

Quarterly meeting - 12th February 1913.

The Quarterly meeting of the Wexford Co. Council, was held in Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford; on 12th February 1913.

Present :- Messrs J. Bolger (Chairman) C. A. Peacocke; J. Asple, Mr. Cloney, James Codd, Mr. Codd, J. A. Doyle, Mr. Doyle Jr., Mr. Doyle Sr., J. L. Esmonde, J. S. Hearn, Mr. Hickey, J. J. Mayler, J. O'Connor, R. A. Rice, P. Rossiter, J. J. Stafford, B. Sinnott, Lord Stopford, and P. J. Tanning.

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

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

During the Chairman's absence with the Sub-committee on the University Scholarships question, the Chair was occupied by Mr. J. S. Hearn.

Acknowledgment.

Under date 31st January 1913, the following letter was read from Mr. R. W. Elger, Solicitor to the Council :-

"I have received your letter of yesterday conveying to me the very kind vote of condolence and sympathy of the County Council in the recent sad loss which I have sustained by the death of my two sisters, and beg to thank the Council most sincerely for it.

I also wish to express to yourself how much I am obliged to you for your own personal expression of sympathy."

"On the motion of Mr. Peacocke.

Seconded by the Chairman, it was ordered that the foregoing letter be inserted on the minutes."

Estimate of Rates.

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke.

Seconded by Mr. Rossiter, 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 1913-14, as already approved by the Finance Committee, and agree that the Rates in the £ to be levied off the several Rural Districts of the County for General Rates be as follows:-

	<u>Land.</u>	<u>Buildings.</u>
Enniscorthy.	3/-	4/6
Gorey.	2/11	4/4
New Ross.	3/5	5/2
Wexford.	2/7	4/2.

and we further determine the amounts to be demanded from the urban Districts of the County be as follows:-

	<u>General.</u>	<u>Separate.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Enniscorthy	£965: 8: 0	£66: 18: 6	£1032: 6: 6
New Ross.	1139: 3: 1	84: 3: 4	1223: 6: 5
Wexford.	2048: 6: 4	157: 15: 0	2206: 1: 4

Half-yearly meeting-Proposal Committee

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the date of the half yearly meeting of the Proposal Committee was changed from 16th to 4th April."

University Scholarship Scheme.

The following Notice of motion handed in

by Mr. M. Doyle Jr., was read:-

"That the portion of the University Scholarship Scheme, which allows Scholarships and Bursaries to be held at any university or college other than a college of the National University of Ireland be rescinded."

Correspondence was read from Rev Mr. Murphy, C.C., Ferns; Hon Sec to the County Wexford Committee of the Gaelic League, asking information as to the Scholarship Scheme, and requesting the Co. Council to receive a deputation in connection with the matter.

These communications were considered at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of the 29th January, when the following resolution was moved and seconded, but defeated by a vote of 6 to 5:-

"That the Rev Mr. Murphy C.C., be informed that the County Council will be prepared to hear the deputation from the County Committee of the Gaelic League at their meeting on 12th February."

"A resolution condemning the action of the Co. Council in allowing their Scholarships to be held at Trinity College, Dublin, was read from the Gorey branch of the Gaelic League."

Mr. Hearn proposed:- "That the consideration of Mr. Doyle's notice of motion be postponed. That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Mr. M. Doyle, Junr., and the Secretary be appointed as a sub-committee to confer with the representatives of the Gaelic League with a view to arriving at a

settlement on the subject of University Scholarships."

Mr. Stafford seconded.

Passed.

The sub-committee subsequently reported:-

"We desire to report that we have discussed the matter of arriving at a settlement of the University Scholarships with the representatives of the Gaelic League. The representatives of the Gaelic League accepted the following as a compromise in the matter, on the motion of their President Rev P. J. Kehoe, P. P., seconded by their Secretary Rev M. Murphy B. C., and we recommend it to the Council for their acceptance:-

That in allocating Scholarships and Bursaries under our University Scholarship Scheme for 1913, it is hereby agreed that scholarships or bursaries will not be tenable at any university or college which has not made Irish an essential subject for their matriculation examination and up to the time when specialization begins.

That our Secretary furnish a copy of this resolution to any students who have notified their intention of competing for Scholarships or Bursaries under Scheme 1913.

That in drafting ~~the~~ next year's Scheme Representatives of the Gaelic League be associated with the committee of the Co. Council appointed for the purpose."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. M. Doyle Jr., the report of the sub-committee was adopted."

"On the adoption of the report of the sub-committee, Mr. M. Doyle Jr. by permission

of the meeting withdrew his notice of motion."

Proposed by the chairman, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the question of considering of acceptance of Mr. Ennis's resignation as the Representative of the Wexford Co. Council on the Irish Co. Councils General Council be adjourned to next meeting of the County Council."

"Mr George F. Duggan, one of the County Council scholars, wrote asking permission to reside at 48^a Drumcondra Road, Dublin, with his elder brother. Father Walsh (Dean of Residence) wrote in favour of granting Mr. Duggan's application."

"On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Fanning, Mr. Duggan's application was acceded to."

Under date 6th December 1912, the following letter was read from Mr. J. H. Finnegan, Secretary Queen's College, Belfast:-

"I am directed by the Vice-Chancellor of the Queen's University of Belfast, to transmit to you the enclosed copy of a resolution passed by the Senate of the University with regard to the foundation of Scholarships for the benefit of young men and women resident within your County, which may be held at this University. I am to ask you to be good enough to lay the same before your Council at an early meeting. I also give you the section of the Irish Universities Act 1908, which empowers Co. Councils to act in

this matter.

marked "Read."

— Waterford New Bridge. —

Letters were read from the Secretary to the joint Waterford Bridge Committee, asking for payment of final instalment of the loan for erection of new bridge at Waterford, and pointing out that it was proposed to pay the full amount of the contract to the contractors, less £2,000 retention money.

As the specification provided that the eleventh (final) instalment of the contract should not be paid until twelve months after the tenth, it was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, to refer the matter to Mr. Elger, Solicitor to the Council.

— Auditor's Reports. —

Reports of Mr. J. Mow O'Farrell, Local Government Auditor, on his audit of the accounts of the following Public Bodies in respect of the half-year ended 30th September 1912, were read:—
 Gorey Union, and Rural District Council; New Ross, " " " " "
 Wexford. " " " " "

marked "Read."

— Sealed Orders. —

Under date 12th December 1912, the Local Government Board forwarded copy of their Sealed Order, No. 52915-1912, determining the Broadway Dispensary District as the area of charge for the improvement and maintenance of two wells in the village of Broadway.

marked "Read"

Under date 11th December 1912, the Local Government Board forwarded copy of their

sealed Order No. 58611-1912, determining the Bridgetown Dispensary District as the area of charge for the improvement & maintenance of Pettitstown Well."

marked "Read."

— Approval of appointment of Rate collector. —

Under date 20th December 1912, the following letter No. 8711-12, Wexford County, was read from the Local Government Board :-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the replies to queries respecting the appointment of Mr. Edward Cummins, as Poor Rate collector in Wexford County; and I am to state that the Board have approved of this appointment of the terms set out in the query form, returned herewith, which should be carefully filed for future reference. The bond of Mr. Cummins should be submitted for the Board's inspection in due course.

The Board also desire me to inform you that the National Benefit Life & Property Assurance Company, Limited, is already on their list of approved companies."

marked "Read"

— General battle Diseases Fund. —

Under date 10th January 1913, Circular letter No. 65179-1912, miscellaneous, was read from the Local Government Board, stating that the sum assessed upon Wexford Co., in respect of its contribution to the General battle Diseases Fund was £408 : 18 : 7³/₄.

marked "Read."

— Waterford Bridge Loan. —

Under date 24th December 1912, the following letter No. 63871-12, was read from the Local

Government Board :-

"With reference to previous correspondence, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state they approve of the raising by the County Council of Wexford, of the balance, viz:- £1,000 of the loan of £11,000 sanctioned for defraying the Council's proportion of the cost of the Waterford bridge."

On the motion of Mr. Rossiter, seconded by Mr. Tanning, the following resolution was adopted :- "That the Local Government Board be requested to allow the Co. Council to consolidate the various mortgages issued in respect of £11,000 loan for the erection of Waterford Bridge, so that the full amount of loan may be covered by one mortgage."

Ruins in Ballykeroquer Graveyard.

Under date 6th November, 1912, a letter was read from Mr. M. J. Kenny, Campile, asking the Co. Council to take steps to prevent the collapse of the walls of an old ruined church or oratory at Ballykeroquer Churchyard.

"Referred to County Surveyor, and County Solicitor, for report."

Sailing's Battle Boat.

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

"That Messrs Powell & Co., Ship Owners, be requested to inform us if it is their intention to replace the Liverpool & Wexford Battle Boat on the Wexford service."

That in the event of their refusing to do so, we request the Gt Western Railway Co.,

of England, to make arrangements to place a boat for the transit of live stock on the Rosslare service."

— Examination for Assistant Surveyors. —

under date 3rd February 1913, circular letter No. 13/m. 1913, was read from the Local Government Board, stating that an examination of candidates for qualification as assistant Surveyors in Ireland, would be held under direction of the Board at the Custom House, Dublin; at 10.15 o'clock a.m., on Tuesday and Wednesday the 11th and 12th March 1913.

marked "Read"

— Landing Stage at Blackwater. —

under date 13th December 1912, the following letter No. 9628-12, F. B., was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"adverting to previous correspondence on the subject of the proposed improvement of the landing accommodation at Blackwater I have to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that the local people seem to think that the proposed open type of landing stage would be useless to them. As the Department are not in a position to provide funds for the alternative scheme suggested, and of which they doubt the practicability, perhaps you would kindly bring the present state of affairs under the notice of the Council and let me have their views on the matter. A change of site of the open type of structure would not affect the case as this would not present any engineering difficulties."

"adjourned"

Forestry.

under date 23rd December 1912, circular letter No. A. 16807:12, relative to the acquisition and preservation by the Council of Woodlands in the County, was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

"Referred to Roads Committee."

Foreign Hay & Straw Order.

Foreign Hay & Straw (Ireland) (amendment) Order of 1912. was received from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

marked "Read"

The Importation (Sheep from Scotland) Order of 1912.

under date 31st December 1912, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarded a copy of The Importation (Sheep from Scotland) Order of 1912. (No 2).

marked "Read"

Foot & Mouth Disease.

The various Orders made by the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, in connection with the outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease were laid before the meeting.

The following resolutions were read:-

From Meath County Council:-

"That in view of the present deadlock in the Irish cattle Trade, and the consequently heavy loss entailed on Irish Farmers, the members of this Council unanimously call upon the Irish Parliamentary representatives of all parties to take prompt and united action to induce the Government to take such steps as may be necessary to re-adjust the relations at present existing between the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Irish Department of Agriculture, as it is

apparent to the members of this Council, that the opinions and views of the Veterinary staff of the Irish Department as to the existence of disease amongst cattle in Ireland not only have no weight, but are absolutely disregarded by the Board of Agriculture & Fisheries, with the result that although it is the opinion of Mr. Russell and his Veterinary advisors that the County Meath is, and has been for over four months free from disease, we are still prohibited from moving cattle out of the County.

Furthermore, we call on the Irish Parliamentary representatives to insist that Mr. Asquith will remove Mr. Runciman to some other sphere of activity, as he has proved himself unsuited to be head of a Department of Agriculture. That we are also of opinion the suggested permanent 12 hours detention at ports of landing would only entail loss to traders, and that instead of being a rest and a help to cattle it would be a period of discomfort and cruelty to them, as people who know anything about cattle are aware that on landing they would not feed or rest, but abuse each other, trample and waste expensive fodder, and considerably reduce their market value.

That the time has come for united action by every elected representative public body in Ireland, and that a copy of this resolution be sent for approval and confirmation to the Co. Councils, District Councils, and Urban Councils throughout Ireland, also to the President of the Department of Agriculture, Mr. Asquith, our Parliamentary representatives, and Mr. John Redmond, M.P.,

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

"Adopted, with the deletion of the words:-
"Furthermore, we call on the Irish Parliamentary representatives to insist that Mr. Asquith will remove Mr. Runciman, to some other sphere of activity, as he has proved himself unsuited to be head of a Department of agriculture."

From Meath Farmers' Association :-

"That the present Regulations under the Cattle Diseases' Acts between Great Britain and Ireland being most unsatisfactory and prejudicial to the latter country, and an immediate Parliamentary Inquiry being necessary, we call upon the Parliamentary representatives of Ireland, (of all shades of opinion) to immediately hold a meeting to discuss the matter, and take whatever action may seem best to relieve the present deadlock in the cattle trade and prevent a recurrence of a similar state of affairs in the future."

"Adopted on the motion of the chairman."

Royal Ulster Agricultural Society :-

"That in the event of any further suspected outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in Ireland, this Society would recommend that the County Council of the County affected be empowered, as in England and Scotland, to call in an expert to co-operate with the Department of Agriculture and report to the County Council on the facts of the case."

"Adopted on the motion of the chairman."

From Lifford N. R. Co. Committee of Agriculture

Resolved:- "That we, the Tipperary N. R. Co. Committee of Agriculture, being convinced that the several outbreaks of Foot & Mouth Diseases in Ireland were caused by foreign straw, which came into this country as packing, afterwards used as bedding, we call upon the Department of Agriculture to take immediate steps to prohibit any more hay or straw being admitted into Ireland as packing. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Councils, the Co. Committees of Agriculture and the members of Parliament for our County."

"Adopted on the motion of the Chairman".

— Poisons & Pharmacy Act. —

Applications for renewals of licenses under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act, were received from the following:-

Mrs. Kennissey, New Ross.

Johanna Hogan, Castle St., Enniscorthy.

Israel Wallis, Athurstown.

R. Breen, Quay, Wexford.

Margaret Roche, Ballyanne.

Messrs Green & Son, Enniscorthy.

P. McMenamin, manager Co-operative Society.

Puice Barron, manager Enniscorthy Co-operative Agricultural Society.

"Granted on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. M. Doyle Senr."

— Illness of Mr. Hassett - Assistant Surveyor. —

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, and passed:-

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to procure any temporary assistance he may require to discharge the duties of Mr. Hassett."

Assistant Surveyor, who is suffering from pneumonia."

"That Mr. Hassett's salary be paid during his illness, and that the Secretary be instructed to claim any sums due to Mr. Hassett under the Insurance Act for Sickness Benefit."

— Quarry at Ryland Wood. —

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

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the agreement entered into between Mr. R. W. Hall Esq., Newtownbarry, and the Co. Council relative to a quarry at Ryland Wood."

— Strong Room-Committee —

The following report was read:-

"Messrs Peacocke, and Stafford, the Committee appointed to consider the question of the erection of a strong room attached to the County Council Office, met on the 18th December 1912. They reported that the strong room should be erected on the south side of the garden adjacent to the County Council Office."

"Adopted on the motion of the Chairman."

— Asylum Committee. —

The following letter from Rev R. Fitzhenry Adam, Enniscorthy;-

"I regret to have to send in to the Co. Council my resignation of the Asylum Committee. I'm no longer able to reach upon the work of this Committee, but the Rev James Rossiter C.B., here, has kindly consented to act, and I trust your Council will kindly appoint him."

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

"That James Fitzhenry be requested to reconsider his resignation as a member of the Asylum Committee."

———— Zara Hill Quarry. ————

The following letter from Mr. H. Kehoe, Clerk Wexford R. D. Council, under date 25th November 1912, was read:-

"My District Council at their meeting on the 16th inst., unanimously adopted a resolution approving of the suggestion made by Mr. Barry, County Surveyor, that the expenses of Zara Hill Quarry be chargeable to the Rural District of Gory."

The following paragraph appeared in the County Surveyor's Report:-

"Supplementing my former report about Zara Hill Quarry, I have now to inform you that recently by advertisement and otherwise I endeavoured to make arrangements to work the quarry by piece work or contract but was not successful. I consider that the best steps to be taken by the Council is to continue the existing system for the present charging the Gory Rural District a higher rate per cubic yard for the material to cover the actual cost."

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

"That in future metalling be sold from Zara Hill Quarry at the rate of 4/- per cubic yard.

That if the working expenses allow of any reduction it be taken into account in fixing the price.

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Gory Rural District Council."

Cork M. P.'s & Irish Party.

The following resolution was read from the Carrick-on-Suir Board of Guardians:-

"That this Board feels compelled to express its deep regret and disappointment at the attitude adopted by right Parliamentary representatives of the City and County of Cork in withdrawing so frequently their support from the Government and the Irish Parliamentary Party during the passage of the Home Rule Bill through the House of Commons - a Bill fraught with the entire destiny of our country and for which we have struggled so patiently and so long. It is one more proof of the disastrous consequences always resulting from a spirit of dissension and disunion so manifest in this case and which has hitherto been a curse to this unfortunate country. and as this deliberate abstention from duty at the present juncture can only mean covert opposition to the measure, we hereby call on the manhood of the City and County of Cork to assert itself once more and fall into line with the rest of National Ireland in this supreme effort to right the wrongs of our native land."

"No action taken."

Irish Flour milling Industry.

The following resolution was read from the Dublin Industrial Development Association:-

"That this Council from statistics to hand, note the large and continued imports of flour, bran and pollard into Ireland. They are of opinion the Irish Flour milling Industry should be supported to so much greater extent as to steadily diminish these flour imports. They are also of opinion that many subsidiary

industries would be materially benefited thereby, and what is of the utmost importance to an agricultural country like ours, the output of bran and pollard would be proportionally increased. We hereby urge the purchasing public to give the Irish product bearing the Irish Trade mark fair consideration.

"adopted on the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Peacocke."

— Weeds & Seeds Act. —

The following resolution was read from the Irish Seed & Nursery Trades Association :-

"The Irish Seed and Nursery Trades Association respectfully directs the attention of the county councils of Ireland to the Weeds and Agricultural Seeds (Ireland) Act 1909, and would urge on those councils and county boroughs who have not yet adopted the portion of the act referring to weeds, that the time has arrived when this portion should be made operative.

Special attention is drawn to the very great loss to agriculture and also the serious depreciation in the value of land, occasioned by the unchecked spread of weed seeds from the highways, Railway embankments and water places."

marked "Read."

— Recommendations of Finance & Roads Committee. —

The following recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee were laid before the meeting:-

"That the County Surveyor be given authority to have the necessary repairs carried out at the office of the clerk of the Crown Peace."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Rossiter."

— General authority for small repairs. —

"That the County Surveyor be given a general authority to have small repairs to all the courthouses carried out, using form 6 of the Public Bodies Order for this purpose."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Rossiter."

— Roads Nos 15 & 15^a New Ross District. —

"With reference to Roads Nos 15 and 15^a New Ross District, (Mountgarrett Road) we direct our Secretary to communicate with Mr. Jones Assistant Surveyor, and state that from the report of the County Surveyor dealing with the proposed steam-rolling of these roads and from the discussion which took place in connection with Road No. 193, the Finance and Roads Committee consider that he has discharged his duties in a very unsatisfactory manner. That we request Mr. Jones to furnish details of the agreement which he made with Mr. Whitty as regards the provision and spreading of material for steam-rolling purposes on Roads Nos 15 and 15^a and that these details be laid before the next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."

In connection with this matter the following letter from Mr. Jones was considered at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 29th January 1913 :-

"At the New Ross District meeting on 28th April 1910, there was no tender for steam-rolling Nos 15 & 15^a. Soon after Mr. Gaffney wrote to me asking me to find a man to supply

material by the cubic yard. Mr. John Whitty offered to supply and draw and spread material at 7/- per yard; 4/- to be paid on delivery and 3/- when spread. Mr. Gaffney accepted this offer.

I have some correspondence on the subject, and would wish to attend your meeting."

"Mr. Jones attended the meeting and explained - "that he had carried out Mr. Gaffney's instructions in the matter. He admitted that no arrangement had been made as to providing men to attend upon the steam roller. Although for similar work on an adjoining contract at practically the same rate of payment, these men had been provided by Mr. Whitty."

The following recommendation was adopted:-
"That we express our dissatisfaction with the manner in which Mr. Jones is performing his duties as Assistant Surveyor, and that the County Surveyor be directed to inform the Council at the May meeting, if any improvement is shown in his methods of work by Mr. Jones in the meantime."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Rossiter."

Statistics of Traffic etc., for Road Board.

"That the County Surveyor be given instructions to incur such expenses as may be necessary to obtain statistics of traffic and tests of material to be used in connection with the proposed Grants from the Road Board for the improvement of certain roads in the County."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr. Peacocke,
seconded by Mr. Rossiter."

— Temporary Assistant Surveyor. —

At the meeting of the Committee on the 29th January, the County Surveyor in his report stated that Mr. O'Connor the temporary assistant surveyor had been giving very good attention to his work, and it would be advisable to continue Mr. O'Connor in office for some time longer and pending the making of a permanent appointment, as it might be advisable to make some change in the supervision of the district between the two assistants having charge of it.

The following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That the services of Mr. O'Connor, temporary Assistant Surveyor, be retained for a further period of six months, salary to be at the rate of £80 per annum."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr. Peacocke
seconded by Mr. Rossiter."

— Exc. Assistant Surveyor Howlin. —

The County Surveyor reported to the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 8th December 1912, that he had found Mr. Howlin's report books had been made out in a very unsatisfactory manner, and he suggested that clerical assistance should be provided for about a week in order to have them properly written up.

The following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That our Secretary inform Mr. Howlin that his books which were laid before this day's meeting, were found to be in a very unsatisfactory condition, and that, unless he is

prepared to re-write his books in the office of the County Surveyor, and to the satisfaction of the latter, we recommend the County Council to have the work performed at his expense, amount to be deducted from the salary due to him from the 30th September to the date of acceptance of his resignation".

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Rossiter."

— Weights & Measures Act. —

For the supply of scale beams to be used as County local standards and the Co. Standard Yard Bed No. 764, tenders were considered at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 18th December 1912.

The following order was made:-

"That we accept the tender of Messrs Doyle & Son, Newcomen Street, Borough, London; at £19: 10/- for scale beams, and £5: 7/- for yard bed, total £24: 15/- on condition that the articles are approved by the Board of Trade as suitable for their requirements, payment to be made only on a certificate being received to this effect from the proper officer of the Board of Trade."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Rossiter."

at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on the 29th January 1913, a letter was read from the County Inspector R. J. C., relative to the provision of new scale beams etc., for Wexford Borough.

the following recommendation was agreed to :-

"In reference to letter of 14th December from the Constabulary as to providing scale beams for use as local standards in the Borough of Wexford, the Finance & Roads Committee of the Co. Council consider that the necessary verification could be carried out by the use of the County Scale Beams."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Rossiter."

Holidays.

Under date 18th December 1912, Mr. J. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor wrote applying for leave of absence from 21st to 29th December inclusive.

Mr. J. Lannen, foreman Tara Hill Quarry, wrote applying for leave of absence from 24th to 28th December.

"Both applications which were considered at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of the 18th December 1912, were acceded to."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Rossiter."

Co. Council Staff.

"Recommendations granting leave of absence to Mr. Richards, Co. Council Staff, during his illness and approving of the provision of temporary assistance in the meantime were laid before the meeting."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Rossiter."

Doran's Hill Quarry.

at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 29th January 1913, the following recommendations were adopted :-

"With regard to the proposal to charge 3/6 per cubic yard for broken material at Doran's Hill Quarry, the arrangements was approved, the amount to be deducted at the rate of 3/6 per cubic yard from the payments to the road contractors using the quarry."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Rossiter."

District Councillors & Road Contractors.

"That the attention of the Enniscorthy Rural District Council be called to the fact that a report has been received from the County Surveyor, that Mr Morgan Dunne, Cloheadon, Enniscorthy, a district councillor of Enniscorthy District, has the contract for road No. 291 Enniscorthy District; and was found working on this road by Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, on the 18th January."

"On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Rossiter, the following resolution was adopted :- That the attention of the Local Government Board be called to the resolution of the Finance and Roads Committee in reference to the report of the Co. Surveyor as to a District Councillor in Enniscorthy R. District - Mr M. Dunne - being a road contractor."

Temporary Clerk - Co. Surveyor's office.

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to employ a temporary clerical assistant

for four weeks, salary to be £1 per week."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Rossiter."

— Resident Engineer Deeps Bridge. —

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to advertise for a Resident Engineer or Clerk of Works for the new bridge at the Deeps, salary £3 per week, appointment to be made at the special meeting of the Council on the 26th February."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Rossiter."

— Rate Collection. —

"That Mr. J. L. Doyle, Rate collector, be called on to resign at the close of the present collection, if he fails to give the security of a guarantor society."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Rossiter."

"That our Secretary communicate with the Rate collectors and their sureties who have not at least 25 per cent of their collection made, and point out that the Finance & Roads Committee consider that these collectors have exhibited a lack of diligence in the discharge of their duties. That the state of the Rate collection be submitted to the meeting of the Council on 12th February, and that special attention be called to those collectors complained of at this meeting."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Rossiter."

Analyst's Report.

the following report was read :-

City Laboratory,
17 Castle Street,
Dublin - 1st Feby 1913.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, B.Sc., M.D.,
Public Analyst, for the County Wexford, on
articles submitted to him for analysis
during the quarter ended 31st December 1912

182 articles were received from the Food
Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows...

<u>article</u>	<u>number</u>
milk	59
Butter	42
whiskey	34
Buttermilk	27
cheese	5
Rum	4
margarine	4
Port Wine	2
Ginger Wine	1
claret	1
Gin	1
Sherry wine	1
Brandy	1
Total	<u>182</u>

There were five certificates sent to Sergeant
Scully, Wexford; for specimens of buttermilk
adulterated with at least 13. 15. 25. 25 and 38
per cent of added water respectively, exclusive
of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes.

Two certificates were sent to Sergeant Ruane
New Ross, for specimens of milk adulterated
with at least 6.25 and 8.9 per cent of added
water.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant

white, Zaghamon, for specimen of whiskey which was 32 degrees under proof and was therefore adulterated with 9.33 per cent of water.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Toroney, Ferns, for specimen of whiskey which was 32 degrees under proof and was therefore adulterated with 9.33 per cent of water.

Two specimens of water analysed for the New Ross Rural District Council had the following compositions.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

	<u>No. 1.</u>	<u>No. 2.</u>
Total solid matter	118.300	21.000
Including	0.	
albuminoid ammonia	0.005	0.0065
saline ammonia	0.0015	0.0015
nitric acid	16.250	0.620
chlorine	25.940	1.780
colour.	almost colourless	light yellow

Both fit for use.

One specimen of water analysed for the Wexford Rural District Council had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matter	28.000
Including	
albuminoid ammonia	0.004
saline ammonia	0.003
nitric acid	0.870
chlorine	2.1877
colour	almost colourless

a very good water.

From Gorey union nine drugs were received. Three are in process of analysis. Two of the remainder were incorrect.

From Enniscorthy union twelve drugs were received. Three are in process of analysis. One of the remainder was incorrect.

Two specimens of feeding stuff were analysed for messrs John Daly & Son, Wexford.

One specimen of feeding stuff was analysed for W. H. Allen, Esq. Wexford.

For Shillelagh Union, which is partly situated in the county Wexford, nine drugs were received. Three were incorrect. The remainder are in process of analysis.

In the original reports on the waters above referred to, full details, chemical and microscopical, were given, but in the foregoing only the more important points are given.

Total analyses.	218
adulterated & defective articles	13.

B. A. Cameron.

marked "Read."

Special meeting - 26th February 1913.

A special meeting of the Wexford Co. Council was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse Wexford, on 26th February 1913.

Present :- Mr. John Bolger (Chairman) presiding.
Other members :- Messrs J. Asple, Cloney, James Codd, Mark Codd, J. A. Doyle, Michael Doyle Junr., Michael Doyle Senr., Sir J. H. G. Esmonde Bart., M. Gough, J. S. Hearn, Michael Hickey, A. Kinsella, James Lynch, J. J. Mayler, John O'honor, Patrick O'hill, G. H. Peacocke, R. A. Rice, Patrick Rossiter, J. J. Stafford, David Sinnott, J. L. Esmonde.

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

———— Courtown Harbour. ————

The following recommendation adopted at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 26th February, was read :-

"That the recommendation of the Courtown Harbour Committee that the Harbour master procure one dozen ear poles at a cost not exceeding £2 be approved."

"On the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, seconded by the Chairman, the foregoing recommendation was confirmed."

———— Deeps Bridge. ————

The Finance & Roads Committee reported :-

"We have received three tenders for the erection of the Deeps Bridge. Only one, that of the British Reinforced Concrete Co., was found in order. It provides for the

erection of the Bridge proper for a sum of £3713 : 2 : 11 including the construction of a damp proof course, and the provision of foot traffic. We recommend the Co. Council to accept the tender.

We also recommend the acceptance of the tender of the Cleveland Bridge & Engineering Co., for the erection of the bascule or opening span at £1250.

As none of these tenders provide for the payment of Engineer's fees, we direct the Co. Surveyor to provide for these by a proposal at the next quarterly meeting.

We recommend these tenders be accepted subject to the Local Government Board sanctioning the loan of £5,000 and that the tenders be not operative if the Local Government Board refuses such sanction, and subject to the security on enquiry by our Solicitor, being found satisfactory.

"On the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde seconded by Mr. Hearn, the foregoing recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed."

— Resident Engineer - Deep's Bridge. —

Applications for the position of Resident Engineer for Deep's Bridge, at a salary of £3. per week, were received from :-

M. Hassett, Assistant Surveyor, Fairy Hill Castlebridge.

Ronayne Jennings, 113 Quay, Waterford.

Felix McMahon, Dumbarton.

J. H. Stanton, Rathmines, Dublin.

Gerald Fitzgerald, Lismore.

George Lee, Galway.

D. D. Frew, Glasgow.

A. B. Brislawn, Dublin.

Arthur Williams, Cork.

P. J. Rice, Dublin.
 E. B. Caulfield, Saltnills, Co. Wexford.
 J. J. Harding, Newry.
 John P. O'Dowd, Sligo.
 D. J. Murnane, Dromore, Co. Down.
 A. Christison, Portland, Dorset.
 W. H. Kenny, Youghal.
 W. Henry, Rochdale.
 R. J. Cooke, Harrow-on-the-Hill.
 J. J. Hardiman, Galway.
 Wm Morrison, Bagnalstown.
 A. Redmond, Wexford.
 R. W. Hayward, Nottingham.

A poll was taken with the following result:-
 For Mr. Jennings:- Messrs Asple, John Bolger,
 M. Cloney, Jacobd, Mark Good, J. A. Doyle,
 M. Doyle Jr., M. Doyle Sr., J. L. Esmonde, Sir J.
 Esmonde, J. S. Hearn, James Lynch, P. O'Neill,
 C. H. Peacocke, R. A. Rice, P. Rossiter, J. J. Stafford. 17.
 For Mr. Hassett:- Messrs M. Gough, M. Hickey,
 J. J. Mayler, John O'Connor. 4.
 For Mr. Murnane:- Mr. A. Kinsella. - 1
 For Mr. Redmond:- Mr. David Sinnott. - 1.

"The chairman declared Mr. Jennings elected
 as Resident Engineer or Clerk of Works, for the
 Dups Bridge at a salary of £3 per week, on
 the terms of the advertisement, and the
 conditions attaching to the appointment by
 the County Surveyor, and approved by the
 Finance Committee."

— Tobacco Growing in Gorey District. —

The following recommendations adopted at
 the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee
 on 26th February, were confirmed on the
 motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Peacocke:-

"That we request the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to agree to the appointment of a joint deputation to Mr. J. W. Russell, Vice President of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to lay before him the views of the Wexford Co. Council in connection with the encouragement of the growth of tobacco in Gorey District. That Father Sweetman, Mount St. Benedict, Gorey, be requested to accompany the deputation, and that we ask the Co. Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, to appoint at its meeting on Friday 28th February, two representatives to act with the representatives of the Co. Council in connection with this matter."

"That Messrs J. S. Heam, and P. J. Fanning be appointed as representatives of the County Council."

— Appointment - Chief Tuberculosis Officer. —

Applications for the appointment of Chief Tuberculosis Officer at a salary of £400 per annum, and £100 for travelling expenses were received from:-

Dr. William O'Connor, New Ross.

Dr. W. P. Kelly, Enniscorthy.

Under date 14th February 1913, the Local Government Board wrote - letter No. 6009-1913. approving of the salary of £400 per annum, and £100 for travelling expenses for the holder of the appointment.

Conditions of the appointment etc. having been dealt with, the following was agreed to on the motion of the Chairman:-

"This appointment is to be determined

by twelve month's notice at either side, should the scheme for any reason be abandoned."

"Both candidates agreed to this condition."

A poll was taken with the following result:-
For Dr. O'Connor:- messrs Bloney, Bolger, James Codd, J. A. Doyle, M. Doyle Jr., M. Doyle Sr., J. S. Hearn, M. Hickey, A. Kinsella, J. J. Mayler, C. H. Peacocke, R. A. Rice, P. Rossiter, J. J. Stafford, D. Sinnott-15.

For Dr. Kelly:- messrs J. Asple, M. Codd, J. L. Comonde, Sir J. Comonde, M. Gough, James Lynch, J. O'Connor, P. O'Neill, - 8.

The Chairman then declared Dr. O'Connor elected. Dr. O'Connor returned thanks.

The following is the application of the successful candidate:-

"I beg to apply for the position of Tuberculosis Officer for County Westford. I have, for the past ten years been Dispensary medical officer and M. O. H., in New Ross, during which time I have given satisfaction to the Board of Guardians and the Local Government Board.

As my district includes the town and a large county area, I am familiar with the condition of the lives of the poor, in town & country, and amongst them I have met only too much Tuberculosis.

I studied for the qualifications of the Royal College of Surgeons, and Royal College of Physicians at the Catholic University Medical School, Dublin, where I gained three medals and a School Exhibition.

I also acted a Prosector (of anatomy) there, to the late Professor Birmingham.

I served as Resident Pupil in the Mater

Hospital and also as House Surgeon; to the late position I was elected for a second term.

I have also acted as Resident Physician to Cork Street Fever Hospital, Dublin.

Last July I commenced a course of instruction on Tuberculosis at the Collier Tuberculosis Dispensary and Allen Ryan Hospital, Dublin.

If elected, I will complete the course as required by the Local Government Board, also I will use every effort to make your scheme a success and to perform the duties of Tuberculosis officer to your satisfaction.

— Secondary School Scholarships. —

The following resolution of the Irish Co. Councils' General Council, relative to the proposed scheme of the Chief Secretary for Ireland, of Scholarships tenable at Secondary Schools by boys and girls from Primary Schools, was read :-

"As the Report of the Standing Committee on Legislation clearly shows that acceptance of the Chief Secretary's draft scheme for Scholarships would involve in the case of the great majority of Irish Co. Councils the following disadvantages, viz :-

- (1) Breach of the agreement re Essential Irish with the National University of Ireland.
 - (2) Deprivation of all control by the County Councils over their own Scholarships.
 - (3) Decreased educational advantages.
 - (4) Increased financial responsibilities.
- we decline to accept these proposals. We withdraw our application for Treasury assistance for this purpose, and we request

the Chief Secretary to substitute therefor an addition to Section 10 of the Irish Universities Act, 1908, giving to County Councils power to apply in their discretion sums not exceeding one-third of the amount raised under the authority of this Section to the provision of Scholarships in secondary schools for students from Primary Schools in accordance with the provisions of a Scheme therefor to be settled by the Irish Co. Councils' General Council and approved by the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland."

The following recommendation from the Finance & Roads Committee on the 26th February, was read :-

"That this County Council are prepared to support a Scheme for the establishment of Scholarships at Primary and Secondary Schools which will not deprive them of control in the allocation of any Scholarships which are financed by the rates."

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

— Erection Sign Posts. —

Mr. Barry, County Surveyor reported :-

"I have received from the Wexford Roads Improvement Association a notification that they have in hands a number of direction signs for erection, and they have asked that the County Council should provide and erect posts to carry same. I have in hands a small balance from a former proposal for this class of work, and I ask for your directions as to whether I should meet the views of the Improvement Committee."

On the motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Sir J. Esmonde, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That we instruct our County Surveyor, to erect sign posts provided by the Wexford Roads Improvement Association, so far as the funds which he has in hands will allow."

— Women's National Health Association —

Under date 12th February 1913, Lady Aberdeen forwarded programme with reference to forthcoming National Health Week beginning April 5th, and which has for its object the bringing before the public generally the importance of conserving the public health.

"adjourned"

— motor car act. —

Under date 19th February 1913, the Local Government Board wrote letter No. 8885-1913, misc., that by the Expiring Laws Continuance Act 1912, which has received the Royal Assent, the motor car act 1903, was continued until the 31st December 1913."

marked "Read."

John Bolger