

Quarterly Meeting. - 8th February 1911.

Present:- Mr. Edmond Hore. (Chairman.) presiding,
Other Members:- Messrs. M. Browne, J. S. Hearn,
J. J. Stafford, J. Bolger, M. A. Ennis, T. Asple,
C. H. Peacocke, J. J. Kehoe, P. Creane, G. Walsh,
James Codd, M. Doyle, T. Bolger, J. Cummins,
M. Hickey, P. Fortune, and Sir. T. H. G. Esmonde.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Crossing Points - Tara Hill Quarry.

The following recommendation of the Proposal
Committee was adopted:-

"That a sum of £15 be passed to provide
crossings and points at Tara Hill Quarry."

Proposals for Payment.

On the motion of the Chairman, the following
recommendation was adopted:-

"That the several proposals for ^{payment} ~~works~~
~~for matters~~ ~~and matters~~ other than public works as
submitted by our Secretary be passed."

University Scholarships.

Mr. Ennis moved the following Notice
of Motion:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention
to move at next meeting of the County
Council of Wexford, that the produce
of a half-penny rate on the County - at-
Large, viz. £800, agreed to be levied at
the Meeting of the Council on 4th May 1910,
for University Scholarships be applied as follows:-

(a) - To the establishment of four Scholarships of £50 each tenable for three years at the Dublin College of the National University of Ireland total £600.

(b) - To the allocation of £50 to be devoted to the provision of University Extension Lectures in the County of Wexford, in subjects to be agreed to subsequently by the County Council.

(c) To the allocation of £150 to be utilised for the purposes set forth in the Appendix of the Report of the Higher Education Committee of the General Council of Irish County Councils.

(Part C) That as regards these allocations, this County Council adopt the regulations and conditions as to County Council Scholarships set forth in said report of the Higher Education Committee of the General Council of Irish County Councils.

The following conditions are to be attached to the Scholarships:-

1. - That Students must satisfy the County Council test as to knowledge of Irish prior to being admitted to enter for the Scholarship Examination.

2. - That Students must reside in a Collegiate Hostel approved by the Council.

3. - That the cost of the maintenance of each Student estimated at £31 per annum for a period of 31 weeks (the University Session) be paid direct by the County Council to the Collegiate Hostel selected.

4. - That the fees for the University course of each student be paid direct to the University Authorities from the Scholarship Fund. These fees amount approximately to £10.

5. - That the balance of Scholarship Fund estimated at £8 or £9 be paid to each

student for the purpose of travelling and incidental expenses."

Mr. Peacocke seconded.

Passed.

Mr. Browne moved: "That Students living in County Wexford must have studied, for a period of at least two years immediately preceding their entrance for the Scholarships, in a school or schools in the County Wexford, or by private study within the County; this condition not to come into force until after the University Examinations of 1911."

Mr. J. Bolger seconded the amendment of Mr. Browne, which was passed.

Mr. Peacocke proposed:-

"That Scholarships shall be awarded only to those Students who have been resident at least for two years in the County Wexford, and who have pursued their studies in this County."

Mr. Peacocke subsequently withdrew this amendment.

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee of 21st January, was read:-

"That in the event of the present agitation for a Government Grant for the establishment of ~~a~~ secondary Scholarships not being successful after a reasonable time, we recommend the County Council to consider the advisability of establishing these Scholarships from the Rates."

Mr. Ennis proposed, Mr. Stafford seconded, and it was passed:-

"That in view of the last paragraph in the Memorandum of the 24th January from the Secretary to the Irish County Councils General Council no action be taken on the recommendation of the Finance Committee relative to the establishment of Scholarships for students at Primary Schools, for the present."

County Wexford Infirmary.

Mr. M. A. Ennis moved the following of which he had given previous notice:

"I will move at next meeting of the County Council that the resolution of the County Council of 11th November, relative to increased grant to the County Wexford Infirmary be rescinded and that the County Council vote a sum of £1050 to the County Wexford Infirmary, as their contribution until such sum be altered by the County Council by a future resolution."

Mr. Peacocke seconded.

Passed.

Acquiring a Quarry.

Mr. John Bolger moved the following of which he had given previous notice:

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the next meeting of the County Council to be held on the 8th February that the offer made by the meeting of the County Council on 4th January for half-an-acre of land for quarry purposes to Mr. Borthistle at Doran's Hill be increased from £30 to £40."

Sir Thomas Esmonde seconded.

Passed.

Gravel Pit at Boragh.

The following letter under date 3rd February 1911, was read from Mr. J. B. Moffat, Solicitor; for Mr. Wm. Swaine of Boragh:

"I am instructed by Mr. Wm. Swaine, of Boragh, to say that subject to the conditions mentioned herein, he would sell his interest in one acre of ground to the County Council for £60.

The first condition being that the County Council should pay his costs, and the second that the sale should be for the purpose of enabling the County Council to

take the gravel out of the acre of land and that once the gravel was exhausted the land should revert to my client.

Third, that the County Council should settle direct with the Landlord any question as regards purchase of the acre of ground, Mr. Swaine being willing to assist the County Council in obtaining the Landlord's consent.

I shall be glad to know whether this price, which appears most reasonable, will be accepted by the County Council.

I am aware myself from other owners that an acre of ground is estimated for gravel purposes to be worth upwards of £500.
Marked "Read."

Gravel Pit at Ballycarney.

Proposed by Mr. J. Bolger, seconded by Sir J. Esmonde, and passed:-

"That the Council purchase from Mr. Andrew Kavanagh, Ballycarney, for the sum of £70 two statute acres of his field at Ballycarney, for the purpose of obtaining gravel for Road purposes."

Mr. Andrew Kavanagh, handed in the following agreement which he signed:-

"I agree to sell to the County Council of Wexford, two statute acres of my field at Ballycarney, as pointed out by the County Surveyor and Mr. John Bolger; with right of way to the road, for the sum of £70. (Seventy Pounds). I to take all responsibility and carry out the fencing of same. This land to revert back to me or my Successors when the County Council are done with it."

Dated this 8th February 1911."

Returning Officers Expenses.

On the motion of Mr Ennis,
Seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following
resolution was adopted:-

"That a sum of £200 be advanced to the
Returning Officer for expenses in connection
with the forthcoming Local Government
Elections."

Waterford Bridge.

Under date 23rd January the following
letter (N^o 45397-1910 Wexford County) was read
from the Local Government Board:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland
have had before them the application of the
County Council of Wexford for sanction to a
loan of £11,000, for the purpose of defraying
their proportion of the cost of erecting a
bridge over the River Suir at Waterford, etc.,
and the Board desire to express their sanction
to the loan in question, in pursuance of
Article 22 of the Schedule to the Local
Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898
and Section 60 of the Local Government (Ireland)
Act 1898, repayment to be spread over a period
of 45 years.

A sum of £3,000 may be raised as the first
instalment of the loan; subsequent sums to be
raised as approved by the Board."

In connection with the powers of the
Joint Committee for the construction of
Waterford Bridge, the following letter (N^o 45397)
was read from the Local Government Board:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 3rd ultimo,
and enclosures, relative to the application of
the County Council of Wexford for sanction to
a loan of £11,000, for the purpose of defraying
their proportion of the cost of erecting a bridge

over the River Suir at Waterford, etc., I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that it would appear from a newspaper report of the proceedings of the Joint Committee appointed for the undertaking that your Council have not as yet deputed the members selected to serve as portion of a Joint Committee under Article 38 of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898; the Board apprehend that inconvenience and confusion in the proceedings of the Committee would ensue if the members delegated by the Wexford County Council are not appointed with like functions as in the cases of members appointed by the 7 other Councils who, the Board understand, have been appointed under Article 38 referred to.

The Board's letter of sanction to the proposed borrowing accompanies this communication."

The following resolution from the Joint Committee was read:-

"That we invite the Wexford County Council to reconsider their resolution with regard to the periodical payments on Bridge Construction to the Treasurer of the Joint Committee.

That we fully appreciate that the attitude which the Wexford County Council has taken up in the matter is a strictly legal and technically correct one, but that the Wexford County Council would be equally safe in adopting the procedure and falling into line with the other contributing bodies in this matter, which procedure has been approved by Council and by the Local Government Board.

That further such adoption by the Wexford County Council facilitate the keeping and paying of accounts by the Committee."

On the motion of Mr. Cummins,
Seconded by Mr. Creane, the following
resolution was adopted:-

"Resolved- That John S. Kearne, of Bawnjames,
New Ross; C. H. Peacocke of Belmont, Wexford;
John Bolger, of Ferns, and James J. Stafford
of Main Street, Wexford; be, and are hereby,
re-appointed Members of the Joint Committee
of Management for the building of the bridge
over the River Suir at Waterford; and that as
Representatives of the County Council of Wexford,
and that we hereby confer upon and delegate
to the said Joint Committee of Management
for the erection of the bridge over the River
Suir at Waterford, all and every power
which we, the said County Council, are
authorised to delegate to a Joint Committee
pursuant to Article 38 of the Schedule to the
Local Government (Application of enactments)
Order 1898, excepting the making of a
Rate or borrowing money."

The Rates for 1911-12.

The following resolution was forwarded
from the Finance Committee:-

"That the Secretary's Estimate of Rate
for General and Separate Charges for
financial year 1911-12, be adopted and
that the County Council be recommended
to strike a General Rate for the several
Rural Districts as follows:-

	Land	Buildings
Enniscorthy.	2/6	4/2
Gorey.	2/3	3/8
New Ross.	3/3	5/-
Wexford	2/2	3/9

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded
by Mr. James Codd, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we hereby adopt the Estimate of our Secretary for Rates for General and Separate Charges for the financial year 1911-12, (as already agreed to by the Finance Committee) and determine the rates in the £. to be levied off the several Rural Districts of the County for General Rates to be as follows:—

	Rate	Blp.
Ennisconky	4/6.	4/6
Gorey	4/3	3/8
New Ross	3/3	5/-
Wexford	2/2	3/9

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

Ennisconky Urban District.	£ 997: 19: 3
New Ross	£ 1314: 18: 2
Wexford	£ 1893: 3: 1.

In connection with the annual estimates of Rate for 1911-12. the Local Government Board wrote under date 14th January Circular Letter No. 2088-1911. forwarding for the information of the County Council copy of letter which they had addressed to the Boards of Guardians in reference to the inclusion in their estimate and demand of any sum that might under prospective legislation be required from the Guardians towards the cost of pension granted to paupers over 70 years of age.

Marked "Read"

Fethard & Courtown Harbours.

Sir Thomas Esmonde moved:- That the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be requested to include in their application for grants for Fishery purposes the improvement of Fethard Harbour and the extension of the pier at Courtown Harbour.

Seconded by Mr J. J. Kehoe and
passed. - nem. con.

State of Rate Collection

The following letter under date 24th January, and N^o 3835-11 was read from the Local Government Board:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to inform the Wexford County Council that they have had before them a report from their Inspector Mr E. A. Sanderson on the collection of the poor rate in the county for the current half year, from which it appears that the collection is very backward, £3,641- only having been collected to the 31st ult. out of a total warrant of £26,676.

The Board note that the following collectors are especially backward

	Warrant	Amt. Collected
John Mullett	£826	£56.
John Walsh	£1,463	£31.
P. Redmond	£1,256.	£62.
L. Lacey	£1,046	£52.
J. L. Doyle	£1,271.	£53.

These collectors should be called upon to explain their failure to proceed diligently with their collections, and should be informed that any further neglect on their part will necessitate the serious consideration of the question of their fitness to retain their positions as collectors."

The following explanations were read from the Rate Collectors.

Collector John Mallett wrote under date 26th Jan'y.
 "Your letter containing observations of L. G. B. to hand. I wish to inform you for the information of the L. G. B. that unless I use extreme pressure I cannot do any more than I am doing at present, only resign, as I will not do the Bailiff. I'm collecting from decent people for 12 years, and I have never known them to fail me in that time. I have always closed well inside the 3 years. I have always produced my books for checking, and I may inform you nearly every one will very soon refuse to pay until 1st March and 1st September, only last September we closed at a big outlay from our own private means, and that money was not used until the middle of December — three months after — Your Council now want us, collectors, to use pressure at 1st January, and lodge money that will not be used until middle of May next. This is not unaware of the Ratepayers. I will bring your letters forward at next meeting of the North Wexford Farmers' Society, and let the L. G. B. see the Ratepayers' opinion on the matter. As far as my collecting goes it's always slow first, but from this out I will be going ahead as for last three weeks

I lodged £115. I'm sorry for all the annoyance we collectors are causing you and the Finance Committee. But really when I make seizures I cannot do any more."

Collector John Walsh wrote under date 27th January:—

"I am doing all in my power with my collection and most Ratepayers do not care to pay any sooner than now. I got a heavy wetting and a bad cold about six weeks ago, and was not able to do scarce any work for about five weeks. I will work now as hard as possible and will close my collection within the time."

Collector P. Redmond wrote under date 26th January as follows:—

"On coming home tonight I received yours re rate collection asking me to give you an explanation for the L. G. B. why I have not more collected. I have not much to say in the matter only I made some misses as to not finding people at home, but the most of my clients are not yet in a position to meet me, as their cattle are not ready for sale."

"I have called on all the Ratepayers that is to pay me, took it from them that gave it to me, and others cannot pay me for some time. I am doing my best, in a fair way, for my clients and the Council. I do not wish to use extremes when I am sure to get it without force. However let me know by return of post if the Council or the L. G. B. wish me to collect it at once or allow me to use my discretion in the matter."

"I have a lot of very respectable rate-payers that I would be very sorry to press but I will go on at once if ordered to do so I would also wish you to let me know is it necessary for me to send a copy of this letter to L. G. B."

Under date 27th January collector L. Lacey wrote:—

In reply to yours of yesterday, I cannot see where this explanation comes in I understand that time laid down by the Local Government was four months. I commenced on the first month and could get very little, some days nothing. I have no one to collect from but farmers and ninety-five per cent of them small. I could not be expected to have as much lodged the first month or two as men who would lift large amounts from large land owners and Railway companies. I have always closed my collection up to time, and if I get the time laid down by the Local Government I will close this."

Under date 30th January the following was read from collector Doyle:—

"In reply to your letter I regret I was from home until Saturday night in the far part of my district, and could not reply sooner. I beg to inform you that I am working hard and have just one round of my district complete. Mine is a very poor district and nearly in all cases I have to call twice, and in several more. I am now about to make my second round and hope to make rapid progress during February. Hoping this explanation will satisfy the Local Government Board."

Proposed by Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Creane, and passed "That the Local Government Board be informed that since receipt of their letter of 24th January (No 3835) a substantial improvement has been made in the Rate Collection, and particularly in the case of those collectors referred to in their communication."

Stores for Tara Hill Quarry.

Proposed by the Chairman, and adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor and Secretary be directed to advertise as to tenders for stores for Tara Hill Quarry. That the matter be referred to the Finance Committee who are empowered to accept tenders for same."

Audit of Co. Council Accounts.

Under date 19th January the Local Government Board wrote (letter No 302) forwarding the report of their Auditor on his Audit of the Accounts of the County Council, for half-year ended 30th September 1910 as follows:-

"I have the honour to report that I have audited the Accounts of the County Council of Wexford for the half-year ended September last and I forward herewith a certified Abstract thereof in pursuance of your Order.

"The Accounts were prepared and submitted in a very satisfactory manner and no item of expenditure calls for any remark on my part."

Marked "Read"

Motor Car Act 1903.

Under date 6th January, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 79639-10) that by the Expiring Laws Continuance Act 1910 the Motor Car Act 1903 would be continued until the 31st December 1911.

Marked "Read"

Assistant Surveyors' Examination

Under date 25th January, the Local Government Board wrote (Circular letter 8-M) that an examination of candidates for qualification as Assistant Surveyors in Ireland, would be held under the direction of the Local Government Board, at the Custom House, Dublin; at 10.15 a.m., on Wednesday & Thursday 8th and 9th March 1911. Application for admission to the examination should be received not later than 27th February.

Marked "Read"

Wild Birds Protection Order.

Under date 7th January 1911 the following letter (No. 22752) from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle was read:—

"With reference to your letter of the 6th ultimo, containing a resolution of the Wexford County Council petitioning His Excellency to make an Order under the Wild Birds Protection Act 1894 with regard to wild birds in the Saltee and Keeragh Islands, I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to transmit herewith a copy of the Dublin Gazette of the 6th instant containing an

Order made by His Excellency on the subject, dated the 4th day of January 1911.

"I am to call your attention to the provisions of Section 4 of the above quoted Act as to giving due notice to the public each year of the existence of the Order"

Marked "Read"

The Accident to Mr P. J. Fanning Co. Councillor.

Under date 7th January the following letter was read from Mr P. J. Fanning, Co. Councillor, Ahullen, Kildanerin:—

"I am very grateful indeed to Mr Stafford, Mr Asple, the Chairman, and the other Members of the Co. Council, for their kind resolution and expression of sympathy. I also thank you sincerely for your kind words."

Marked "Read"

The Building of a Wall

Under date 26th January, Mr M. J. O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford; forwarded an application from Mr M. J. Stephenson, Adamstown, for permission to build a wall adjoining the public road at his premises.

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:—

"That the matter be referred to next meeting of the Finance Committee, and that Mr Stephenson be requested to furnish further particulars of his application to them. That the Finance Committee be empowered to deal with the matter should they consider it advisable and provided the County Surveyor has no objection

"to the erection of the proposed wall."

The Curracloe Fishermen.

Under date 20th January, Sir Thomas Esmonde wrote that some time ago the fishermen at Curracloe had written to him with regard to having a capstan placed on the beach to enable them to draw up their boats. He forwarded letter from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction which he asked to be submitted to the Council.

The following is a copy of the letter from Department No 345-11 under date 18th January.

"I have to acknowledge the receipt, on the 16th instant, of your application to the Department on behalf of the local fishermen for a contribution towards the cost of erecting a capstan at Curracloe; and, in reply, to state that the Department are prepared to defray one half (within a limit of £25) the expenditure involved, on condition that local provision be made for the maintenance of the capstan.

The Department would erect the capstan, but permission for their doing so should be obtained from the owner of the site or the person or body having control thereof."

Sir Thomas Esmonde proposed

The Secretary stated he had informed Sir Thomas Esmonde that as the work in question was not in connection with a Scheduled Pier, the County Council had no power to make a contribution towards it.

Sir Thomas Esmonde proposed, Mr Kehoe seconded, and it was passed nem con:—

"That the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction be asked to include

"in their applications for grants for fishing purposes to the Development Commissioners provisions for two capstans at Curra-cloe for the use of the fishermen."

Ferry carrig Bridge Committee

The following report of Ferry carrig Bridge Committee, under date 11th January was read:-

"We the undersigned having visited Ferry carrig Bridge today found the work being done satisfactorily so far as we could judge, but are of opinion that an effort should be made by the contractor to push on the completion of the Bridge, by engaging more hands, considering that almost seven months of the allotted time of nine months have lapsed

(Signed) James J. Stafford
John J. Kehoe
John Bolger
M. A. Canis

The following letter, under date 31st January 1911, was read from Mr Robert Bolhoun, Londonderry, contractor for Ferry carrig Bridge:-

"In reply to your favor of the 15th inst., re pushing on work at Ferry carrig Bridge.

I regret the delay which occurred at this work; but this was through no cause of mine, but through break downs of the Rolling Mills, and also difficulty getting the long length of steel carried by steamer and Rail, and it was required to lay them in straight lengths.

"Since this steel came to hand the Piles made very good progress, considering the severity of the weather, which was of the worst, owing to excessive wet and storm.

"I expected to be at the construction and erection, and had the ten ton crane on the ground 3 months ago, expecting to be at the construction and erection then, but for the before-mentioned causes.

"I cannot do anything definite about the Decking and construction until I get further details which I understand are under consideration, and are delayed owing to some contemplated change in the Approaches and at the opening Span."

Proposed by Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Asple and passed:—

"That the County Surveyor inform the Contractor for the erection of Ferrycarraig Bridge, that there is no cause for any further delay in proceeding with its erection."

Extra Material on Road Contract

Mr Patrick O'Neill, Ballinagarry, Gorey; Road Contractor, wrote under date 25th January:—

"I beg to apply to the Co. Council for leave to remove a quantity of road material off my contract between Gorey Street and Miss Foley's farm at Ballyrarkin, which passes to another contractor on 31st March next. I had 26 cubic Yards of stones over the specified quantity upon 10 furlongs of a road. You will understand I had it for one year only— and I am sure your Council will not expect me to leave five pounds worth of stones for the

"benefit of another man. I expected to be getting it again but did not happen to be lucky enough. Hoping I am not troubling you unduly in asking you to bring this matter before the next meeting of your Council."

The Secretary stated that he had pointed out to Mr. O'Neill that according to clause 26 of the Road Specification all materials for the roads whether broken or unbroken became the property of the Co. Council as soon as they were deposited on the roads, and they must be used by the contractor for no other purpose than the repair of the road.
Marked "Read"

Dredging Kilmore Harbour

Under date 26th January the following letter (N^o. 844-11) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:—

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant on the subject of the dredging of Kilmore Harbour; and to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council that the matter will receive attention."
Marked "Read"

The Suretyship of Rate Collectors

Mr. Michael Walsh, Rate collector, New Ross, wrote in connection with the liquidation of the Law Bar Insurance Corporation, offering to give the County Council

satisfactory personal security from the present time until the 14th April, when his Insurance with the Law Bar would have expired. This was to be regarded as a temporary arrangement to get him to the end of the half-year, and if approved the bond could be sent for signature.

He also undertook to have new bond with the Insurance Co. completed before 14th April. He thought that in the circumstances there could not be any reasonable objection to the proposal.

Mr John Walsh, Rate Collector, wrote enclosing communication from Messrs Boyle & Co. informing him that they would be able to give him completed Bond in lieu of present Insurance within the next seven days.

Proposed by Mr Ennis, seconded by Mr John Bolger and passed:—

"That Mr Michael Walsh's proposal as to his suretyship as Rate Collector be accepted, provided he submits to the Finance Committee the names of two solvent Sureties, bond to be completed when the names of the sureties have been approved of by the Finance Committee."

Insurance of Employees

The following letter under date 3rd February, 1911, was received from Messrs Kehoe & O'Sullivan:—

"We have made inquiries and find that lowest and indeed the only rate at which we could get the above insurance

"transacted in a Tariff office would be 40/- per £100. wages all round. This would mean a premium of £28. odd. Our clients of late are going in for insuring in Tariff Cos. owing to the fact that so many Non-Tariff Companies have gone to the wall and we would be inclined to advise your Council to approve of putting the insurance either with the Yorkshire or Norwich Union.

"These are old-established Companies of great financial strength.

"Awaiting the favour of your reply."

On the motion of Mr G. Walsh, seconded by Mr J. Hople "the quotation of the Walsh Insurance Corporation, Cardiff, was accepted, at £16. 16s. 6d for insurance under Workmen's Compensation Act."

Tara Hill Quarry - Tram Weighing Machine.

Tenders were received for the supply and erection of Tram Weighing Machine at Tara Hill Quarry as follows:-

W. & J. Avery .. £53.

Thompson Bros. .. £35.

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

"That the lowest Tender be accepted subject to the approval of the Finance Committee, and that they are satisfied that the specification will be complied with."

The Power of Constabulary to Prosecute under Sheep Dipping Order.

Under date 27th January 1911, the following letter was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor:—

"In accordance with the directions contained in your letter I have looked into the question as to whether the police Force have power to prosecute in Sheep Dipping cases without the instructions of the Local Authority; I beg to report as follows: By Sec. 43 (1) of the Diseases of Animals Act 1894 (57 & 58 Vic. Cap 57) It is enacted:—"That the Police Force of each Police area shall execute and enforce the Act and every Order of the Board of Agriculture".

"By Clause 12 of the Sheep Scab Order made by the Board on the 28th March 1905, which relates to the dipping of sheep, it is directed—"That the provisions of the Order where it is otherwise provided shall be executed and enforced by the Local Authority" (Such Local Authority in this instance being the County Council). You will thus see that the Act and Order were directly opposed to each other, the former providing that the Police were to enforce the Act, and the latter that the Local Authority were to do so.

"I presume the Board of Agriculture must have discovered this because on the 9th April 1910 they (the Board) made a new Order by clause 18 of which it was provided—"That without prejudice to Sec. 43 (1) of the Act of 1894 the Provisions of this Order shall be executed and enforced by the Local Authority".

"And consequently this being so the Police have full power to prosecute without any instructions from the Local Authority."

Marked "Read"

Courtown Harbour

Under date 20th December 1910 the Secretary, Board of Trade wrote (letter N^o. 15424) as follows:—

"I am directed by the Board of Trade to state for the information of the Courtown Harbour Commissioners, that it has been reported to them that the fishing boats "Condor" and "Violet" when about to enter Courtown Harbour on the 29th November last were damaged by coming into contact with spurs which were jutting out below water on the North Pier.

"The Board would be glad to be favoured with the observations of the Harbour Commissioners in the matter."

The Secretary stated he had sent a copy of this letter to the Courtown Harbour Commissioners for their observations. The Courtown Committee had forwarded the following Minute:—

"Boats struck on wreckage of old fishing boats, which they carried away, and not on spurs from Pier."

This explanation was sent the Board of Trade.

Under date 28th January the Secretary to the Board of Trade wrote as follows (letter N^o. H. 992):—

"With reference to your letter of the 5th January on the subject of the casualties to the two fishing boats "Condor" and "Violet" at Courtown on the 29th Nov^r last, I am directed by the Board of Trade to state that since receiving your letter under reference, they have been informed that the boats on entering the harbour came into

contact with the North Pier and that their sides were ripped open by bolt heads projecting from the woodwork attached to the Pier. 3 of the bolts broke off in the boat "Violet", and one of these is now in the possession of the Coast Guard Officer at Courtown.

"I am to request that the Board may be ~~in~~ favoured with the observations of the Wexford County Council having regard to this further information.

"I am at the same time to state that, from the information before the Board, it would appear that the Harbour Authorities for Courtown are the Harbour Commissioners constituted under the Courtown Harbour Act, 1824. It would seem however, from your letter under reference that the Harbour is managed by a committee of the County Council, and I am therefore to inquire whether the Council have taken over the Harbour, and, if so, in what circumstances."

The Secretary stated he had referred the first portion of the letter to the Courtown Harbour Committee for their further observations, and had given the Board of Trade the necessary information as to the Act of Parliament transferring the Harbour of Courtown to the Wexford County Council.

— Postponed for observations of Courtown Harbour Committee —

In connection with the illness of Thomas Byrne, night watchman at Courtown Harbour, a Minute was received from the Courtown Harbour Committee, that William Byrne, son of Thomas Byrne, who had been appointed as substitute was prepared to act at the same rate of wages as was paid his father.

Under date 30th January the following letter (No. 956.-11 F. B.) was read from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction:-

"In the year 1908 the Wexford County Council were good enough to place at the disposal of the Department the use of a store at Courtown Harbour in connection with the marketing of oysters landed at that place. The Department have now been approached to assist in a further experiment of this nature; and would feel very much obliged if the Council would again allow them to utilise the store in question."

The following letter was read from Harbour Master Courtown:-

"In reply to yours of 1st inst., re use of Store. I don't see that there can be any objection. I am having it cleaned up on this date, in order to give all the room possible."

Proposed by Mr Pearcocke, seconded by Mr Keppard, and adopted:- "That the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be afforded the use of the store at Courtown in connection with development of the oyster industry there."

Fishery Bye-Law

The Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarded Bye-Law for No. 2 (Wexford) Fishery District, fixing the close time for Salmon and trout on the River Slaney and Tributaries from 16th September to 31st March.

Marked "Read"

Ballyhack Harbour.

The following letter was received, under date 3rd. February, from Secretary, Waterford Harbour Commissioners, with reference to Ballyhack Harbour: -

"With reference to your letter of the 5th ultimo, the Commissioners desire me to say that, as previously explained, the provision of shelter for fishermen's boats is not a matter for which they have any funds available, as it does not fall within the scope of their duties; but in order to get over the difficulty in which your Council are placed, they will be prepared to transfer to your Council, free of any charge except the cost of the legal instrument of conveyance, the Slip which forms the dock or boat-harbour at Ballyhack thus enabling your Council to incur expenditure in connection with the place.

"If this proposal is approved by your Council, I will on hearing from you have a draft deed of conveyance prepared and forwarded to you."

Mr. Cummins gave notice of motion for next meeting: - "That the Co. Council take over the Boat Slip at Ballyhack as per the offer of the Waterford Harbour Commissioners."

Poulduff Pier.

The following Memorial which was largely signed was read from the people of Poulduff: -

"We the undersigned beg to draw your attention to a defect in the

structure of the old part of Poulduff Pier. Said defect consists in the slip, which is wrongly constructed. The steps facing the sea are a grave danger to property, and life.

Mr Webster intended in his last estimate for repairs to include said slip. During the last South East Storm which prevailed around our coast, it was a miracle of Providence that some of our Boats and nets were not lost. It is also the means of keeping one of our boats from the Quay berth. As the cost is not very large, we beg you, to consider the opinion of Mr Stafford Gaffney, who saw the defects a few days ago."

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr John Bolger the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the matter be referred to the County Surveyor; the Secretary being requested to furnish him with copy of Memorial."

Wexford Bridge.

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Hearne, the following recommendation of the Proposal Committee was adopted:-

"That the Co. Council be recommended to acquire the services of Mr. G. B. Webb of Waterford, to carry out a thorough examination of Wexford Bridge, at two guineas per day and expenses the County Council to provide boat, crew, and diver. That Mr Webb be employed to examine and report on the condition of the Deep Bridge on the same terms

as for Wexford Bridge should the Finance Committee consider it necessary.

"That our Secretary ask Mr Griffith, Engineer to the Port and Docks Board, Dublin, to name his fee for performing the services mentioned in his letter of the 19th January, his reply to be submitted to the Finance Committee, who are empowered to negotiate with him regarding the matter."

Recommendations from Finance Committee

Complaint against Accountant.

In connection with a complaint made by the Secretary against the Accountant, the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was laid before the Meeting:—

"That our Secretary having reported that Mr Donohoe had failed to keep the total abstinence pledge, and had been intemperate and neglectful of his duties, acting on the suggestion of Mr Friselle, we agree that Mr Donohoe should get a still further chance of performing his duties on condition that he furnishes our Secretary with an apology (in writing) for his conduct. That our Secretary be invested with power to dismiss Mr Donohoe from office if he observes any signs of intemperance with the Accountant.

"That this recommendation if approved by the County Council appear on the general Minutes."

The following under date 23rd January 1911,
was read from Mr Donohoe, Accountant:-

"In accordance with the terms of
the Recommendation of the Finance Com-
mittee, I hereby apologize for the conduct
complained of by you as regards me."

On the motion of Mr Creane, seconded by
Mr Asple, the recommendation of the
Finance Committee was confirmed.

Edmund Hone.

Special Meeting.
22nd February 1911.

A special meeting of the County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on the 22nd February, 1911.

Present: Mr. E. Hore (Chairman) presiding,
Other Members: Messrs. C. H. Peacocke, J. Aspley,
Gregory Walsh, James Codd, John Cummins,
Patrick Fortune, John J. Kehoe, James J. Stafford.

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

The Road Board & Road Improvement Fund.

Under date 9th February the following letter No 205 was read from the Secretary to the Road Board:-

"I am directed by the Road Board to inform you that the amount which they are prepared to allocate from the Road Improvement Fund for the purpose of grants towards works of road improvement in Ireland up to the 31st March 1912, is approximately £150,000, and that the applications which the Board have received from Local Authorities in Ireland for advances are largely in excess of the above amount.

The Board have had under consideration the question of dealing with the applications from Ireland and they have arrived at the conclusion, on the data before them, that the monies now available, (less, say, £10,000 to be set aside for miscellaneous works) will be most usefully applied by making contributions to proposed expenditures of Local Authorities on works of reconstruction, strengthening, surfacing with improved

material and steamrolling on the roads marked by a red colour on the Map sent herewith.

The mileage of the roads marked on the enclosed plan amounts approximately to 1500 miles and extends through 29 Counties.

It will be impossible to deal with the whole of the selected mileage during the ensuing year, and therefore it is intended to give priority of consideration to proposals which will secure an early improvement of the selected roads starting from certain centres namely Dublin, Belfast, Cork, Galway, and Sligo.

The Board are now prepared to receive from the County Councils of those Counties, through which the indicated roads pass, particulars of the expenditure on work which these Counties are prepared to undertake on receiving grants from the Board amounting in most cases to from one-half to three-fourths of the total expenditure on improvements.

I am to add that it is the intention of the Board to afford to representatives of the County Councils concerned an opportunity for personal conference in Dublin on some days in the first fortnight of March next. These days will be fixed after the Board have received the proposals of the County Councils prepared in view of the information given in this letter."

Under date 14th February the following letter N^o 205 was read from the Secretary to the Road Board:-

"With reference to my letter of the 9th inst. (N^o 205), stating that the Road Board were preparing to allocate from

the Road Improvement Fund the sum of approximately £150,000 for the purpose of Road improvement in Ireland, and that the Board would afford the representatives of the County Councils an opportunity of personal conference in Dublin. I am now directed by the Board to state that they have fixed Tuesday, the 7th March, for a general Conference with representatives of all County Councils in Ireland. The Conference will be held in the Shelburne Hotel, Dublin, at 11.30 a.m.

The Board will set aside the 8th, 9th and 10th of March for the purpose of seeing as many as practicable of the representatives of the County Councils, individually in Dublin in order to discuss with them the requirements of the respective Counties.

The Board would suggest for each Council attending the Conference, that representatives should, as far as this may be consistent with the wishes of the Council, be the Chairman of the Highways Committee and the County Surveyor.

I shall be glad to learn in due course whether your Council intend to be represented at the Conference, and the names of their representatives, and also whether your Council's representatives desire to have an individual conference with the Board on any of the days above mentioned."

Under date 20th February the following letter was read from A. Keogh Nolan, Secretary Irish County Councils' General Council:

"I am directed by my Executive Committee

to forward you for the consideration of your Council the accompanying Map of proposed Trunk Road Scheme prepared by the County Surveyors Association of Ireland in accordance with the arrangement arrived at on the occasion of the recent deputation to the Road Board, representing the Irish County Councils General Council, the General Committee of the Irish Roads Congress, and the County Surveyors Association.

The County Surveyors Association after careful consideration have come to the conclusion that the roads delineated on the accompanying Map are those most necessary to form the nucleus of a system of National Trunk Roads designed to benefit the agricultural and industrial development of the Country and to encourage tourist traffic.

With this conclusion my Committee concur and trust that it may commend itself to your Council.

I may point out that the proposed Map gives to each County a share, more or less, in the proposed Trunk Road Scheme, and it is anticipated that the claims of such Counties as may not appear to share in it so largely as others will receive special consideration as regards other works in their area assisted by the Board.

My Committee have had under consideration the amount of the Grant to Ireland proposed by the Road Board, and in their opinion it is both inadequate in amount to the needs of the country and inequitable in its proportion to the total fund. I send you herewith a copy of a resolution -- setting out the grounds on which the opinion of my Committee is based -- which I trust will be endorsed

by your Council."

The following is the resolution referred to in Mr. H. Keogh Nolan's letter:

Resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the Irish County Councils' General Council on the

"That the Executive Committee of the Irish County Councils' General Council emphatically protest against the proposal of the Road Board to allocate for the purpose of road improvement in Ireland a sum of only £150,000 out of the total amount of £1,600,000 estimated to be available for road improvement in the United Kingdom for the period ending 31st March 1912, as both inadequate and inequitable. That we base our protest on the following grounds:-

(1) The expressed intention of the framers of the Act to develop by improved transit facilities the resources of poorer and more thinly populated parts of the country; and the admitted greater urgent need of Ireland in this respect in comparison with other parts of the Kingdom.

(2) The intention of the Act to assist agricultural and kindred industries, and the fact that Ireland possesses one-fifth of the acreage under crops and between one-third and one-fourth of the population engaged in agriculture and fisheries in the United Kingdom.

(3) That Ireland possesses about one-fourth of the total mileage of rural roads in the United Kingdom, and that the burden for road maintenance cast on the Irish Ratepayer per £ of the annual rateable property is three times as great as that

borne by the ratepayers of Great Britain.

On these grounds we claim that Ireland's proportion of the available funds should not be less than one-fifth of the whole."

Under date 20th February the following letter was read from Mr. M. B. Ennis:

"Since my conversation on Friday when we were cut off before I had quite finished what I had to say to you it has occurred to me that it would be safer for the Wexford Council to appoint some other representative to attend the conference with the Road Board, because, although I hope to be in Dublin on March 7th, I cannot be quite sure of the date of the ^{next} meeting of the Development Commission until our meeting on Wednesday fixes it, and the matter is too important to take any risk of leaving our county council without adequate representation. I need hardly say that I shall be very glad to accompany whoever you appoint if I am in Ireland and the Council wishes me to do so.

My view of the Road Board's proposal is that the Wexford contribution towards the cost ought not to a sum equal to the present contract cost for a period of three years, because the route they propose, if considered by itself alone, would be in my judgment the reverse of advantageous to the County Wexford, it would not give communication either with the capital town of the County or with the seaport of Wexford or Rosslare Harbour for the despatch of cattle, Agricultural produce, etc., to the cross channel markets, it would have a tendency to draw trade out of the County rather than foster it internally, and it would form a section of a great tourist route over which a large volume of traffic.

entailing heavy expenditure on road maintenance would pass without much prospect of benefit to any halting place within the County.

But if the Road Board should agree to the General Councils' proposal to add a road from Enniscorthy to Athy, via Newtownbarry, Lullow, etc., then I think the Wexford Council might fairly accept a condition that they would within a period of five years steamroll the road from Enniscorthy via Wexford to Rosslare Harbour.

This would, I think, provide a system giving considerable immediate benefit to the County and capable of being gradually linked up with every portion of it, and it would only entail steamrolling between four and five miles each year.

I think it would be wise to provide your representatives with detailed figures showing the large increase in County Wexford on road expenditure during the past couple of years."

The Resolution submitted by the Irish County Councils General Council protesting against the amount of the grant was adopted on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Cummins.

Mr. Ennis proposed, Mr. Asple seconded:-

"That our Representatives at the Conference with the Road Board be instructed to adhere to the routes adopted by this Council as prepared by our County Surveyor and submitted to the Road Board."

Passed.

Mr. Peacocke proposed, Mr. Stafford seconded the following resolution:-

"That this Council are prepared to make a contribution of one fourth of the

cost of the proper construction of the routes mentioned in the preceding resolution, provided that this cost does not exceed a maximum of £500 a mile."

Passed.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins,
Seconded by Mr. James Codd, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Messrs. Ennis, Peacocke, Stafford, and the County Surveyor, be appointed the Representatives of the County Council at the proposed Conference with the Road Board."

Wexford Bridge

Under date 15th February the following letter was read from Mr. John R. Griffith, Engineer to the Port & Docks Board, Dublin:-

"I have delayed answering your letter of the 10th Inst, until I had an opportunity of seeing your County Surveyor, Mr. Gaffney.

He kindly called on me this morning and explained the wishes of your Council.

I told him that I am very full of work this Spring and would find it difficult to undertake the inspection and report during March and April. I should be glad therefore if you could conveniently get some other Engineer to undertake the work.

If however your Council are still desirous that I should advise them and can do with the delay referred to, I should be prepared to visit Wexford as often as may be found necessary to inspect the Bridge, consult with Mr. Gaffney and yourself and any Members of the Council who may wish to meet me, also to consider the reports of the experts employed by the Council for the examination of the Bridge, and finally to report to the

Council what I recommend, for a few of one hundred guineas."

Under date 20th February the following letter was read from Mr. James Price, B.A.I. M.Inst.C.E., Harbour Engineer's Office Custom House, Cork:-

"I am in receipt of yours of the 17th Inst. re Inspection and Report on Wexford timber Bridge. This work I shall be happy to undertake, provided my visit to Wexford can be arranged for the last three days of any week. My fee for the work would be Twenty Five guineas (£26.5.0), which would cover travelling and Hotel expenses."

On the motion of Mr. J. J. Kehoe, Seconded by Mr. Stafford, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Price's services be retained to inspect and report on the condition of Wexford Bridge at the figure named in his letter of the 20th February."

Food & Drugs Acts

The County Inspector, Royal Irish Constabulary, wrote asking that Sergeant Lonsney, should be appointed Ex-officio Inspector under Food & Drugs Act for Ferns Petty Sessions District, vice Sergeant Kelly resigned; and the appointment of Constable John Kelly for Gorey Petty Sessions District vice Sergeant J. Beatty.

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke. Seconded by Mr. Stafford, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Sergeant Lonsney and Constable Kelly be appointed Ex-officio Inspectors under Food & Drugs Acts for Petty Sessions Districts of Ferns and Gorey respectively."

— Watch Hut at Kilmore —

On the motion of Mr Kehoe,
Seconded by Mr. Stafford, the following resolution
was adopted:

"That the Board of Trade and Capt. Chichester, R.N., be given a right of way along the cement wall leading to Lorn Point at Kilmore Quay for the purpose of having a Watch-Hut for the Coastguards erected."

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— Courtown Harbour —

On the motion of Mr. Cummins
Seconded by Mr. Apple, the following resolution
was adopted:

"That the present Courtown Harbour Committee be appointed for three years."

— Permission to prosecute Road Contractors —

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke,
Seconded by Mr. Stafford, the following
resolution was adopted:

"That the County Surveyor be given permission to prosecute Michael Heil, Barrystown, and Mr. Mary Murphy, Castlebridge, the former in connection with the erection of a gullet under a passage on Road N^o 66^a Wexford; and the latter for neglect of Road N^o 201 Wexford."

— Re. Stephenson, Adamstown. —

Mr. M. J. Stephenson, Adamstown, applied for permission to enclose a vacant piece of ground at his premises at Adamstown, which he proposed to plant with trees.

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe,
Seconded by Mr. Cummins, the following
resolution was adopted:

"That the County Council have no objection

to Mr. Stephenson erecting the wall shown on the map submitted to this meeting provided he has a clear and valid title to the ground on which it is proposed the wall should be built."

* Recommendations of Finance Committee

The following recommendations of the Finance Committee were approved, on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Walsh:

Under date 20th February, Mr. P. Donohoe, Accountant, wrote:

"I shall thank you to ask the Finance Committee to grant me leave of absence of about 10 days from this date to enable me to recover from a severe illness.

I understand Dr. O'Connor is to call on you or send a certificate as to the nature of my illness"

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. P. Donohoe, Accountant be given 10 days leave of absence."

The following certificate from Dr. Hadden, under date 20th February, relative to illness of Mr. Richards, Assistant in County Council Office, was read:-

"I have just seen Mr. C. Richards in my study. I find him evidently very ill and with a temperature well over 100.

In my opinion it is absolutely necessary that Mr. Richards should take a conveyance home and go to bed with as little delay as possible."

The following order was made:-

"That Mr. C. Richards be given leave of absence during the continuance of his illness."

Proposed by Mr Peacocke;
 Seconded by Mr Walsh,

"That our Secretary be empowered to employ any assistance he considers necessary in view of the illness of the Accountant, Mr. Donohoe, and the Assistant Mr. Richards."

"That our Secretary be empowered to employ any additional clerks for writing up Rate Books, etc., he considers necessary."

Passed.

In connection with the Rate Collection the Secretary called the attention of the meeting to the attacks which were made on the County Council and himself by collectors Redmond and Lacey:

The following order was made: -

"That in view of the resolution of the Council adopted at the last meeting of the Council, collectors Redmond and Lacey be requested to explain the attack made by them on the Council and their Secretary in the newspapers."

In reference to the Security of Mr. Michael Walsh as Rate Collector, Mr Walsh submitted the names of the following: -

John O'Sullivan, Quay St, New Ross.

Thomas Hogan, Mary St, New Ross.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr Peacocke the Finance Committee approved of these Sureties.

Edmund Gore.