally, but are more manifest as regards roads in the hands of the County Surveyor.

The Committee feel that the most necessary change must be the one dealing with the supply of material. For this purpose they make the following suggestions:-

- (a) That the Council procure another stone-breaker and a steam or air-pressure quarry drill.
- (b) That an expert staff of quarrymen be employed all the year round.
- (c) That the County Surveyor arrange for the housing of these quarrymen in districts in which they are unable to secure suitable accommodation.

(d) That the County Surveyor be empowered to purchase a scarifier which can be used for reshaping roads which he believes need it, the County Surveyor allowing the cost of a certain amount of material to go against contractor's labour in attending on scarifier.

(e) That the Co. Surveyor continue his efforts to secure suitable quarries at the most convenient centres so as to cut down cost of cartage.

(f) That the Rural District Councils might consider the advisability of extending the period of contract for good roads from five to seven years.

(g) That the Co. Surveyor be directed to keep a record of receipts and expenditure for each quarry worked directly by the Co. Council.

(h) That in future all specifications for road contracts should provide that the material where practicable shall be obtained from quarries under the control of the Co. Council and that the cost per cubic yard for prepared material should be definitely stated therein, the cost of said material to be deducted from contractor's payment, so as to ensure that no cash outlay will be required on the part of the contractor for provision of material.

We are convinced that such a system when properly organised will be cheaper than the present defective and antiquated methods, and will show a considerable improvement in road surface.

If our expectations in this regard are realised we recommend the Council to consider the advisability of extending the proposed new arrangements to the system of road maintenance generally."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Whelan, seconded by Mr Cloney."

#### Leave of Absence.

Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, applied for leave of absence from 24th inst., to 29th.

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr T. Treanor, be granted leave of absence from 24th to 29th December."

#### Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Mr E. Mcquillan, Great Clonard, Wexford, applied for renewal of licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

"The application was granted on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Kehoe"

Proposed Monument to Fethard Life Boat Men.

Under date 28th November, the following letter was read from Mr G.L. Bassett, Hon Sec., Fethard Branch National Life Boat Institution:-

"I am directed by the local Committee of the Fethard Lifeboat disaster Fund to apply to you, being the Highway Authorities, for permission to erect a Monument to the memory of the nine drowned Lifeboat men on a vacant space at the north entrance of Fethard Village, at the west side, out of the way of traffic. The Monument will consist of a square base of stone about 5 feet high out of which will rise a concrete column on three sides a limestone panel engraved with the names and short history of the disaster, the whole surmounted by a celtic cross, the ground space necessary will be about 8 X 8 feet".

On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the request contained in the letter of Mr G. L. Bassett, as to the erection of Monument to the Fethard Life Boat Men lost in the rescue of the Ship "Mexico" be agreed to, subject to the Site of the proposed Memorial receiving the approval of the County Surveyor."

Tuberculosis Scheme.

Under date 30th November 1914, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter 36069-1914, Wexford County) stating that directions had been given for the issue of a Paying Order for £50. 14/- from the Exchequer Maintenance Grant, being the final payment in respect of net expenditure of the Wexford County Council in respect of the treatment of Tuberculosis for the year ended 31st March last.

Marked "Read"

Fees-Road Board Grants.

Under date 25th November 1914, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 63484: 1914 Wexford County) stating that they would raise no objection to the proposed payments to the County and Assistant Surveyors in respect of their services in connection with improvement works executed with the aid of the grants from the Road Board, viz:- 2½ per cent of the amount of the Grants to the Co. Surveyor and 1 per cent to the Assistant Surveyors concerned.

Marked "Read"

Minutes Tuberculosis Committee.

The various Minutes of the Tuberculosis Management Committee were submitted for confirmation. They included:-

"The proposed purchase of site for Sanatorium and central dispensary at Windmill Hills, Wexford, for £350. negotiations as to proposed agreement

between Tuberculosis Committee and County Insurance Committee: appointment of Miss K. F. Stafford as Chief Tuberculosis Nurse: appointment of N. J. Frizelle as Secretary to Committee: opening of branch Tuberculosis Dispensaries at Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross, Newtownbarry, and Ballycullane: treatment of patients: travelling expenses of Chief Tuberculosis Officer: requesting the County Surveyor to prepare plans for Sanatorium and Chief Tuberculosis Dispensary.

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Recommendations from Finance & Roads Committee.

The following recommendations from the Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of 25th November, were laid before the Meetings:-

Rebuilding Mountgarrett Bridge.

"That the Kilkenny County Council be requested to carry out the work of rebuilding in reinforced concrete, Mountgarrett Bridge,. Wexford County Council to contribute its proper quota towards the cost, plans estimates and contract to receive the approval of our County Surveyor, and the contribution from this County Council to be made in instalments on the certificate of our County Surveyor that the work has been carried out to his satisfaction. That a copy of this resolution be furnished the Co Council of Kilkenny."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Proposed Sanatorium.

"That we consider that when Mr Barry, County Surveyor, has completed the preparation of plans, estimate, etc., for proposed Sanatorium in Wexford in connection with the Tuberculosis Scheme of the Co Council, and after the Local Government Board have signified their approval to same, that the duty of the County Surveyor in regard to this matter should cease."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Cowman,"

Proposals for Payments.

"That the several proposals for payment submitted by our Secretary and the several transfers to Public Bodies be approved and recommended for payment to the County Council."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Fethard Life Boat House.

"That our Secretary inform Mr Godfrey L. Taylor, Agent to the Marquis of Ely, and the Life Boat Institution, that the Co Council regret they have no statutory power to take over the lifeboat House at Fethard as they find from their County Surveyor that they do not require it in connection with the

working of the local harbour. This Committee suggests that the house should be vested in the Parish Priest, the Rector, and the County Councillor of the District, for the time being, as it is understood that a local Committee are prepared to give an undertaking as to the future maintenance of the building."

"In connection with this matter a letter was read from the Secretary of the Royal National Life Boat Institution, that the suggestion of the Finance & Roads Committee would receive consideration."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Cowman."

\*Quarries New Ross District.

"It was decided that the County Surveyor advertise for new quarries in New Ross District."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Cowman."

Farnogue Road.

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to have the work of filling at Farnogue Road completed within fourteen days from this date, and that the penalty provided for under the specification be enforced for any delay beyond this period."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Assistant Surveyors.

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to arrange as from 1st December to 1st March 1915, to have the attendance of Mr Paddle, Assistant Surveyor in Gorey District at Tara Hill Quarry restricted to one day per week."

"That the County Surveyor request Mr W.H.Jones, Assistant Surveyor, New Ross District, to furnish for this Committee an explanation as to the four days for which "no duty" has been recorded in his diary for the fortnight ended 14th November."

"That the County Surveyor request Mr Kehoe Assistant Surveyor, to furnish for this Committee an explanation as to why heaps of road scrapings were allowed to remain on the road from Springwood to Ardinagh Little for a lengthened period-over 12 months- and why these heaps were placed at each side of the road in question so as to endanger vehicular traffic."

"Mr Jones came before the meeting and gave an explanation as to entries in his diary with regard to the four days questioned."

"The explanation was considered satisfactory."

"Mr Kehoe came before the meeting and explained that he had arranged with the contractor for the removal of the heaps complained of."

Lamp at Ballyhack Boat Slip.

Under date 29th October 1914, the following letter was read from Mr Allingham, Secretary Waterford Harbour Commissioners:-

"Referring to previous correspondence the Waterford Harbour Commissioners direct me to notify that after the end of next month they will discontinue the maintenance and lighting of the lamp at the head of Ballyhack Boat Slip, they not being now in anyway responsible for the boat harbour at Ballyhack."

This matter was referred at last Co Council Meeting to the County Surveyor, who reported that the County Council would have to maintain the existing lamp there and have possibly to provide another.

"Mr P. Cummins, Ballyhack, wrote that he had been lighting this lamp to the present, for the Waterford Harbour Commissioners, and would be prepared to continue to perform this work on the same terms and conditions as prevailed in the case of the lamp provided by the Co Council at Arthurstown Pier."

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That applications be invited for the lighting of two lamps at Ballyhack Boat Slip at £- per annum for each lamp, appointment to be made at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee to be held on 30th December, and that the lighting of the existing lamp be carried out in the meantime by Mr P. Cummins remuneration to be at the rate of £4 per annum."

(Signed

*John Bolger*  
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of

*Feb.*

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