

Quarterly meeting 12 February, 1906

The Statutable Quarterly meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Court house, Wexford, on 12th February 1906

The following were in attendance: -

Messrs. M. A. Ennis, Vice Chairman of the Council presiding: other members, Messrs E. Storr, D. Dempsey, J. E. Mayler, M. Browne, J. Donohoe, J. Bolger, J. Gammans, A. Kinsella, J. Asple, M. Codd, D. Kavanagh, Jas. Sinnott, J. St. Doyle, G. H. Peacocke, P. Cleary, M. Doyle, John J. Kehoe, N. B. Murphy, M. Stickey, J. Bolger, John Sinnott, and James Codd

The acting secretary, the county surveyor, and Mr R. W. Elger County Solicitor were also present

The minutes of last quarterly meeting of 7th November, half yearly meeting of 7th November 1905 17th November, 1905, 12 December, 1905, were read and confirmed.

Death of Late Secretary County Council

Under date, 29 February, (letter no 5814) the following was read from the Local Government Board: -

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter on the 25th inst: and I am to state that the Board regret to learn of the death of Captain Piggott, Secretary of the Wexford County Council."

On the motion of the Chairman the following letter from Mrs. Piggott, widow of the late Captain Piggott, was ordered to be inserted on the minutes

Glena Terrace

Wexford

9 Feb 1906

Dear Mr. Trizelle.

"Will you kindly convey to the chairman and members of the County Council the deep gratitude that I and my family feel for their kind expression of sympathy for us in our grievous bereavement.

And I would wish to add my thanks to each and all for the kindness and courtesy they have shown him. At the same time I also wish to thank you and the staff of the Co Council for your kind condolence to me and my family and for the beautiful wreath you all sent"

Truly yours

Mary P. Peggott.

Under date, 6th February, 1906 (letter no 6993) the following was read from the Local Government Board:-

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo, relative to your appointment as Acting Secretary to the Wexford County Council, and with reference thereto, I am to state, for the information of the County Council that the Local Government Board have approved of the rate of remuneration proposed to be allowed to you, viz., Two pounds per week.

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee in reference to the appointment of Secretary was laid before the Meeting:-

That draft advertisement for the appointment of Secretary as read by the Acting Secretary and initialled by the Chairman be recommended to the Council for approval.

On the motion of the chairman seconded by Mr Kinsella the recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted with the following rider:- And that said advertisements be published by our Acting Secretary when he receives letter from the Local Government Board approving of the salary of Secretary as fixed by the Council. The following is a copy of the approved advertisement

Wexford County Council
Appointment of Secretary

Notice is hereby given that the Wexford County Council will, at a special meeting to be held on 26th February 1906, at Two o'clock P.M. proceed to appoint a Secretary at a salary of £262 (as Secretary to the County Council) and £48 per annum as clerk to the County Council Executive Committee entrusted with the management of the business under the Contagious Diseases (Animals) acts.

The aggregate salary is subject to revision on the Officer appointed being called upon to discharge the duties of an "Existing" Clerk of Union under the Representation of the People Acts and the Juries (Ireland) Acts. And it further covers a sum of £10 stationery allowance which the Secretary is obliged to provide by Act of Parliament.

According to the standing order of the Council, testimonials of candidates, are to be lodged six clear days prior to the election to allow of their inspection by members of the Council.

The formal application of any candidate need not be lodged until the day previous to the date of election.

The Council do not bind themselves to appoint any candidate at the above Meeting, but should an appointment be made it is conditional on the subsequent sanction of the Local Government Board for Ireland.

The successful candidate must be prepared to enter into security, himself, and an approved Guarantee Society in a joint and several bond for £500 for the due and faithful discharge of the duties of the Office.

under the General order of the Local Government Board of 11th December 1899.

"No person shall be eligible to be appointed to the office of Secretary of a County Council in

Ireland.

1:- unless he is over twenty one years of age at the date of his appointment: and undertakes to devote his entire time to the duties of his office. 2. and unless he (a) is an existing secretary of a founty founcil or has acted for a period of three years as a duly authorised assistant to a secretary of a founty founcil, and satisfies the Local Government Board that he has efficiently discharged the duties of his office. or (b) unless he shall have been examined, and his qualifications certified by some person or persons appointed for that purpose by the Local Government Board.

Provided that the Local Government Board may, if they see fit dispense with the examination in the case of a candidate for the office of Secretary of a founty founcil, who can produce a certificate of having passed a public examination at least equivalent in the opinion of the Board to that which the Board require to be passed by secretaries of County founcils or can show that he possesses actual, legal or other special qualifications for the office of secretary.

no person shall be appointed to the office of Secretary of the founcil of a founty who is unable to satisfy the Local Government Board as to his age and character."

In the case of the appointment of Secretary to the Wexford founty founcil the successful candidate shall not be allowed to hold any other appointment except by express resolution of the founcil.

By Order.

N. J. Inzelle,

Acting secretary to bouncil.

Offices

Courthouse Wexford

February 1906

Estimate of Rate.

On the motion of the chairman seconded by Mr. Seacocks, the following resolution was adopted:-

That we hereby adopt the estimate of our Acting Secretary for Rates for General and ^aSeparate charges for the financial year 1906-7, and determine the rates in the £ to be levied off the several Rural Districts of the County for General Rates as follows:-

	<u>Land</u>	<u>other Hereditaments</u>
Enniscorthy	2/3	4/-
Gorey	2/1	3/6
New Ross	2/8	4/6
Wexford	1/11	3/6

And we further determine the amounts to be demanded from the Urban districts of the County as follows:-

Enniscorthy	£ 912. 19. 8
New Ross	£ 866. 16. 10
Wexford	£ 1737. 4. 1

On the motion of Mr. Guinness seconded by Mr. Murphy the following resolution was adopted:-

That the Clerks of the Unions and District Councils of the County be requested to furnish the total cost for Union, and District charges for the three years prior to the standard year, and that the Acting Secretary be requested to prepare a statement for the same period in respect of County Charges

Tender and Contract for Special Works.

Under date 11th December 1905 (letter 101 M) the Local Government Board forwarded copies of a form of tender and bond which the Board had caused to be prepared at the instance of certain County and Rural District Councils in the cases of contracts for special works

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Seacocks the following resolution

was adopted:-

That we refer the question of the adoption of suggested form of tender and bond for special works to our Solicitor Mr. Elger, and that his advice on the matter be considered, when the Council deal with the findings of the Local Government Board in relation to the recent inquiry into the question of road maintenance.

Rate Collection

The Acting Secretary explained that copy of the following letter from the Local Government Board, under date, 10th November, 1905, and No 68,460-1905, had been sent to the official checkers of the Rate collectors' accounts and to each rate collector:-

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have had before them a Return showing the condition to the 31st ultimo of the collection of the Poor Rate in the County of Wexford for the half year ending the 31st of March, 1906, from which it appears that the collectors failed to attend for the purpose of having their accounts checked.

With reference thereto I am to inform you that the collectors should be warned that serious notice will be taken of any further neglect on their part in this respect. I am to add that the collectors are bound to attend, for the purpose of having their accounts checked, even though they may not have collected any rates for the period.

University Scholarships

The following letter under date, 20 December, 1905; No. 76783-1905, was read from the Local Government Board:-

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the Minute of the County Council of Wexford of the 24th ultimo, in reference to the proposal to contribute from the County funds towards scholarships to be awarded to students

from the county: and, in reply, I am to state that the Board cannot find any authority in the Acts quoted by the County Council for carrying out the scheme proposed but the Council will no doubt ^{justify} their ^(be prepared to) action to the Auditor

Marked "Read"

Wild Birds Protection Act.

Under date 23 December, 1905, letter no. 26275, the following letter was read from Dublin Castle:-

"With reference to your letter of the 13th instant, I am directed by the Lord Justice to transmit herewith for the information of the Wexford County Council, a copy of the "Dublin Gazette" containing an Order under the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1894, prohibiting the taking or destroying of the Eggs of any species of Wild Birds throughout the Saltee and Keeragh Islands for the space of five years from the first March 1906. Your attention is also called to the provisions of section 4 of the Act."

The acting Secretary explained that the section to which attention was called dealt with the publication of notices and posters.

Council of Agriculture

Under date 15 December, 1905, the Department of Agriculture forwarded regulations providing for the appointment of two persons to serve on the Council of Agriculture in accordance with section 8 of the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act 1899

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

That Messrs C.A. Peacocke, and James Donohoe, two members of this Council be appointed our representatives on the Council of Agriculture.

Exemption from Rates

The following letter under date, 20 December 1905, (letter no. 24573) was read from the Department of Agriculture etc:-

With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the exemption from rating of certain property situate at Foolgreany, acquired by the Department for the purposes of an Agricultural station, I have to acquaint you that the Department have been advised that the lands, etc., comprised in the property in question, must, under statute, be exempted from rates. The Department, however are desirous that the County Council should obtain a grant in lieu of rates on these premises and with this view they are in communication with the Treasury on the subject. A further letter will be addressed to you as soon as a decision has been come to in the matter.

Ordered:- To be considered when a further communication has been received from the Department.

Sale of Food and Drugs Act.

Under date 1st December, 1905, the following letter (No 30411-05) was read from the Department of Agriculture etc:-

"With reference to previous correspondence relative to the enforcement of the above mentioned Acts, I have to state for the information of your local Authority that the Department, in virtue of the powers vested in them under section 2 of the Act of 1899, recently instructed an officer to proceed to the County of Wexford for the purpose of obtaining samples of butter for analysis. Specimens as indicated hereunder were, in accordance with these directions, procured and duly submitted to the public Analyst for the County, from whom certificates have now been received to the effect that the samples proved to be pure

<u>No. of samples</u>	<u>Place where taken</u>
3	Enniscorthy
3	Terns
2	Gorey
3	New Ross.

Mulcrankin Castle

Under date 20th December 1905, (letter No. P.16141/5) the following

letter was read from the Estates Commissioners Office
 I am directed by the Estates
 Commissioners to request that you will be good enough
 to state, for their information, whether the Council will
 consent to have vested in them, under section 14 of
 the Irish Land Act, 1903, the following ruins.

Mulrankin castle. Dounland, Mulrankin,
 Barony, Bargo, Parish, Mulrankin.

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

That this matter be postponed till next
 meeting, that our Solicitor look into it, and that our
 Secretary ask the Estates Commissioners if the Board
 of Works have refused to have this ancient monument
 vested in them.

Road Maintenance Inquiry

The following letter under date 22 December, 1905, (No 76,783)
 from the Local Government Board was read:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland
 desire me to acknowledge the receipt of the resolution of
 the County Council of Wexford of the 12th inst., requesting
 that an inquiry on oath might be held with regard
 to the present system of road maintenance in the
 County, and I am to inform the County Council that
 the Board have instructed their Chief Engineering
 Inspector, Mr. P. F. Fowan, M Inst C.E., to hold a local
 inquiry into the matter at the Court House, Wexford,
 on Monday the 8th January, proximo, at the hour of
 11 O'clock. Due notice of the Inquiry will be published
 and any person interested may attend and give
 evidence on the subject. The date of the inquiry
 should be intimated by you to all the members of
 the County Council, to the County and Assistant
 Surveyors, and to any person who may be interested in
 the matter.

The following recommendation of the Finance
 Committee was laid before the meeting

That the findings of the Local Government Board

in connection with the Roads' Inquiry as to Road maintenance in the county be considered by a special Meeting of the county council, said meeting to be fixed after consultation with the Vice-Chairman. That a précis of the findings be submitted to each member of the county council and be prepared by the Acting Secretary in conjunction with the Vice-Chairman.

The above recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr Seacocke, seconded by Mr Kehoe.

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

That the findings of the Local Government Board, and the report of the Finance Committee thereon be considered at the meeting of the 26th inst called for the election of secretary to the council.

Galbally Postal Arrangements

Under date 16th November 1905, the following letter, (No. 470035) was read from the General Post Office, London:-

"With reference to your letter of the 14th ultimo, I am directed by the Postmaster General to state for the information of the Wexford county council the question of improving the arrangements in the Galbally, Enniscorthy district, has been carefully considered, but it is found with regret that the circumstances do not warrant the provisional additional facilities.

On the motion of Mr Staple, seconded by Mr. Guinness, the following resolution was adopted:-

That our members of parliament be requested to urge this matter on the Postmaster-General, and that our Acting Secretary submit to our members statement prepared by Mr. Staple on this matter.

Wall Letter Box.

Under date 2 January 1906, the following letter was read from Major Mahon, Surveyor G. P. O.

It is proposed to erect a wall Letter box at Ballydaniel Bridge near Camolin.

for the benefit of the inhabitants of the surrounding district. The east end of the wall, at the north side of the bridge, is considered to be the most suitable site, and perhaps permission will be given by the County Council to fix the box in the wall at that point.

On the motion of Mr. J. Bolger seconded by the chairman the following resolution was adopted:-

That permission be given to the Post Office authorities to erect a wall letter box at Ballydaniel Bridge.

Southern Piers.

The following letter under date 15 December, 1905, was read from the Secretary to the Waterford Harbour Commissioners in reply to a letter from the Secretary of the Wexford County Council:-

The total amount of dues including pilotage and light dues paid by vessels utilising the piers at Ballyhack, Arthurstown and Suncannon for the year ending 31st December 1904 was £13:15:10. Pray excuse my having overlooked your previous letter.

In connection with the same matter the following letter under date 25th January 1906, was read from the Secretary of the Waterford Harbour Board:-

"The Commissioners would be prepared to hire to your Board the Priestman Dredger at £10 (Ten Pounds) per week, you paying insurance and all working expenses."

On the motion of the chairman seconded by Mr. Cummins the following resolution was adopted:-

That we instruct our Secretary to communicate with the Secretary of the Waterford Harbour Board, and point out that his Board has received for the year 1904, a sum of £13:15:10 and that they have been receiving similar sums from these harbours since 1846. In these circumstances are they prepared to join with the Wexford County Council in the necessary expenditure for

dredging, and putting these harbours in proper repair, and in future to hand over to the Wexford County Council any dues they may receive in order to keep these harbours in an efficient condition.

In connection with the dredging the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was laid before the Council:-

That the Secretary of the Waterford Harbour Commissioners be asked to state the inclusive charges per week for the hire of the Dredger.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee in reference to the dredging was confirmed on the motion of Mr Peacocke seconded by Mr Cummins.

Error in Road Contract.

Under date 11th November, 1905, the following letter was read from James Howell, Ballinellard Blackwaters:-

"Will you kindly bring the following before the next meeting of your Council, viz., I contracted to keep in repair the road between the cross roads of Crosshue, and Fourbelough cross roads at 3 per perch. Through some miscalculation on the part of the person who filled my tender, in putting in the amount he entered £15:9:2, as the annual amount, instead of £15:19:2, the correct amount. Although the amount per perch is correct I am now at the loss of 10% per annum which means a great lot to a contractor. Hoping the Council will see their way to amend my Tender."

The following recommendation was made in this matter by the Finance Committee.

That we suggest to the Local Government Board that James Howell be allowed a sum of 10% per annum in his road contract as we are satisfied a genuine mistake was made in the filling of the Tender, and that the amount be made retrospective.

This recommendation was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Peacocke.

Rate Collectors' Duties

Mr. John J. Sullivan Rate collector wrote asking that the name of Thomas Rafter, Scroughmore, Ballindaggin be substituted as one of his sureties for Mr. Mark Fodd Greenmeadow Deceased.

Mr. Jas Barron Rate collector offered the name of Mr. Patrick J. A. Delaney, New Ross as one of his sureties vice Bryan Hennessy deceased.

On the motion of Mr. Fummins seconded by Mr. Fodd the Council approved of the new sureties, being satisfied as to their solvency.

Advertising

The following motion was moved by Councillor Shaddens Bolger, of which he had given previous notice:-

"That an arrangement be entered into with the 'People's Free Press' and 'Echo', to insert ^{the} advertisements of the County Council and all its Committees, also the advertisements of the Offices of the Clerk of the Crown and Peace, and the County Surveyor, at the sum of £70 per annum in each case from the 31st March 1906, to the 31st March 1908; or otherwise that some alternative arrangement be made, that the aforesaid advertisements receive publicity in the three papers referred to above for the period from the 31st March 1906 to 31st March 1908."

In reply to the chairman, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, said he considered the County Council could not enter into a contract with the newspapers except by application and proposal.

Mr. O'Connor, Solicitor, for the papers mentioned in the notice of motion handed in the opinion of Mr. Maloney K. C. stating that the Council could enter into a contract with the papers without any application or proposal from a Committee.

Mr. Store moved and Mr. Kinsella seconded the following:

That our Acting Secretary read the case submitted to, and the opinion of Mr. Maloney.

On this question a poll was taken with

the following result:-

For hearing the case and opinion:-

Messrs, Jas Sinnott, John Sinnott, John Bolger, Browne, Store, Peacocke, Kehoe, Donohoe, Kinsella
J. Bolger and the chairman. - 11

Against:-

Messrs Jas Fodd, Murphy, Asple, J.A. Doyle, Cummins, Stickey, Cleary, and M. Doyle. - 8

Did not vote:-

Messrs Kavanagh, M Fodd and Dempsey. - 3

The Chairman declared the motion carried, and the Acting Secretary then read the case and opinion of Council.

A poll was then taken as to whether the Notice of motion would be entertained by the Council and the following was the Result:-

For:- Messrs Jas Sinnott, John Sinnott, J Fodd, J Bolger, Browne, Store, Kehoe, Donohoe, Kinsella, Kavanagh, M Fodd and J. Bolger. - 12

Against:- Messrs Peacocke, Murphy, Asple, J.A. Doyle, Cummins, Stickey, Cleary, M Doyle, Dempsey, and the chairman. - 10

The chairman having declared the motion carried, Mr J. Bolger moved his notice of motion, leaving out all words from "Or otherwise that some alternative arrangement be made" to the end

Mr Kinsella seconded

After a long discussion the following was the result of the poll:-

In favour of the notice of motion:-

Messrs Jas Sinnott, John Sinnott, J Bolger, Browne, Store, Kehoe, Donohoe, Kinsella, J. Bolger - 9

Against:-

Messrs J Fodd, B. H Peacocke, Murphy, Asple, J A Doyle, Cummins, Cleary, M. Doyle, Kavanagh, M Fodd, Dempsey and Stickey - 12

The chairman did not vote.

The notice of motion was accordingly declared lost.

Acknowledgments of resolutions

The following acknowledgments of resolutions were read —
From Hon. W. Long. re teaching of Irish, Department of
Agriculture re dredging harbours, National Education Office,
re teaching of Irish.

Resolution "Puss King"

The following resolution received from New-Koss Rural
District Council was considered with notice of motion by
Mr. J. Bolger on the question of advertising

Ford of Lyng

The following resolution from the Wexford District Council
was laid before the meeting.

That we recommend the County Council
to take such action as they deem advisable to have the
Pill of the Ford of Lyng cleaned up, in order to prevent
the flooding of the road at the bridge there: and that
Messrs Doyle, Roice, and P Walsh attend the next meeting
of the County Council in reference to same.

After a long discussion a resolution
was adopted on the motion of the Chairman that the
matter be referred back to the District Council.

Bonds of Officers

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee
was confirmed on the motion of Mr Beacocke seconded
by Mr. Donohoe:— That at the Finance Committee meeting
preceeding the annual meeting of the County Council
in June the bonds of all the officers who have to
give security to the Council be produced for examination
and that the report of the Finance Committee thereon
be considered in Committee by the County Council

Finger Posts on Roads

The following resolution was received from the County
Committee, Gaelic League:—

That the County Council be requested
to have the names on the finger posts of the County put

up in Irish as well as in English and that we offer our assistance to the Surveyor"

On the motion of Mr Peacocke seconded by the chairman it was decided to adopt the suggestion of the Gaelic League and the Acting Secretary was directed to send a copy of the resolution to the County Surveyor

Road Limit of Expenditure

The following Resolution of the New Ross District Council passed on the 20th January, 1906, was laid before the meeting:-

"That we consider it is advisable to request the attention of the County Council to the necessity of representing to the Local Government Board that the limit of expenditure specified under 27(2) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898 is too low, and that it should be raised.

For instance the limit for New Ross District is £5741:5 while the County Surveyors Estimate of Expenditure for the year ending the 31st March 1907, is £5741 that is only five shillings less than the prescribed limit. Therefore if the District Council find it necessary or advisable to get roads steam-rolled or to improve the condition of the roads generally, they must be powerless to carry out such improvements as they consider necessary through want of a larger margin of expenditure.

We request the County Council to take this matter into consideration and make an application to the Local Government Board on the lines indicated.

On the motion of Mr Cummins seconded by Mr Hickey the following resolution was adopted - (Mr Browne dissenting).

That we request the Local Government Board to raise generally the limit of expenditure on roads etc, in the New Ross district by £500

Artificial Drainage Commission

Communications on the question of submitting evidence on the condition of drainage works in the County were received from the Secretary of the Artificial

Drainage Commission.

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee on this subject was adopted:-

That as the drainage works in the County are on a comparatively small scale and as the present drainage boards appear to be working satisfactorily: furthermore as no representations on the matter have been made to the County Council, we consider it unnecessary to offer any evidence before the Commission either through a representative, or through our County Surveyor.

Immediate Lessors names in Rate Book.

The following resolution was received from the Enniscorthy Rural District Council:-

That in future we respectfully request that the Immediate lessors be inserted in the Rate Books, same as heretofore, as it is found very inconvenient when promoting Labourers Act schemes to find that the immediate lessors are not in the Rate Book.

The Acting Secretary said that provision for the insertion of the names of the Immediate Lessors had been made in the Rate Books which were now in course of preparation.

Contribution Culvert Enniscorthy Urban

The following resolution was received from the Enniscorthy Urban Council:-

That a culvert be constructed across the Millpark Road, between Lett's Brewery and Manor Mills, at a cost of £18 and we respectfully request the County Council to contribute half the cost of same, this being a main road.

Mr Peacocke proposed, and Mr. Gummens seconded. That the application be refused.

Mr. Donohue proposed, and Mr. M. Doyle seconded that the County Council agree to pay half the cost of the work, amount not to exceed £9. On a show of hands, the resolution that application be not entertained, was carried.

Coals for fourhouses

Mr fourth clerk, petty sessions, Duncormack, and Tighmon, wrote asking for the usual supply of coals - three tons.

The magistrates of Terna petty sessions wrote pointing out that the Court house was in a very bad state owing to dampness. The statute books are almost falling asunder owing to the want of the place being thoroughly heated from time to time. There should be a fire in it at least twice a week. The magistrates suggested that a grant of coals be given to the caretaker for this purpose.

On the motion of Mr Staple seconded by Mr Browne, a resolution was adopted agreeing to allow one ton of coals in the case of Terna, and three tons in the cases of Tighmon and Duncormack.

Proposals for Payment

On the motion of the chairman seconded by Mr Peacocke the following resolution was adopted:-

That the several proposals for payment added by the County Surveyor to his report, and those sent up by the Proposal Committee, and the District Councils of the county be adopted, subject to the orders noted thereon and initialled by the chairman.

Finance.

The Acting Secretary reported that the following amounts had been received outside the ordinary receipts since last meeting of the Council.

From the Department of Agriculture £300 portion of grant for repairs, Kilmore Pier; £298:1:0, recompment Diseases of Animals Act expenses, and £245 from the G. S. and W. Railway their contribution for the making of the "Bog" road.

Irish County Councils' General Council

The following resolution adopted by the General

Journal, at a meeting held at the City Hall Dublin on the 8th December, 1905, were passed on the motion of Mr Donohoe, seconded by the Chairman

The National Board of Education

Resolved:- "That in view of the present unsettled and unsatisfactory condition of education in Ireland, due, we believe, to the non-representative constitution of the National Board, we consider that the time has now arrived when the people of Ireland should demand that the present Board, shall be replaced by a representative Board, in close touch with the classes who use the primary schools, and are conversant with the educational needs, and wishes of the country generally. But while desirous that the present effete Board should be abolished, we shall strenuously oppose any attempt which may be made to override the wishes of the Irish people by the establishment of a Department of Education, which could only result in even still greater disorganisation and dissatisfaction than exists at present. That we are of opinion that the National Board of Education should be nominated by this General Council of the County Councils of Ireland."

Higher Education

"That the provisions for Higher Education in Ireland are wholly inadequate to the wants of the people; that the present distribution of public educational funds is wasteful and unjust and that it is essential to the interests of the country that there should be at once introduced into Parliament such a measure as will remedy existing grievances and establish, under conditions of equal justice to all, a system of Higher Education suited to the requirements and satisfying the just claims of the Irish people."

Rural District Drainage Schemes

"That the attention of the Local Government Board

be called to the difficulty which local authorities in various parts of the country experience in providing sewerage for their districts, owing to the fact that urban districts in many cases lie between these districts and the natural outfall. As there is no provision in the Public Health Act, 1848, to enable Rural Districts under such circumstances to have their sewerage taken into the drainage systems of such Urban Councils, that the Local Government Board be requested to assist this Council in obtaining power for Rural Councils to utilise sewers where necessary, subject only to the approval of, and on the terms, to be settled by the Local Government Board Arbitrators."

Labourers and Land Act of 1903.

"That we the General Council of Irish County Councils, would desire specially to bring under the notice of the Estates Commissioners the urgent necessity which exists for the Estates Commissioners to exercise their plenary powers under the Land Act of 1903 in favour of the Labourers, in order to give them allotments of land and to provide them with houses, on the same terms of repayment and proprietorship as that given to tenant-farmers who purchase their holdings. To give a concrete case where such powers should be advantageously employed, we would mention the case of the labourers of the Baginbun estate, situate at Ballygarra Co. Galway, where convenient land is available for the purpose of giving recognition to the principle that the labourers' claim should be favourably entertained."

The control of fourhouses and the levying of the extra Police Rate.

"That this Council approves of the action about to be taken by the Tipperary (South Riding) County Council in vindication of the claims of County Councils to the control of the fourhouses; and also of the struggle of the County Council of the North Riding of Tipperary against the imposition of the Extra Police Tax."

Resolution regarding Scholarships in Secondary Schools unanimously adopted by the Irish County Councils General Council at a meeting held at the City Hall Dublin, on the 8th December 1905.

Resolved:- "That where county councils adopt a scheme of Scholarships to Secondary schools, Irish be made a compulsory subject in the qualifying and further examinations to be held in connection with such Scholarships"

Note:- Both male and female students will be eligible for these scholarships at the discretion of the county council awarding them.

Draft scheme for the creation of University Scholarships by county councils, approved by the Irish county councils General Council, at a meeting held at the City Hall Dublin, on December 8th 1905

"That the adoption of a scheme for the promotion of Technical Education in the county of Wexford be is hereby declared to be necessary.

And furthermore for this object we the county council of county Wexford during the next three years hereby establish each year, two scholarships of the value of £40 each, tenable for three years, by two students from the county, who, in the judgment of this council shall have made the best record in the Experimental Science group of the Intermediate programme, provided they have also passed in Irish and in such other subjects as may be required to qualify them for admission to an University or an University college

The subjects of study for which these scholarships will be granted will be the following (in no less than two of which the students must present themselves for examination, in three successive years, at a yearly examination of the institution at which they hold their scholarships)
Viz:- Mathematics, mathematical physics, Chemistry

Electric Technology, Agriculture, Botany, Geology, Zoology and the students must also present themselves for examination in Irish.

These scholarships will be tenable at an institution of university standing, which undertakes to give instructions in the subjects aforesaid, to be determined by this Council when the scholarships are awarded.

Reports of the Students' progress shall be regularly furnished to this Council by the authorities of the institution at which they hold their scholarships; and the Council reserves to itself the right of withdrawing these scholarships at any time should these reports prove unsatisfactory.

That the adoption of this scheme is required by the circumstances of County of Wexford
Note:- Both Male and Female students will be eligible for these scholarships at the discretion of the County Council awarding them.

The above resolutions were adopted on the motion of Mr. Donohoe seconded by the Chairman.

Dates of Meetings

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Seacocke, the following dates of half-yearly meetings were agreed to:-

Enniscorthy R. District,	Thursday 12 April 1906 at 11 O'Clock
New Ross R. District	Saturday 14 " " " 12 O'Clock
Gorey R. District	Tuesday 17 " " " 11.30 O'Clock
Wexford "	Saturday 21 " " " 10.30 "
Proposal Committee	Friday 20 " " " 2 "
County Council meeting	Tuesday 15 May

Fourtown Harbour.

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

That the County Council seal be affixed to the leases with Lord Fourtown in connection with premises at Fourtown Harbour.

Wexford Prison Premises

The following orders were made:-

That the Prison Committee to consider what might be done as to the utilisation of the prison premises meet on Saturday.

That the Prison Committee deal with the question of the Insurance of the prison at Saturdays Meeting.

Vice President - Department of Agriculture

"That we enter our most emphatic protest against the proposal now being made to retain Sir Storace Plunkett as working head of the Department of Agriculture, and Technical Instruction, and we express our great surprise that the new Government should for a moment seriously entertain it; that the retention of Sir Storace Plunkett a convinced Unionist, in a Liberal Government, while indefensible in any circumstances, is calculated to aggravate the majority of the Irish People, who regard him as one of the most insidious and dangerous enemies of the Irish National claims, that in any case there is no special reason why he shall not resign with the Government of which he is a member, and no justification from any point of view for including him in the new Government; that, in any case a change of headship of the Department is needed, if public confidence in that body is to be restored; that Sir Storace Plunkett's administration has been marked with extravagance and waste; that no results of a tangible or compensating character have accrued to the public for all the expenditure, departmental and local, that has been incurred for the past five years, giving the general public the impression, that, the work of the Department is inefficient and worthless, and that local aid is purely money wasted; and taking these facts into consideration, we hope that Sir Storace Plunkett shall be immediately called upon to resign the post of Vice President

marked - Read"

Rate collection

The following resolution was received from the Roscommon County Council:-

Resolved:- "That we the County Council of Roscommon, having experienced since the passing of the Local Government Board Act the inability of the Rate collectors to comply with the resolutions of the Local Government Board, as to the closing of their collections within the time specified by the Local Government Board, viz- The 30th September, and the 31st March, we ask the Local Government Board to arrange the Financial year so that the closing of the rate collection would be on the 31st December and the 30th June respectively. We are convinced that these periods are more suitable for the Rate collectors to have the rates collected, and we feel confident that the change suggested will be to the general satisfaction of all concerned

The above resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Donohoe seconded by the Chairman.

Penny Postal System.

The following resolution was received from the Armagh County Council:-

"That the Armagh County Council, fully appreciating the great advantage to commerce, international concord, and social intercourse which would result from the extension of the Penny Postal system, desires to express its hearty support of the movement now being organised to secure its future universal adoption, and further, expresses its earnest hope that His Majesty's Government will take into its favourable consideration the best means of accomplishing an object so well calculated to promote the best interests of the Empire

Adopted on the motion of Mr Donohoe seconded by the Chairman.

Irish-made Goods

The following resolution was received from the Cork Industrial Development Association, 13 Marlboro St, Cork;

(a) "That this conference earnestly urge all Irish Public Bodies, to give a decided preference to Irish made goods, since such a use of public moneys will encourage Irish industry, provide occupation in Ireland for our people, and thus lessen the burden upon the ratepayers in more than one way."

(b) "That in order to prevent the possibility of imported goods being supplied as Irish, all public bodies be requested to adopt Irish standard samples, and not to accept supplies from the manufacturers, except in cases where such is not practicable."

The above resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Donohoe, seconded by the Chairman.

Irish in National Schools.

The following resolution was received from the Dublin County Council:-

Resolved:- "That the interference of the Treasury in the question of the teaching of Irish in National Schools is an unwarrantable infringement of right, and that, the Commissioners of National Education have failed in their duty in allowing their functions to be thus usurped. That the Board as at present constituted has by various measures completely forfeited the confidence of the public, and should be replaced by a Board appointed under a representative basis. Copies to be sent to the Lord Lieutenant, Chief Secretary, County and Borough, and Urban District Councils in Ireland."

The above resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Donohoe seconded by the Chairman.

Swors and Voters Lists.

The following motion was moved by Councillor Browne of which he had given previous notice:-

"That we consider the expense of the annual preparation of Jurors' and voters' Lists to be excessive, amounting in the county to over £1,100, and, as we understand, the part of this work done by the clerks of the Unions, and the emoluments connected therewith, supposed to be from £500, to £600, will eventually fall in to the Secretary of the county council; and as this expenditure comes altogether out of the local rates, we hereby request our Parliamentary representatives to endeavour (should any amendment of the Local Government Act come before Parliament) to have the law altered, so that when the work falls into the county council office, the county council may be entitled to fix the remuneration, instead of as at present having it fixed by statutory fee. That this resolution be sent to Sir Thomas St. G. Esmonde, M.P. French and the Chief Secretary for Ireland"

Mr Pierce seconded the motion which was adopted.

On the motion of Mr Cummins seconded by Mr M. Doyle it was decided that a copy of the resolution be sent (also) to Mr J. C. Redmond, M.P. and Mr. J. M. Stealy M.P.

Veterinary Dispensary.

On the motion of Mr Donohoe seconded by the chairman the following resolution received from the General Council of the Irish county councils was referred to the district councils for their opinion:-

That in the opinion of this Council a Veterinary Dispensary system to provide Veterinary attendance at a low charge for labourers and small farmers, would be useful in the public interest.

Income Tax.

The following resolution was received from the Urban District of Blackrock:-

"That this Council do present a memorial to the

Chancellor of the Exchequer asking him to have a Royal Commission appointed to inquire into and report upon the principles and practice of Income Tax as at present levied, and that meantime a simplification of the forms for Returns of Income Tax be introduced"

The above resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Donohoe seconded by the Chairman.

Confirmation of Minutes

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Seacoke the various minutes of the Proposal Committee, Finance Committee, Diseases (of Animals) Acts Committee, and Committees of Foursoun Harbour, and Kilmore Harbour were confirmed.

Foreign Cattle

On the motion of Mr. J. Bolger seconded by Mr. Seacoke the following resolution was adopted.

That we request our Parliamentary Representatives to oppose any measure in Parliament which would remove the restrictions which at present prevent the importation of Canadian or other foreign cattle into England, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the M. P.'s for Wexford County, The Chief Secretary for Ireland, The Prime Minister, Mr. J. E. Redmond M.P., the Department of Agriculture, and the President of the English Board of Agriculture.

City Laboratory

17 Castle St

Dublin 29 Jan 1906

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C.B., M.D., Public Analyst for the County Wexford, on articles submitted to him for Analysis during the quarter ending 31st December 1905.

24 articles were received from the food Inspectors R I C as follows:-

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number</u>
Butter	16
Whiskey	5
Cheese	2
Milk	1
Total	<u>24</u>

Two certificates sent to Supt Farrell, Wexford, for specimens of butter containing an excess of water, namely 19.3 and 21.5 per cent respectively.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union fifteen drugs, and four specimens of tea were analysed. The drugs were correct. The specimens of tea were of good quality.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union nine drugs were analysed. They were correct.

Three specimens of water analysed for New Ross Urban District Council had the following compositions:-

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

	<u>no. 1.</u>	<u>no. 2</u>	<u>no. 3.</u>
Total solid matters,	18.200	24.500	19.600
Including			
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.005	0.009	0.007
Saline Ammonia	0.005	0.010	0.005
Nitric Acid	5.610	4.750	4.560
Chlorine	3.081	3.081	4.075
Sulphuric Acid	4.3236	5.7648	4.3236
Equal to calcium sulphate.	6.0000	8.0000	6.0000

All good or fairly good waters

There were twelve specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper Merion St Dublin, which were taken up in the County Wexford. One contained an excess of water namely, 19.3 per cent.

For the County Committee of Agriculture one fertilizer was analysed, and was up to the guarantee.

One specimen of water analysed for Mrs Lawler Skilcormack had the following composition:

One imperial gallon contained in grains

Total Solid matters,	17.500
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.011
Saline Ammonia	
Nitric Acid	0.019
Chlorine	2.670
Sulphuric Acid	3.479
	4.3236
Equal to calcium Sulphate	6.0000

A very inferior water.

For Shillelagh Union, which is partly situated in the County Wexford, fourteen drugs were analysed. One of them, namely, Liniment of Turpentine was low in gravity.

More detailed reports on the waters above referred to were made and those who sent them, but the main points in their composition are given in the present report.

Total Analysis - 83

J. A. Cameron.

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Special Meeting, - 26th February 1906.

A Special Meeting of the County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 26th Feby 1906.

The following were present:- In the Chair:- Sir J. H. Grattan-
Esmonde, Bart, M.P.

Other members:- Edmond Hore, Daniel Dempsey, James E. Mayler, Michael Browne, James Donohoe, John Bolger, John Cummins, Alexander Kinsella, Thomas Asple, Mark Bodd, Denis Kavanagh, J.B. Hearne, James Sinnott, James A. Doyle, E.H. Peacocke, Patrick Cleary, Matthew Doyle, John J. Kehoe, N. C. Murphy, Michael Hickey, Thaddeus Bolger, John Sinnott, M. A. Ennis, and James Bodd.

The Acting Secretary, the County Surveyor, and the Solicitor to the Council - W.R.W. Elgee, were in attendance.

Election of County Secretary

The following letter from the Local Government Board - under date 14th February 1906. (No. 9431-1906) was read:-

"With reference to your letter of the 12th inst., and your telegram of this day's date, relative to the salary fixed by the Wexford County Council for the Office of Secretary, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state, in confirmation of their telegram of today, that they have approved of the sum proposed to be paid to the person who may be appointed to that office, viz - £262 per annum as ^{Secretary} clerk to the County Council, ~~Executive Committee~~ and £48. per annum as clerk to the County Council Executive Committee, entrusted with the management of the business under the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Acts."

The Department of Agriculture, under date 14th Feby 1906, (Letter No. 786-06) wrote as follows:-

"In reply to your letter of yesterday's date respecting the contemplated appointment of a County Secretary to the Wexford County Council, who it is intended should also act as clerk to the Local Authority, under the Diseases of Animals Acts, I am directed by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland to acquaint you

that there is no objection, so far as they are concerned, to the rate of salary (£48 per annum) proposed to be attached to the latter office.

I am at the same time to point out that the Department's approval in regard to the appointment to such office will be required, under the terms of the existing Officers of Local Authorities (Ireland) Order.

The chairman proposed Mr N. J. Frizelle, Assistant Secretary to the council, as county Secretary at a salary of £262 per annum as Secretary to the county council, and £48 per annum as clerk to the county council Executive Committee entrusted with the management of the business under the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Acts.

Mr Ennis, Vice Chairman, seconded.

Mr Cummins proposed Mr Nicholas J. Cosgrave, for the position, Mr M. Doyle, seconded.

On a poll the following was the voting:-

For Mr Frizelle:- Messrs Hearne, John Bolger, Kinsella, Mayler, Browne, Hore, Peacocke, Ennis, Murphy, Dempsey, Jas Bodd, Donohoe, M. Bodd, James Sinnott, Hickey, Asple, J. Bolger, John Sinnott, J. A. Doyle, and the chairman. - 20.

For Mr Cosgrave:- Messrs John J. Kehoe, Cummins, and M. Doyle. - 3.

Messrs Kavanagh, and Cleary did not vote.

The chairman declared Mr Frizelle elected.

The successful candidate returned thanks.

The following is the application of Mr N. J. Frizelle, and his testimonials:-

Courthouse, Wexford.
23rd Feby, 1906.

To.

The chairman and members of the Wexford Co. Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to apply for the position of Secretary to your council as per advertised terms.

I have been your Assistant Secretary for

seven years, and can fairly claim that since my appointment I have given satisfaction in the discharge of my duties.

I have already lodged references as to personal character from Most Rev. D. Browne, Lord Bishop of Ferns; Rev. P. O'Connor, Church of the Assumption, Wexford, (in whose Parish I reside); Very Rev. Canon O'Neill P.P. Killanerin Gorey; Very Rev. Canon Doyle P.P. Taggart; Very Rev. N. J. Sheridan, P.P. Ramsgrange.

If elected I will use every effort to perform my duties faithfully and conscientiously, and will spare no pains to meet the wishes of the Council individually and collectively.

I submit the name of the London and Lancashire Insurance Company, for Surety.

Your obedient servant

N. J. Frizelle

Asst. Secretary to Council.

St Mary's, Taggart,
Wexford.

20th Feby. 1906.

Dear Mr Frizelle

It is with pleasure I reply to your letter in which you ask for an expression of my opinion as to the manner in which you have discharged your duties in connection with the Committee of Agriculture, and of course in so far only, as it has come under my observation. During the last five years I have been in constant communication with you in reference to Agricultural and other lectures for this district.

I always found you most courteous, prompt in reply, accurate about appointments, and most anxious to make the arrangements so as to be most convenient for the people.

You seemed to me to be moved more by philanthropic enthusiasm than by the formal interest of a paid official.

Whatever good results - and I am sure there have been many - which have arisen from the lectures and experiments, are in no small measure due to your zeal in the work and to your powers as an organizer.

I wish you success.

Yours faithfully
Luke Doyle P.P.

"I beg to state that I have known Mr N.J. Frizelle, for many years and I have never heard anything of him but what redounded to his credit. He has been so long in the public service and is so well and widely known, that I consider it superfluous to say any more in his favour

+ James Browne
Bishop of Ferns.

Wexford. Feby 1st. 1906.

As Priest of the the District of the Parish of Wexford, in which N.J. Frizelle resides, I have the greatest pleasure in bearing witness to his being a gentleman of excellent character, devoted to his religious duties, etc., total abstainer for the past six years. In my opinion he is thoroughly well qualified to occupy any position of trust.

P. O'Connor, C.C. Church of Assumption

Jan 31st. 1906.

"Since his appointment to his present position, I have had a great deal of correspondence, and several interviews, on business matters, with Mr Frizelle, and I am bound to say I always found him punctual, painstaking, and most satisfactory in every way. He is evidently a gentleman of more than ordinary ability, and seems to have acquired a perfect

knowledge of the details of his office. I hope and trust the county council will unanimously appoint him to the office of secretary, which he now seeks, the duties of which he is so capable of discharging, and which, I am sure, he will discharge with credit to himself, and to the satisfaction of the Council and the public

William Canon O'Neill P. P.
Killanerin, Gorey

Feby. 16th 1906.

Very Rev. Canon Sheridan P. P. Ramsgrange wrote:-
"I am very pleased to hear that you are a candidate for the position of Secretary to the county council of Wexford, and wish you every success in your effort.

Your well recognised ability, your courtesy, your attention to your work, and especially the great industry you have already devoted to the service of the county, are qualifications which must ensure your success with the Members of the county council."

16th February 1906.

On the motion of Mr Eanis, seconded by Mr Browne the following resolution was adopted nem. con:-
"That this council express their sanction to Mr Trizelle continuing to hold the Secretaryship of the county committee of Agriculture, and Technical Instruction."

Roads Inquiry Report.

In reference to the recent sworn inquiry held by Mr J. C. Cowan, M. Inst. C. E. Chief Engineering Inspector of the Local Government Board the following letter was read from the Local Government Board:-

No. 11003: 1906

Wexford County.

Local Government Board,

Dublin, 23rd February, 1906.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the report of their Chief Engineering Inspector, Mr. P. B. Cowan, together with the Minutes of Evidence, relating to the Inquiry held on the 8th and 9th ultimo in regard to the administration of road maintenance in County Wexford.

The Inquiry was the outcome of investigations by the Roads Committee of the County Council, from which it appeared that on eleven contract roads in Enniscorthy Rural District, and five such roads in Gorey Rural District there were shortages of road material to the extent of 15 per cent. and 40 per cent., respectively, as compared with the returns made by the two Assistant Surveyors in charge of those Districts.

Exhaustive evidence given by members of the Roads Committee, as well as by the County Surveyor and Messrs Murphy and Leary, established the substantial accuracy of the serious allegations advanced by the Roads Committee. The County Surveyor admitted that he had never furnished his subordinate officers with any instructions in regard to measuring road material, that he had taken no steps to ascertain their methods of measurement, and that he only intervened in cases of dispute between the Assistant Surveyors and Contractors.

Mr. Murphy made the almost incredible statement that his measurements were made "by the eye". He admitted having on one occasion recommended a payment to a contractor without looking at the terms of the contract. Mr. Leary appears to have adopted more accurate methods, using a tape and two-foot rule, with the result that the deficiency

found by the Roads Committee in his district amounted to 15 per cent. as compared with 40 per cent in the other case, but his acknowledged acceptance of two-thirds of the specified quantity of stones on Martha Brien's contract proves the unreliable character of his returns. His plea of inability to cope with the work in the allotted period might have carried some weight, had it been presented at the proper time or to the proper quarter. But such an excuse cannot be accepted from either Mr Murphy or Mr Leary seeing that at the Inquiry in 1901 when their claims for additional remuneration were dealt with, their duties were recognised to include the exact measurement of road material.

The primary responsibility for the irregularities disclosed at the Inquiry cannot be placed elsewhere than on the County Surveyor. A County Surveyor must necessarily rely to a considerable extent on the accuracy and diligence of the Assistant Surveyors, but at the same time being the officer of the Council upon whose certificate large sums of public money are yearly disbursed to Road Contractors, the County Surveyor should have been able to show that he took reasonable precautions to satisfy himself from time to time as to the reliability of the measurements of his subordinates. If he had done so, and in addition could point to explicit instructions given for the guidance of the Assistant Surveyors, he might have been relieved of much of the responsibility that now rests with him.

The absence of express instructions does not, however exonerate the Assistant Surveyors. The measurement of material in Mr Murphy's district was no better than guess work, and in Mr Leary's district was very imperfectly done.

On the question of the loss of ratepayer's money resulting from the officer's negligence, the evidence was inconclusive. The Roads Committee by a

proportional estimate arrived at a sum of £1,852 a year. Yet having regard to the low cost per mile of road maintenance in county Wexford it is almost certain that in the tenders of contractors allowance was made for the expectation that the supply of the specified quantities of road metal would not be strictly enforced.

The general result of the evidence did not establish the fact of any widespread deterioration of the roads in recent years.

But whether or not the county council were on the whole obtaining a return commensurate with their actual expenditure on the roads, the practice of disregarding the terms of road contracts relating to quantities of metal, is obviously vicious and demoralising to all directly concerned, and the county council are rightly advised in their endeavour to remedy the abuse and in seeking for an improved system of road administration.

The Board think it well to refer to a misapprehension which appears to have existed in regard to the council's powers of control over "existing officers". The Board are of opinion that under Sections 83 and 115 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, and under the provisions of the Procedure of Councils Order the officers are bound to carry out any reasonable directions of the county council as to their duties and the manner in which they should be performed.

In regard to the county surveyor the county council would be entitled to assume that he is familiar with the nature of the duties devolving on him, and they would probably find it impracticable or inexpedient to do more than frame regulations for his guidance in general terms. It is, however, desirable, that the duties of subordinate officers should be defined clearly, and in considerable detail, with

precise directions as to the manner and times of performance.

The Board are not empowered to prescribe rules for such a purpose, and the matter rests with the County Council acting with the advice of the County Surveyor. The County Council would probably be assisted in this task, if they were to ascertain the manner in which the duties of Assistant Surveyors are regulated in other Counties.

In drawing up a list of Assistant Surveyor's duties, the following points should, in the Board's opinion, be provided for:—

The Assistant Surveyors should inspect the roads to see that the depots or places for measurement are cleaned up and levelled before materials are deposited; and after measurement has been done, should see that the materials are properly applied to road maintenance. They should be provided with diary forms on which their work on each day should be set out, and with measurement sheets or books in which the detailed measurements of each pile of material should be entered. These forms should be regularly sent to the office of the County Surveyor and retained by him.

A reasonable time should be allowed for the measurement of materials. On account of unfavourable weather and the calls of other duties an Assistant Surveyor cannot be expected to measure materials without intermission in the Autumn, but with a district of moderate size the measurements should be completed in a month. No second measurement should be allowed except in very exceptional cases, and never until it has been ascertained that the quantity first supplied has been spread out.

Experience in other Counties shows that an Assistant Surveyor cannot fully discharge

his duties in a district so large as the Gorey and Enniscorthy Districts, and, whether the existing Assistant Surveyors in these districts are retained in office or not, the County Council would be well advised in providing additional Assistants and re-arranging the districts.

The specifications for road maintenance contracts should be more carefully prepared to provide exactly for what is intended to be supplied. The practice, which was shown to exist, of specifying for broken stones and accepting gravel is most unsatisfactory.

The Board desire to add that they take a very serious view of the conduct of the County Surveyor and Messrs Leary and Murphy. The latter have shown themselves to be culpably negligent in the discharge of their duties, while the County Surveyor has proved to be very inefficient in the supervision of his subordinates, and has failed to realise the responsibilities of his position. The Board observe from the statement of Counsel that the County Council do not wish to go to the extreme step of dismissing their officers, their main object being to secure a proper working method which would result in the road maintenance of their County being improved, and the duties of the County and Assistant Surveyors being discharged in an efficient manner.

The Board trust that the full investigation conducted by their Inspector may have the desired effect, but they consider it only right that the officers involved should be made aware that, if the County Council had pressed for their resignation, the Board, in view of the facts elicited at the Inquiry, would have felt it difficult to maintain that such a decision was unmerited.

If after a year's experience of working under such new arrangements as the County

council may think fit to direct, they are of opinion that a further Inquiry should be held in order to ascertain whether the anticipation of improvement on the part of the County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors Murphy and Leary has been fulfilled, the Board will be prepared to comply with the Council's wishes

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. R. Barlas,
Secretary.

The Secretary,

Wexford County Council.

Mr Webster County Surveyor referring to the second paragraph of the letter of the Local Government Board, said that there had been eight cases of roads which he had measured irrespective of any disputes between the Assistant Surveyors and the contractors.

There were ten roads which he had measured and it was only in two of these there had been a dispute between the Assistant Surveyors and the contractors. The numbers of the ten roads were:— Gorey- 67 and 94; Enniscorthy, 40 and 34; Wexford, 38 and 16a; New Ross, 1. 4. 24. and 25.

Chairman:— Better write to the Local Government Board and draw their attention to the matter.

The Chairman then proposed the following resolution:—

"That a committee consisting of 12 Members of this Council, four to form a quorum, be appointed to consider in full detail the questions raised by (a) The Report of the Roads Committee of the Council. (b) The report of the Local Government Board thereon. and in the light of these documents and

of any further evidence upon the matters raised therein which the Committee may procure or may find available to formulate and submit to the Council at a future Meeting, a detailed scheme providing for an improved system of Road Maintenance on lines of efficiency and economy, and for more effective control by the Council of the officers charged with the administration of this and kindred services."

Committee

Messrs John Bolger, John Sinnott, Edmund Hore, M. Browne, James Donohoe, N. B. Murphy, J. Bolger, M. Hickey, A. Kinsella, M. A. Ennis, B. H. Peacocke, and J. Asple.

M. Ennis to act as Hon. Secretary to the Committee.

M. Kinsella seconded the resolution which was passed.

County Council Staff.

The following letters were read from Members of the County Council Staff:-

To the Wexford County Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to apply to the County Council for an increase in my salary, owing to extra duties which shall devolve on my position as Accountant in consequence of the abolition of office of Assistant Secretary.

I have been an official of the Council since its inception (nearly seven years) and I claim that since my appointment, I have performed my work in a manner that deserves recognition when an opportunity for promotion in the Council's Staff has arisen.

Yours obediently
Patrick Donohoe

To the Chairman, & Gentlemen of the
Wexford County Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to apply for an increase
in my salary.

During to the Public Bodies Order
of the Local Government Board, the duties of
your staff have considerably increased, and
I desire to draw your attention to the small
salary I am at present receiving.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours obediently
E. H. Richards.

Mr Ennis gave notice of motion that he
would move at next Meeting of the Council,
that Mr Donohoe be granted an increase in his
salary of £26 per annum, and Mr Richards £13
per annum. Amounts to date from present Meet-
ing.

New Ross School Attendance Committee

The following letter under date 7th July 1906,
was read from the Office of National Education:-

"As the period of service of the school
attendance committee for New Ross Rural Dist-
rict will terminate on the 30th April next,-
I am to request that you will have the
goodness to furnish on the enclosed form,
at your earliest convenience, particulars
as to the persons appointed by the Co.
Wexford Co. Council acting as the Local Author-
ity under the Irish Education Act, 1892, to be
members of a new committee from 1st May 1906.

The required particulars should be
supplied before 31st March next."

On the motion of Mr Dempsey, seconded

by W Cummins the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the following be appointed by the Wexford County Council acting as local authority under the Irish Education Act 1892, to be the representatives of the Council on the New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee, these names having been recommended by the New Ross Rural District Council:- Messrs E. Neville D.C. Bawnmore, New Ross; Wm Thorpe, D.C. Knockroe, Palace; Denis Cummins, D.C. Raheenduff, Adamstown; John J. Egan, Boley, Ballycullane, Wexford; James Ahearne, Cloonagh, Gusserrane."

Advertising on County Roads

Under date the 19th February 1906 the following letter was read from Mr G. Redmond Cycle Works, Commercial Quay, Wexford:-

"I want advertising space through the country to fix enamelled Plates; a friend me to apply to the County Council for permission to fix one on the bridge at Bridgetown.

Kindly say would they allow me to do so, and if they make a charge what it be per year or permanently, the Plates are 5ft 6" x 3 feet."

Mr Browne proposed and Mr Ennis seconded:-
"That Mr Redmond be given permission to erect advertising plate as referred to in his letter at Bridgetown bridge."

After some discussion it was agreed that the matter be adjourned till next meeting of the Council.

Waterford Bridge.

The following letter under date 24th Feb 1906, was read from the Town Clerk, Wexford:-

"It appears that the Corporation of Waterford are endeavouring to obtain a Special Act of Parliament to enable them to construct a Bridge across the river Suir, and are seeking powers to compel the

Ratepayers of the County Wexford (including, of course, the town of Wexford) to contribute towards the repayment of a Loan to be raised to allow of the bridge being erected.

This question is one that has been brought under the notice of the Corporation of Wexford, and they consider it unfair and inequitable that Wexford Town should be saddled with any share of the cost of providing a Bridge for the City of Waterford.

I have been directed, therefore, to draw the attention of the County Council to the matter, and to request that they will be good enough to see that the interests of Ratepayers of Wexford will in no way suffer by the proposed legislation."

Mr Elgee Solicitor explained that under the provisions of the Bill which the promoters of the project were bringing before Parliament, power was given to the local bodies to agree or refuse, to make any contribution for the new structure. No tax could be levied in Wexford without the consent of the County Council.

The Chairman moved - That directions be given to Mr Elgee to communicate with the Parliamentary Representatives of County Wexford, if at any time he has reason to apprehend any likelihood of any tax being imposed on the County, in connection with the Waterford Bridge project." Passed.

Courtown Harbour

The following was read:-

Courtown Harbour Improvement
Committee

21st February 1906.

I beg to state I am directed by my Committee to submit subjoined Resolutions passed at a largely attended Meeting of fishermen etc., held at Courtown, on 17th inst., at which

Rev. F. E. O'Rourke C. C. presided.

b. Riordan, Hon. Sec.

" 1.- That we consider the decision of the County Council to defer action with regard to the repairs of the pier at Courtown Harbour to be most unsatisfactory to the fishermen of the place and ruinous to their interests; and we hereby appeal to the Council to take the work of repair in hand immediately, as otherwise when the time for trawl fishing arrives, the bar and harbour will most certainly be found in a dangerous and unsatisfactory condition.

2.- That owing to the fearful depletion of our fishing population caused chiefly by the inefficient condition of the Harbour at Courtown, we call upon Government to give a grant in aid for the extension of the existing pier heads; and we are clearly of opinion that the harbour will not be in an efficient condition until these extensions are carried out."

On the motion of Mr. Egan, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the above communication was referred to the Courtown Harbour Committee of the Council.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman:-

" That we draw the attention of the Chief Secretary for Ireland and the Department of Agriculture, to the condition of Courtown Harbour, a condition which is a positive disgrace to the country at the present period. That we desire to point out that at Courtown, a very large section of the people are entirely dependent on the fishing industry. Notwithstanding the great natural facilities existing at Courtown for prosecuting this industry, the fishing population of Courtown is rapidly diminishing, owing to emigration caused by

through insufficient harbour accommodation.

That we re-iterate our request to the Government to take immediate steps to deal with the question."

Gorey Post Office

The following was read from Mr Lomeroy, Superintending Engineer, Post Office, Dublin:-

"I shall feel obliged if you will kindly authorise and return to me as early as possible enclosed wayleave; (To erect telegraph line along the public road between the bridge over the Railway, south of Railway Station, Gorey, and the new Post Office, Gorey)

My Sectional Engineer has seen and obtained from the Assistant County Surveyor provisional permission to proceed with the work, which is of an urgent nature, pending the receipt of the formal authority from his Council."

The required permission was given on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Kinsella.

Amendment of Local Government Act 1898.

On the motion of Mr Ennis, seconded by the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:- "That we request the General Council of the Irish County Councils, to hold a meeting at an early date to consider the question of drafting amendments to the Local Government Act."

Mr Peacocke moved, Mr Hore seconded and it was passed:- "That in any contemplated amendments to the Local Government Act, a provision should be made to have representatives of the people on the Local Government Board."

Inquiry into the Working of the Department of Agriculture

Mr Ennis moved, Mr Peacocke seconded and it was passed:-

"That the Government be requested to include on the Commission of Inquiry into the working

of the Department of Agriculture, the names of persons who have served on County Committees of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, or who are intimate with the working of such committees."

Acknowledgments of Resolutions.

The following were read:-

"I have the copies of the various resolutions you sent me by direction of the County Council from their last Meeting.

With regard to the postal arrangements at Galbally - the district is not in my constituency; but it will give me much pleasure to help my colleague, Mr Peter French M.P., in any way in which he considers that I can be of service.

With regard to the questions of the importation of Canadian ^{battle} and of the expenses of the preparation of the Voters lists - the importance of both of which I recognise - I will take every occasion that presents itself of furthering the views of the Council regarding them

Yours truly

J. H. Grattan Esmonde "

"I am in receipt of your communication of the 14th. and will attend to the various matters contained in it as soon as possible. I am sending the Galbally statement with reference to the wretched postal arrangements in that neighbourhood to the Postmaster General tonight.

Yours faithfully

Peter French. "

"I am favoured by the resolution of the Wexford County Council and have always felt that it was wrong to make the preparation of Voters and Jurors lists a local instead of an Imperial charge. I think the entire system needs to be remodelled, but few persons take an interest in, or feel any thanks, for

small reforms. Hence the neglect they receive.

Truly Yours

J. M. Healy

"I am directed by the Prime Minister to acknowledge the receipt of the Resolution which you have forwarded to him on the subject of Imported Canadian cattle.

I am Sir

Your obedient servant

Arthur Ponsonby.

"The Chief Secretary for Ireland, directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of Feb'y 14th. conveying the terms of a Resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council, with reference to the expenses incurred in the annual preparation of Jurors' and Voters' Lists

Yours faithfully
W. M. Davies.

"The Chief Secretary for Ireland directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of Feb'y 14th. conveying the terms of a Resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council, with reference to the importation of Canadian or other foreign cattle into England.

Yours faithfully
W. M. Davies

From the Department of Agriculture, under date 16th February '06.

"I have to acknowledge with thanks, the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst., stating that the County Council have appointed Messrs Peacocks and Donohoe, to be members of the Council of Agriculture for the period of three years from the 1st April 1906."

From the Department of Agriculture, under date 16th February '06.

"I am directed by the Department to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 14th inst. transmitting a copy of a

resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council at their meeting on the 12th inst, in favour of a continuance of the existing restrictions on the importation of cattle from abroad."

Canadian & Foreign Cattle

From the Board of Agriculture & Fisheries, London.

"I am directed by the Board of Agriculture, & Fisheries to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst, and to state that it is receiving attention."

Veterinary Dispensaries.

The following was read from the Secretary of the Irish Councils General Council, under date 18th February 1906.

"I beg to inform you that at the last Meeting of the General Council the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That in the opinion of this Council, a Veterinary Dispensary system, to provide veterinary attendance at a low charge for labourers and small farmers, would be useful in the public interest."

At the request of the General Council the Department of Agriculture etc. is collecting information as to the probable cost etc. of such a system.

Since the above resolution was adopted resolutions from County Councils and Rural District Councils have reached me favoring the establishment of Veterinary Dispensaries, and pointing out that the money at present expended on Veterinary Inspection might be utilised towards the expenses of the proposed system.

I am directed by my Executive Committee to ask that you will be so good as to bring this letter before the next meeting of your Council with a view to eliciting an expression of their opinion as to the desirability, or otherwise of establishing Veterinary Dispensaries."

Ordered:- Postponed until the opinion of the Rural District Councils on this point asked for at last Meeting of the Co. Council be received.

McEnnis

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