

MEETING, 4th DECEMBER, 1922.

Present:- Mr. E. P. Foley Vice-Chairman (presiding) also:-
Messrs. John O'Byrne, James Shannon, John J. O'Byrne, John Sinnott,
R. Corish and James Hall.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the Co. Surveyor, Mr. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor and Mr. R. W. Elgee were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

The late Mr. Wm. Smith.

Under date 30th November 1922 the following was read from Mr. Albert F. Smith, M.C.C:-

"To your Council, yourself and staff I must tender my deepest thanks for your kind expressions of sympathy on death of my brother

In the great consolation afforded by such expressions, I read a crowning act of kindness to the many shown me during my intercourse with you all".

Co. Board of Health.

Under date 29th November 1922 Mr. T. D. Sinnott, secretary Co. Board of Health, wrote applying for £5,000 to meet the accounts passed by the Finance Committee of Co. Board of Health.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne:-

"That a sum of £5,000 be transferred to the Co. Board of Health".

Resignation of Mr. C. Culleton from
Membership of County Board of Health.

Under date 25th November 1922, Mr. T. D. Sinnott, Secretary, Co. Board of Health, wrote that Mr. C. Culleton, who represented the Wexford R. D. Council on Co. Board of Health, had resigned, and Mr. Denis Whelan, The Deeps, Killurin, had been nominated to the vacancy.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne:-

"That Mr. Denis Whelan, The Deeps, Killurin, be appointed a member of Co. Board of Health, vice Mr. C. Culleton, resigned".

Financial Position of the Council.

The Secretary explained that, after the payments to be made, there

would be £1,198. 12. 4d left to credit. As the Co. Surveyor was spending £1,082 per week out of the Subsidiary Account, there would be only sufficient money in hands to finance the Council to the end of the week.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne:-

"That our Secretary furnish Mr. R. Corish, T. D. with a statement of the present condition of the finances of the Co. Council, and that Mr. Corish be requested to urge upon the Ministry of Local Government the necessity of paying over to the Council portion of the Government Grants due to them. The Council consider that there should be no hesitation in having a sufficient portion of the grants paid over to allow the Council to carry on. But, if, for any unforeseen reason it is not possible to obtain a substantial portion of the grants immediately, the Council would be glad to utilize the loan of £4,000 from Dail Eireann, and which they recently decided to repay".

Prosecution of Defaulting Ratepayers.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That Mr. Corish, T. D. be asked to raise with the Ministry of Local Government the question of making effective, decrees which have been obtained for Arrears of Poor Rate at Parish Courts. Also, that instructions be issued by which Rate Collectors can have prosecutions issued for unpaid Rates in the Rural portions of the County heard in District Courts, and which are held in the County Towns".

Wexford Bridge.

The Co. Surveyor explained that suitable arrangements for the repair of Wexford Bridge were in contemplation.

Rate Collection.

Report of Special Committee.

The following report was presented by the Special Committee appointed to deal with the Rate Collection:-

"At the meeting of the Wexford County Council on 20th November 1922 the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Rate Collectors of the County Council be summoned to

attend at Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on Friday, 24th inst., at 10.30 a.m. with all their collecting books. That Messrs. Corish, Doyle and Foley be appointed a Sub-Committee to meet the Collectors and that this Sub-Committee be invested with full powers to make what arrangements they consider necessary to deal with the situation as regards Rate Collection".

All the members of the Committee were in attendance.

Also the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary.

The following Rate Collectors attended:- Messrs. John Deegan, Sean Gannon, John J. Sinnott, John Redmond, James Murphy, E. J. Murphy B. Cleary, M. M. Kelly, E. Walsh, Thomas Rowe, Patrick Walsh, P. Furlong, Walter Cummins, Thomas Sutton, James Quirke, John Sinnott, John Carty, P. Donohoe and Miss O'Byrne.

The following Collectors were not in attendance:-

Messrs. John J. O'Reilly, P. J. Sinnott and John Curtis, (who is at present ill in the Co. Infirmary).

Collector J. J. Sinnott (Gorey) explained that Collector O'Reilly (Gorey) was away from home in connection with his duties and the Circular summoning the meeting had probably not been received by him.

Collectors P. J. Sinnott (Wexford) and John Curtis (New Ross) forwarded their books.

The Chairman stated that the Committee had considered the position of the Rate Collection in view of the seizure of the books of Collectors Sutton and Quirke. The position had also been considered by the Inspector of the Local Government department. The Committee came to the conclusion that the best thing to be done was to suspend the new Collection in respect of year ending 31st March 1923, for the present, and that each Collector to whom new books had been issued, should deposit them with the National Bank, Wexford. But they were of opinion the old Collection should be proceeded with. Of course, some of the Collectors had only small amounts outstanding and these were practically covered by Court decrees. Those who had large amounts outstanding should try and wind up the old collection. This point was very strongly emphasised, and the Collectors to whom this applied should finish the old collection. It was important that the old collection should be completed. There were very strong

reasons for this course. If the Co. Council was to carry on, they were obliged to make a determined effort to get in the old rate, because if they did not, they could not calculate on receiving grants from the Local Government Department. They put each man on his honour to do all that in him lay to finish his work.

The old books would be deposited in the Co. Council offices for the present and, when the Secretary had made out duplicate receipts, they would be returned to the Collectors. When they were collecting on the old Rate, they need only bring the few receipts necessary for any particular occasion with them, and in the event of being held up and the receipts taken, they could procure duplicates from the Secretary. Of course, they would recognise that if anything happened the new books, a tremendous amount of clerical labour would be involved in their replacement.

The present position would not of course continue indefinitely and the Council would be prepared to resume the new Collection or review the present conditions as soon as this was considered advisable.

After considerable discussion, the course outlined by the Chairman was agreed to, and it was also decided that any amounts paid after the date of the present meeting as regards new Rate should be returned and the sender asked to hold over payment for the present.

The collectors were asked to report to the Council the names of Road or Quarry workers, Road Contractors and employees of the Council who had refused to pay the old Rate, so that the Council could take suitable action.

Collectors were asked to lodge all amounts received to date to the Council's account in the National Bank, and Collectors were further instructed to have their Books for 1921 and 1922 Rate, left at Co. Council's offices immediately in order that the requisite particulars be obtained therefrom, in connection with the preparation of duplicate receipts in respect of all unpaid items of these rates. The Collectors to be notified by the Secretary as soon as their Books are ready for the resumption of the Collection of the old Rate.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Corish, the Minutes of Special Committee were approved.

Rate Collectors and Bank lodgments for Rates.

Under date 2nd December 1922 the following letter was read from Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, George Street, Wexford:-

"We have been asked by the County Rate Collectors to ask you to kindly bring the matter of the payment to them of the poundage due them on rates paid direct to the County Council and on rates lodged to credit of the Council with the National Bank. We are instructed that the Council agreed to pay the poundage on these rates. It is now some months since the rates which come in to these classes have been paid to credit of the Council. Our clients would not press the matter were it not for the fact that they have been for the time being deprived from their means of livelihood owing to the stoppage of the collection of the rates. They would therefore be glad if you would kindly bring the matter before the Council on Monday with a view to having the amounts due our clients paid to them".

The Secretary stated that the Co. Council had decided that the Collectors should receive poundage on amounts paid direct by Ratepayers to the Bank, but the difficulty was the identification of the names and amounts. His staff were utilizing any time which could be spared from their work for this purpose, but it might perhaps hasten payment if lists were circulated to the Rate Collectors, so that each Rate Collector could mark the particular item in respect of which he claimed poundage.

The Secretary's suggestion was approved.

Proposed Claim of Mr. J. C. Smith,

ex-Rate Collector for Superannuation

Under date 30th November 1922 the following letter (no. 30/242) was read from the Ministry of Local Government:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that further representations have been received from Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Company, Solicitors, Gorey, in regard to the claim of Mr. J. C. Smith, formerly Rate Collector in Wexford County, to the grant of Superannuation Allowance by the Wexford County Council".

"It is observed from the Minutes of proceedings of the County Council at their meeting on the 30th ultimo that a resolution to grant Mr. Smith superannuation was declared defeated by the Chairman

of the Council. The Minister regrets that this decision was arrived at, especially in view of the strong representations in favour of granting an allowance which were placed before the County Council by the Gorey Rural District Council. He has been much impressed by the terms of the Rural District Council's resolution, reflecting as they do a desire upon the part of the ratepayers of the district in which Mr. Smith served that he should be granted a pension., and he would invite further consideration of the case by the County Council.

Messrs. O'Connor, on behalf of Mr. Smith, have requested that the matter should now be taken up and dealt with by this Ministry. Under the existing law, as embodied in the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1919, the right to and amount of an allowance or gratuity in case of dispute is required to be determined by the Minister for Local Government, but he proposes to defer action at present in view of the foregoing request for consideration of the case on the part of the County Council.

An intimation of the date on which it will be considered by the County Council is desired".

After some discussion Mr. John O'Byrne gave the following notice of motion:-

"That the resolution of the Wexford Co. Council refusing a superannuation allowance to Mr. J. C. Smith, ex-Rate Collector, be rescinded, and that the matter of agreeing to a superannuation in this case be considered at next meeting of the Council".

Superannuation of Mr. J. Banville,
ex-Rate Collector.

Under date 18th December 1922, Mr. John Banville, ex-Rate Collector, applied for a payment out of amount of superannuation voted to him.

It was two years since he closed his last collection and some of the money he had to lodge to close was still due him. It was owing to this that he felt obliged to ask the Co. Council to pay him something to tide him over the winter months.

The following order was made:-

"That our Secretary explain to Mr. J. Banville, ex-Rate Collector that the present condition of the finances of the Council does not

allow of any payment to him on foot of his superannuation".

Mr. Patrick O'Byrne, Rate Collector.

Under date 1st December 1922 Mr. Patrick O'Leary, surety for Mr. Patrick O'Byrne, Rate Collector, wrote:-

"Kindly let me know if you have made everything alright, as I wrote to you some days ago about. I should like to have an answer. Owing to the times, as I told you, I will not approve or stand security for B. O'Byrne, Deputy, or her brother P. O'Byrne, anymore. Kindly cross out my name altogether. Answer by return as I should like to have a reply".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. J. O'Byrne--

"That Mr. Patrick O'Leary be informed we are advised by our Solicitor we have no power to release him as surety for Mr. Patrick O'Byrne until the completion of the latter's collection. That we request Miss B. O'Byrne, who is acting as Deputy for her brother, to submit the name of another surety, vice Mr. Patrick O'Leary, as he declines to continue as her security".

Mountgarrett Bridge.

The Co. Surveyor reported that on 30th ult., he met at Mountgarrett Bridge Mr. Phelan, representing the Co. Surveyor of Co. Kilkenny, who is ill. They went into the various matters which were necessary to put the bridge into a condition which would allow vehicular traffic to pass over it, and which were set out in detail in the report of the Co. Surveyor. The cost would be £118. 4. 8d half of which would be contributed by Kilkenny Co. Council.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. John J. O'Byrne:-

"That the repairs to Mountgarrett Bridge, as set out in report of Co. Surveyor to this day's meeting of the Co. Council, be carried out by the Co. Surveyor as soon as possible, half cost of same to be contributed by the Kilkenny Co. Council".

Death of Mr. Arthur Dobbyn.

Under date 24th November 1922, (letter No. B. 2492-22) the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote that Mr.

Arthur Dobbyn V, S. died on 23rd inst., and they wished to know as soon as possible what arrangements had been made for dealing with cases under the Diseases of Animals Acts, in the Southern portion of New Ross District.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. J. O'Byrne:-

"That the necessary steps be taken to fill the vacancy in the office of Veterinary Surgeon in the Southern portion of New Ross Rural District caused by the death of Mr. A. Dobbyn V.S. Waterford".

Proposed by Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Corish:-

"That Mr. Joseph Lynch, V.S. New Ross, be appointed as temporary Veterinary Surgeon for the Southern portion of New Ross Rural District pending new appointment, salary to be at the rate of £60 per annum".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. John J. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne:-

"That the salary of Veterinary Surgeon for Southern portion of New Ross Rural District be fixed at £60 per annum, subject to the sanction of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction. That, on receipt of said sanction, advertisements for the position be advertised".

Repair of Courthouses.

Under date 18th November, Mr. Denis Corish, Acting Clerk, Wexford District Sessions, wrote that he had been directed by the District Justices to call the attention of the Co. Council to the condition of the several Courthouses in the County. In some places these have been completely destroyed, and in others, they had been damaged. The Justices asked the Council to have the latter repaired as soon as possible, and to have alternative accommodation provided in places in which Courthouses had been destroyed.

Under date 29th November 1922 the following letter was read from Mr. John N. Scallan, Clerk of Crown & Peace--

"I have to report that on night of 23rd inst., my offices in the Courthouse here were partially destroyed by fire and a number of official records destroyed or damaged.

Were it not for the prompt arrival and effective work of the

Wexford Fire Brigade, assisted by the Civic Guard and a number of the townspeople, the whole building would have been destroyed.

I desire to bring under the special notice of your Council the fact that there are stored in my office the titles of eleven thousand freehold farmers of this county to their holdings. Many of these titles were badly damaged by the fire and water. I am doing my best to preserve them, and believe I will succeed.

Had these titles been destroyed there would be no means of replacing many of them, unless at very considerable expense to the farmers and others concerned.

Under these circumstances, and for the benefit of the farming freeholders and others concerned in this county, I would urge upon your Council the necessity of at once providing a strong room where these valuable records of title would be secure.

I would feel obliged if you would let me know if your Council are prepared to restore the present offices and furniture destroyed, and to make suitable provision for the carrying on of the public business of this county".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That we desire to point out to the Ministry of Local Government and the Minister for Home Affairs that Wexford Courthouse was destroyed in the Anglo-Irish War and as portion of the campaign against the British., the other Courthouses have been burned in the present conflict. The Co. Council are unable to provide money for the repair of these buildings and would call attention to the fact that, by direction from Headquarters, they surrendered the tenancies of these premises to prevent English courts from functioning. In our opinion, replacement should be made by the State, and the Co. Council should not be called upon to replace buildings which have been ruined through no fault of theirs. Steps should also be taken to see that the Courthouses in the County towns, and which are the property of the people, be handed back to the County Council as the representatives of the people. The Council were always under the impression that surrender of the tenancies of the buildings was only temporary".

Proposals for Payment.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That the several proposals for payment received from the Rural District Councils of the County Wexford (in respect of payments to Road Contractors) for halfyear ended 30th September 1922 be and hereby are adopted subject to the modifications and orders made by Co. Council noted thereon, and initialled by the Chairman".

Qualifications for Surveyors.

Under date 29th November 1922 the Ministry of Local Government wrote, forwarding Orders prescribing the qualifications of candidates for appointment as Co. Surveyor and for Assistant Surveyor.

Co. Wexford Infirmary.

Under date 20th November 1922 letter (L/G 131/2/1922) from Local Government Department stated that, pending legislation, they had decided not to act on the recommendation of the Co. Council as regards the closing of Co. Wexford Infirmary.

Under date 1st December 1922 the Local Government Department wrote (letter No. L.G. 131/2/1922) that the Wexford County Council would appear to be bound to continue payment of the subsidy to the Co. Wexford Infirmary.

Application erection of Pens for Live Stock
Market Square, Gorey.

Under date 18th November 1922 Mr. Thomas P. Glennon, Acting Town Clerk, Gorey, wrote on behalf of the Gorey Town Commissioners, for permission to erect pens for pigs, cattle etc., in connection with town weighing machine at Market Square, Gorey. The pens were badly needed, and permission to erect same would be greatly appreciated by the Town Commissioners and also by the general public.

In connection with this application the following report was submitted by the Co. Surveyor:-

"In regard to application for permission to erect pens at Market Square, Gorey, I am of opinion this should be granted. The square is a recess off the street and is divided from same by posts and chains with an entrance passage at each end. The County Council at

present uses part of the space as a dump for Road material and this would not be interfered with by the pens which would be set further back. There is at present a weighbridge at the back of the square and the pens will be erected adjoining this".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. John J. O'Byrne:-

"That the application of Gorey Town Commissioners for erection of pens for Live Stock in Market Square, Gorey, be agreed to, pens to be erected to the satisfaction of the Co. Surveyor, and that no liability rest on the Co. Council in any way in regard to this matter"

Gas Account for Co. Hall.

The Secretary submitted an account of £3. 17. 2d from Wexford Gas Company for Quarter ended 30th September 1922, and pointed out that for the period no gas had been used in the Hall. The Company found a leakage in the pipes.

Mr. Elgee considered the Co. Council was liable for payment, and on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hall, it was decided that the amount be paid.

Lost Rock Drills.

In connection with the claim of the Co. Council against the British & Irish Steam Packet Co. for lost Rock Drills, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, submitted a letter from Messrs. Hill, Dickinson & Co., Solicitors, 10 Water Street, Liverpool, repudiating liability.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by the Chairman:-

"That Mr. Elgee be empowered to serve writ on British & Irish Steam Packet Co. in connection with Rock Drills which disappeared from their custody".

Preparation of Register of Electors.

Under date 17th November, Mr. J. N. Scallan, Registration Officer applied for an advance of £300 to enable current expenses in connection with preparation of Register of Electors to be met.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That a sum of £300 be paid over to the Registration Officer in

connection with the preparation of Register of Electors, as soon as the funds of the Council will allow".

Juries (Ireland) Acts.

Under date 10th November 1922 Mr. J. N. Scallan, wrote submitting claim for remuneration under Juries (Ireland) Acts, to which he would have been entitled had he been supplied with the necessary information to enable Jurors' Lists to be compiled. He based his claim on the average of years 1918, 1919 and 1920. For these he was paid - in 1918 £69. 18. 8, in 1919, £70. 2. 4 and in 1920 £125. 1. 8d. average £88. 7. 3d.

The Secretary stated that this claim had been submitted to the Local Government Department on 16th November.

No. Order.

General Council of Co. Councils.

Under date 30th November 1922, Mr. A. Keogh Nolan, Secretary to Co. Councils General Council, wrote that the consideration of the resolution of Wexford Co. Council on the subject of Peace negotiations was not reached at the recent meeting of the General Council, owing to the action of members of a deputation which waited on the Council and whose conduct precluded completion of the business of the meeting

Reconstruction of Records.

Under date 30th November 1922 the Ministry for Local Government wrote, approving of the arrangements made for the reconstructions of records etc., destroyed in the recent attempt to burn the Co. Hall the Ministry asked to be informed when the work of reconstruction had been completed.

The Secretary stated that the instructions of the Ministry would be complied with.

Contributions towards Road Scheme.

Under date 29th November 1922, the Local Government Department wrote (34/43) that the Ministry were not in a position to make any definite promises with regard to Grants towards Road Construction and Maintenance. It is quite likely, however, that a large proportion - possibly 50 per cent- of the cost of reconstruction and maintenance of first class roads will be advanced from Government

funds. In the case of second class roads a smaller proportion may be allowed. The adoption of a comprehensive scheme of direct labour would no doubt, entitle the Council to favourable consideration in connection with any grants which may be voted for road maintenance. The Road Fund from which such Grants are made, is financed from Motor Licence Duties now collected by Co. Councils. Unless a vigorous attempt is made to get in this money, the grants available will be far below the amounts anticipated by the Ministry and the Co. Councils.

Referred to Special Committee appointed to deal with preparation of Road Maintenance Scheme.

Road Contractor's Complaint.

The following letter under date 17th November 1922 from Mr. John Waters, Jun., Raheenahone, Bree, was read. Its consideration was adjourned from meeting of Co. Council on 20th November, 1922.

"The decision of your Council at their meeting on October 4th makes it clear to me that they are going to completely turn me down, but, if the Co. Council are prepared to rob me of £40. 0. 0. that I am justly entitled to, let them say so openly and not be putting forward false excuses in trying to justify their action. There is no use in telling me that 200 cubic yards material could not be hauled by horses to my surrendered contract No. 47E, as it is only 25 days' work for two horses and is a simple bit of Haulage, as the road is only 2 miles from the quarry, neither is there any use in telling me that this work is outside my agreement, as the Co. Surveyor promised the Haulage of all extra material, and, when he was compelled to use Raheenahone stuff, he was not justified in employing another man. There is the sum of £18. 10. 0 due to me for work done in the years 1920-21, not to speak of plenty of small jobs that I did that I never asked one penny for, and now I will not be given a fair chance of living, the money is due to me, and if the Council are not prepared to pay, let them say so clearly, for they cannot justify themselves in holding the money from me., unless the contract is given back to me and if the Council are not prepared to make clear statements, I will do so myself in a public statement in the press, I will not go down under such disgraceful treatment without stating the facts"

Hoping at the eleventh hour to receive fair play".

The Co. Surveyor dealt with the circumstances under which Mr. Waters surrendered his road, the payments made to him etc., after which the meeting decided that Mr. Waters did not appear to have a grievance.

Mr. James O'Brien, Road Contractor.

Under date 1st December 1922 Mr. A. A. Connolly, Clerk R. D. Council, forwarded the following extract from the Minutes of Meeting of Enniscorthy R. D. Council in respect of meeting of 29th November 1922:-

Re Road Contracts.

Arising out of the claim of Mr. James Brien, Glentigue, with regard to Road Contracts, Mr. Barry, County Surveyor wrote as follows:

"The Committee of the District Council met in my office on Friday last and I believe are to put in recommendations. For the opinion of your Committee and your Council generally, I send you Memo which I have drawn up for the County Council with regard to the matter".

Copy of Memo.

"This Contractor appeared before the County Council on several occasions making claim for payment, and by direction of the County Council on the 23rd January last, Mr. Brien met the County Surveyor and the County Secretary to go fully into the matter. A Report of this was submitted to the Council, and on the 10th April this year order was made recommending payment of £30 only. At the last meeting of the Enniscorthy Rural District Council on the 16th instant, Mr. Brien appeared, pressing claim for further payment. The Rural District Council appointed a Committee of their Body viz:- Messrs. T. Furlong, Sinnott, Nolan, Bennett & lawlor, to meet in the County Surveyor's office on the 24th instant. The meeting of the Committee took place, and Mr. Brien was present and submitted claim. Taking these items in rotation, after a very lengthened discussion, the Committee recommended payment of certain sums as follows:-

- (1). This is a claim for Surplus Material, and the County Surveyor was absolutely emphatic that the 60 yards was totalled in the measure ment, but Mr. Brien stated that he had memo from Mr. Treanor showing it was not included, and that Mr. Treanor agreed with him to allow payment for a 27 Yard Depot which he, Mr. Brien, claimed had

never been dealt with. The County Surveyor was satisfied that all material for that year was included, but that if Mr. Treanor had agreed with Mr. Brien to allow the equivalent of 27 yards for the spreading of the 60 and attending to its consolidation by Roller, he would be satisfied not to oppose payment. The Committee recommend payment for 27 yards which at 12/- per yard, would be £16. 4. 0.

(2). This is a claim for 61 c. y. of extra Material for which the Contractor was paid £32 whereas he claims full contract rate of 12/- per yard. It is to be noted that the value of this material is less than Contract Material, being only rough Material for Rolling, and something over 10/- per cubic yard was allowed. The Committee recommended payment for 61 Cubic Yards at 2/- - £6. 2. 0/

(3). This is a claim for Surplus Material on 25E, but which was given credit for on two other Contracts Nos. 231E and 234E, and will be dealt with in Nos. 4 & 5.

(4). This amounts to a claim for the difference between the credited Material from 25E and the Material that was specified for 231E. The Contractor supplied $17\frac{1}{2}$ Cubic Yards of Material and $3\frac{1}{2}$ yards of Brownswood broken stones from No. 25E was set against this quantity of Gravel on 231E. The difference in value would be £1, which the Committee recommended.

(5). The Contractor had no Material ready at the proper time on this road, and Mr. Curran, Assistant Surveyor, directed him to take the Surplus from No. 25E and spread it on this road. Mr. Curran made no measurement of New Material but the Contractor stated that it was drawn directly from the Quarry and not from 25E. If this be entirely New Material, the Contractor would be entitled to payment which at the Contract Rate, would amount to £9. 12. 0 and the Committee, apparently being satisfied with Mr. Brien's statement that it was new material, recommended payment.

(6). This is a small difference amounting to £1. 7. 4 arising out of a Sudden Damage Order which Mr. Brien^{had} for supplying Material to 221E (25 c.y. at £1 per yard). the Contractor was paid this amount but he stated another yard and three-eighths was supplied for which he got no credit. In the report of April last this is referred to and is noted as "could be allowed", therefore payment is recommended

by the Committee.

(7). This is a claim put in for payment put in by Mr. Brien verbally on the day of the Committee Meeting. It appears that in April 1921, Mr. Brien had a large quantity of unspread Material on his road, No. 25E, and for this there was a defer of the Contract Money at the rate of 2/- per c.y. Early in the year about February, Mr. Brien stated that by request of the local Clergy and others, he spread some 15 c.y. of this material and now claims payment at 2/- per c.y. which amounts to £1. 12. 0. The Committee recommend payment of this".

The Members of the Committee reported that they had gone fully into the matter, they considered that Mr. Brien's claim was a just one and that he was entitled to the full amount he claimed, but in order to come to an amicable agreement and prevent a Law Case, they recommended that Mr. Brien be allowed a sum of £32. 15. 4, made up as follows:-

25E....27 c.y. at 12/-.....	£16. 4. 0
61 c.y. at 12/-	3. 2. 0
231E 3½ c.y.	1. 0. 0.
234E 16 c.y.	9.12. 0
Sudden Damage on 221E	1. 7. 4
Special Work on 25E, 15 c.y.	1.10. 0
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The following order was made by the Rural District Council:-

"That the Committee's report be adopted and that the Council strongly recommend County Council to pay Mr. Brien above amount".

After a long discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That a sum of £32. 15. 4d in full settlement of all claims up to date be paid Mr. James O'Brien, Road Contractor, Glenteigue, Glenbrien, on recommendation of the Enniscorthy R. D. Council".

Caretaker New Ross Bridge.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. J. J. Corish, seconded by Mr. J. J. O'Byrne:-

"That the Co. Surveyor be empowered to continue Messrs. Lawlor and Son, Quay, New Ross, for the half year ended 31st March, 1923 at £50 per annum, amount of late contract for this work".

Use of Hall for Peace Meeting.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. J. J. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That the use of Co. Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, be placed at the disposal of a meeting in favour of Peace to be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, 7th December 1922".

Resolution re Peace.

The following resolution was received from New Ross R.D. Council

"That this Council view with horror the dreadful destruction to life and property which is being carried on in our midst, and although this state of affairs has lasted a considerable time, the Irish people are still no nearer to peace, but are being forced headlong to poverty and starvation, and if allowed to continue the cause of Ireland will be irretrievably lost.

From experience, subjects of all Nations are convinced that guns and all the other formidable implements of war will not settle disputes or break the fighting spirit of brave people, now before it becomes too late, this Council calls on the leaders of the warring parties to meet and arrange a truce, give orders to cease fire, and settle existing differences by negotiation, and thereby permit the country to settle down to peace and prosperity.

Copy of this resolution to be sent to all Public Bodies throughout Ireland, and requested to join and co-operate with this Council in their demand for a settlement".

Mr. R. Corish called attention to the fact that a quorum was not present, and accordingly no action was taken.

List of Salaries of Officials.

The Secretary submitted list of salaries, as directed by resolution of meeting of Co. Council on 20th November, 1922.

No action was taken.

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(Signed)

E. O'Flaherty