

QUARTERLY MEETING.- 11th FEBRUARY 1915.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 11th February 1915.

Present:- Mr John Belger, Chairman, presiding.

Also:- Messrs C. H. Peacocke, The Earl of Courtown, L, Barry R. Scallan, A. Kinsella, J. J. Stafford, J. Lynch, J. J. Kehoe, James Codd, M. Cloney, J.A. Doyle, N. Cowman, M. Codd, P. Whelan, M. Doyle, Thomas Asple.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The late Lord Courtown.

On the motion of the Chairman, Seconded by Mr Peacocke, the following letter from Lord Courtown, was ordered to be inserted on the Minutes:-

"Dear Mr Frizelle,

Will you please convey to the County Council my sincere thanks for the kind resolution of sympathy passed on the death of my Father. Although he was personally unknown to most of the Members, I can assure them that up to the last he always took the keenest interest in the work of the County Council, and in all matters concerning the County Wexford.

I also beg to thank you personally for your kind expressions of regret."

The late Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following resolution from the Finance & Roads Committee, was adopted:-

"That we offer our deep sympathy to the family of the late Mr R. W. Elgee, the trusted Solicitor to this Council, Mr Elgee during his long professional career in Wexford earned the respect and esteem of everyone with whom he transacted business. As the legal Adviser to the County Council he was the personal friend of each member of the body, and we on behalf of the Finance & Roads Committee, and of our Colleagues on the Council desire to place on record our appreciation of the great services rendered this Council by the late Mr Elgee, and of our sorrow at his demise."

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following reply to vote of sympathy from Mr R. W. Elgee, Junr., was ordered to be inserted on the Minutes of the Meeting:-

"Dear Mr Frizelle,

Will you please convey to the County Council of Wexford, at their next Meeting the thanks of my Mother, Sisters, Brothers, and myself, for their Resolution of Sympathy passed to us all on the death of my Father. It is a great consolation to us all in our great bereavement to know that he was held in such great esteem by everybody throughout our County and especially by your Council. Personally I have also to thank you for your very high expressions, and I may say that my late Father held a very high opinion of your abilities, and he had as much pleasure in his business relations with you as you had with him."

Solicitorship to the County Council.

The following Minutes from Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 27th January, were submitted to the Meeting:-

"That we recommend the County Council to pay their newly appointed Solicitor by salary instead of by fees. We recommend that a sum of £200 per annum, with out of pocket expenses in addition, should be allocated for the position by the County Council."

"That Mr R. W. Elgee be appointed as Solicitor to the County Council, pending the appointment of a permanent Solicitor."

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

"That the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee be confirmed, advertisements to state that the person appointed to the position must pay his own travelling expenses."

"It was decided that appointment of new Solicitor be made on 24th February at 2.30 p.m.,"

Congratulations to Sir David Beatty.

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

"That this County Council representing the Ratepayers of the County Wexford desire to place on record their appreciation of the great victory of the British Fleet on January 24th last, led by our fellow County man, Vice Admiral Sir David Beatty, and we wish him all success in the future in

helping to crush Militarism which threatens the liberties of the people of the British empire."

"On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by the Chairman, the Standing Orders were suspended to allow of the foregoing resolution being moved."

Rates for 1915-6.

On the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by Mr Lynch, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we hereby adopt the Estimate of our Secretary for Rates for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1915-6, as already approved by the Finance & Roads 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>Other Hereditaments.</u>
Enniscorthy.....	3/6	5/2
Gorey.....	3/2	4/7
New Ross..... ..	3/11	5/9
Wexford.....	2/9	4/3

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

	<u>General.</u>	<u>Separate.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Enniscorthy...	£1078. 18. 4	£1. 9. 0	£1080. 7. 4
New Ross.....	1381. 1.11	18.19.9	1400. 1. 8
Wexford.....	2012. 17.7	10. 1.2	2022.18.9

which allow of law Costs being treated as a County-at-large expenditure from which Urban Districts are exempt."

Audits of Accounts of Public Bodies.

The Local Government Board forwarded reports of their Auditor in connection with his audit of the Accounts of the following in respect of half-year ended 30th September 1914, with attested Abstracts of the Accounts, Viz:-

Enniscorthy District Asylum.

Tuberculosis Committee.

Wexford Union and Rural District Council.

Marked "Read"

Sealed Orders of Local Government Board.

The Local Government Board forwarded Order No. 40728: 1914, pump at Duncannon, area of charge New Ross Rural District, also Sealed Order No. 40728-1914, Sewerage of Duncannon, area of charge New Ross Rural District, and Order No. 54797 : 1914, sewerage of Arthurstown, area of charge Rural

District of New Ross.

Marked "Read".

Local Authorities (Disqualification Relief) Act 1914.

Under date 15th January, the Local Government Board wrote calling attention to the provisions of the Local Authorities (Disqualification Relief) Act 1914, which provided that any soldier or sailor engaged in active service shall not by reason of his absence on that service be disqualified or vacate his office as a member of any County Borough or district Council or Board of Guardians or incur any fine or other liability."

Marked "Read".

Proposed Special Account for Payment of Wages.

On the 2nd December 1914, the County Council adopted the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That the County Council be recommended to agree to the proposal of the ~~proposal of the~~ County Surveyor to open a Special Account in his own name in order to provide for payment of wages to quarrymen etc., amounts expended to be recouped after each meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee, and amount of interest in any overdraft to be deducted from the Interest on the credit balance of the General Account of the Co Council."

The Local Government Board in reply wrote under date 17th December 1914, (No. 66814 :1914 Wexford County) that the resolution would not appear to be in accordance with law. And apart from the question of legality a system under which the same Officer would both certify and make payments would be undesirable from an accounting point of view.

The Secretary stated that in view of this letter he had laid before the Local Government Board the circumstances of the present unsatisfactory method of financing payments to quarrymen etc.,

The following letter under date 28th January 1915, and No. 71,371 : 1914, Wexford County, was read from the Local Government Board:-

"With reference to your letter of the 21st ultimo, relative to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to open a special account in the Co. Surveyor's name to provide for payments of wages etc., to quarrymen and other men employed by the Council in connection with road works, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to point out that it was decided by the Lord Chief Baron in re Tipperary Presentment (1898, 2 I.R., 508) that such advances on a prospective estimate of expenses are illegal.

As regards your request that the Board would suggest any method of

meeting such payments which would obviate the difficulties felt by the Wexford County Council in carrying out of the present system, I am to inform you that the Donegal County Council, in circumstances very similar to those obtaining in County Wexford, decided after consultation with the Board's Inspector of Audits, that the Finance Committee should meet fortnightly, that it should consist of all the members of the County Council, three to form a quorum, and that it might meet at such of the various local centres as the convenience of the members and special circumstances might require.

I am to suggest that a similar arrangement might possibly meet the difficulties felt by the Wexford County Council in the present system of making payments to workmen, etc.,"

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

"That in future the meetings of the Finance & Roads Committee be held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2.30 p.m., the ordinary business of said Committee to be transacted at the meeting to be held on the third Wednesday."

Payment of Solicitor's Costs.

Under date 14th December 1914, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 68,223 : 1914) relative to bill of Costs furnished by Mr William H. Dunne, Solicitor to the National Bank. The Local Government Board in view of the small amount involved stated they would raise no objection to taxation of these costs being dispensed with provided the Council will be prepared to satisfy the Auditor as to the reasonableness of the charges.

A similar letter under date 9th February 1915 (No.7,101 : 1915, Wexford County) was received from the Local Government Board, relative to payment of £4. 2. 6d, costs of Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, in connection with acquirement of way-leave to Garrylough quarry.

"On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the bills of costs of Mr Dunne for £9. 1. 4d and Messrs Huggard & Brennan for £4. 2. 6d were ordered to be paid."

National Insurance Act.

Under date 14th December 1914, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 66,932-1914, Miscellaneous, Cork Co.,) that it had been held by the Court of Appeal that the contributions of County Councils under the National Insurance Act 1911, as employers of workmen on roads and public works must be

dealt with as district, county-at-large, or partly district and partly County-at-large charges, following the chargeability of the expenses of the works on which the workmen concerned are employed.

" The Secretary stated that the directions of the Local Government Board in this matter was carried out."

Marked "Read"

Courts (Emergency Powers) Act 1914.

The Local Government Board forwarded under date 18th December 1914, (letter No. 68302 : 1914) copy of the Courts (Emergency Powers) Act 1914, passed in connection with the present War.

Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1914.

Under date 8th January 1915, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarded Circular letter V. B., No. 2984 : 1914, explanatory of the provisions of Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1914.

In connection with testing of milk for tuberculosis under Tuberculosis Ireland Order 1914, the Department wrote under date 2nd January 1915, (letter No. 5399 : 14) approving of the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee to continue until 11th February the arrangement by which this work was carried out by Mr R. Malone, V. S., at the rate of 7/6 per sample.

Under date 1st February 1915, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote that it was permissible under the new Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order to authorise the Veterinary Inspectors of the Local Authority to issue Forms T 4, and T5.

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

"That we authorise the Veterinary Inspectors of the County Council to serve the requisite notices under Article 5 (1) and Article 4 (6) of Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order 1914, on behalf of the Local Authority."

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

"That the bacteriological examinations of samples of milk under the Tuberculosis Order of 1914, be carried out by Mr R. Malone, V. S., Wexford, for the period to the 31st December 1915, at a fee of 7/6 per sample."

Claim for Posting Notices.

Under date 25th January 1915, the Department of Agriculture and

Technical Instruction (letter No. 453-15 F.B.,) forwarded for the observations of the Council claim of 3/- from John Redmond, lamplighter, Poulduff Pier, for labour and cost of flour in connection with the posting of Admiralty Notices dealing with the War.

The Department pointed out that this was the first claim they had received in connection with the work.

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

"That the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be informed that the County Council have no funds available for the payment of the claim of Mr John Redmond for posting notices on Poulduff Pier."

Hay & Straw (Movement from Gt Britain to Ireland) Order of 1914

(No. 4)

Under date 16th December 1914, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarded above Order prohibiting the landing of hay or straw from Great Britain except as expressly provided for.

Marked "Read"

Council of Agriculture.

Under date 11th December 1914, the Secretary to the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (letter No.G 4587-14) as to appointment of two representatives of the Wexford County Council on the Council of Agriculture as from 1st April 1915, for a term of three years.

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

"That Messrs John Bolger and C. H. Peacocke, be appointed as representatives of the Wexford County Council on the Council of Agriculture for three years as from 1st April 1915."

Application of Enactments Order.

The following resolution of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction was brought before the Meeting:-

"That we request our Members of Parliament to bring before the Irish Parliamentary Party the necessity which exists for an amendment of Article 12 (4) (e) of Application of Enactments Order of Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, which deprives members of County Councils, and County Committees or any members of their family with whom they reside from obtaining nominations for mares and keeping premium bulls and boars. the restriction has prevented several districts of the County from being properly represented

on the County Committee. The County Wexford Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction would point out that, if it had not been for the assistance afforded in the past by members of the Committee keeping premium bulls, the Cattle Scheme would have been a dead letter in several parts of the County. As a matter of fact, the Members of the Committee, who, in the past held premiums for bulls, procured these animals for the welfare of the district and not for any pecuniary benefit derived."

The Secretary stated that owing to the restrictions caused by Article in question Mr John Doyle, Carrig, Bree, had resigned his membership of the County Committee of Agriculture. The latter had accepted the resignation with regret, and asked the County Council to elect Mr Asple, County Councillor, vice Mr Doyle.

The following reply on behalf of the Chief Secretary for Ireland received by Sir Thomas Esmonde M. P., in answer to a question in the House of Commons, was read for the Meeting:-

"With reference to your letter of the 26th ultimo, and enclosed resolution of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, suggesting that a Bill should be introduced to repeal the Application of Enactments Order 1898, by which members of Committees appointed under the Agriculture & Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899, are not permitted to participate in the benefits resulting from County Schemes, I am desired by Mr Birrell to say that while cases of individual hardship may arise from the enforcement of this Order the principle underlying it is undoubtedly sound, viz.-that Members of statutory bodies, being in the position of trustees for the public, should not be permitted while holding such fiduciary position to obtain any direct financial benefit from the funds administered by them."

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

"That our Secretary again communicate with the Parliamentary Representatives of the County and point out to them that unless some alteration be made in the law dealing with the question of financial benefit from schemes as defined under Article 12 (4) (e) Application of Enactments Order, it will not be possible to secure the services of a Committee which will command public confidence. We recognise that in the main the principle of the Article is sound but we consider its present application too drastic. We desire to point out to the Department that we fail to see why a person

obtaining a nomination for a mare should be debarred from holding office as the selection of mares is made by a judge and Veterinary Surgeon appointed by the Department.

Unless some change be effected the County Council will feel compelled to discontinue the striking of a rate under the Agriculture & Technical Instruction Act."

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

"That Mr Thomas Asple, be appointed a Member of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, vice Mr John Doyle, Carrig, Bree, resigned."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Licences under above Act, were applied for by Patrick C. Lett, Hotel, Ferns and Joseph Conroy, 3 Castle Street, Enniscorthy, and renewals if existing licences were applied for by Messrs N. Thackaberry, Newtownbarry, Israel Wallis, Arthurstown, P. McMenamin, Ballycanew Co-operative Society, Richard Breen, Commercial Quay, Wexford.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Kinsella, it was decided that the above licences and renewals be granted.

Duncannon Harbour.

Under date 25th January 1915, the Secretary to Waterford & Duncannon Steamboat Co., Ltd., wrote complaining that the Company would be obliged to discontinue the service unless they could get the use of the dock at Duncannon whenever they required it.

The matter had been before the Finance & Roads Committee and had been referred to the County Surveyor for report.

"Referred to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee for report of County Surveyor."

Ballyhack Boat Slip.

Under date 20th January 1915, a resolution protesting against the action of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction in stopping the construction of new dock at Ballyhack was received from Mr P. Cummins, Ballyhack, Hon Sec., to Meeting of Fishermen, and others interested.

"The Secretary stated that the Department had proposed re-starting the work on 1st February, and intimation of the fact had been conveyed to Mr Cummins."

Mr Cloney stated that the work had been restarted by the Department, and in consequence no further action was taken.

Lighting Lamps at Ballyhack Boat Slip.

The Finance & Roads Committee recommended the acceptance of the proposal of P. Cummins, Ballyhack, to light two lamps at Ballyhack Boat Slip at £8 per annum. Mr Cummins to supply oil etc., necessary for the working of the lamps.

"On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr James Codd, the minute of Finance & Roads Committee appointing Mr Cummins lamplighter, was confirmed."

Courtown Harbour.

Under date 6th January 1915, Mr P. Stapleton, Harbour Master, Courtown, applied for permission to perform temporary police duty at Courtown Harbour.

"The Finance & Roads Committee recommended that the necessary permission be given."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Lord Courtown, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee in the matter was confirmed."

Claims for alleged Accidents on Roads,

Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Wexford, wrote claiming £12. 15/- for injuries caused to mowing machine, etc., at Milltown, Ballycullane, the property of Sarah Ryan.

They also wrote of their intention to claim in connection with accidents to Mrs Morgan Connors, Castlebridge, and William Doyle, Scullabogue.

In the case of Sarah Ryan the County Surveyor had communicated with the Insurance Co., as to claim. He stated that the accident to Mrs Connors did not take place on a public road.

The Finance & Roads Committee had referred the claim of William Doyle, Scullabogue, to Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor on behalf of the Co. Council.

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocks, the recommendations of Finance & Roads Committee were approved."

New Telegraph Line.

Under date 5th February 1915, the Acting Superintending Engineer, Post Office, asked for the consent of the County Council to the erection of an overground telegraphic line on the road between Kilmore Quay Coastguard Station and The Look out.

"On the motion of Mr Barry, seconded by Mr James Codd, the request of

Postmaster General for erection of telegraph line at Kilmore Quay Coastguard Station was agreed to."

Mary Street, Enniscorthy.

The Enniscorthy Urban Council forwarded the following resolution for confirmation by the County Council:-

"That the portion of Mary Street, from Railway Crossing to Barrack St., be closed it now being of no use as a thoroughfare, said part of street to be set out on map to be provided."

This matter was considered at Finance & Roads Committee Meeting when the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we are prepared to recommend the County Council to confirm the resolution of the Enniscorthy Urban District Council as regards the closing of portion of Mary Street, Enniscorthy, provided the Urban Council furnishes a guarantee to indemnify the County Council against the costs of any legal proceedings which may be brought against the County Council as the result of their confirmation of the resolution of Enniscorthy Urban District Council relative to the closing of portion of Mary Street, Enniscorthy."

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, Seconded by Mr Kinsella, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That as recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee we confirm the resolution of Enniscorthy Urban District Council as to closing of Mary Street, Enniscorthy, from Railway Crossing to Barrack Street, said confirmation being conditional on receipt of guarantee from Enniscorthy Urban Council indemnifying the County Council against any law proceedings which may be taken in connection with the closing of said portion of Mary Street, Enniscorthy, guarantee to receive the approval of the Solicitor to the County Council."

New Ross Board of Guardians & Distribution of Flour.

The following resolution was received from New Ross Board of Guardians:-

"That we request the Local Government Board to take over the delivery of the Canadian Flour 30,000 tons. Also that we request the Local Government Board to distribute the Flour to the different Unions throughout Ireland, according to the population of each, as the flour is intended for distribution amongst the poorer classes throughout Ireland."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Kinsella,"

County Dublin Farmers' Association.

The following resolution was received from the Secretary Co. Dublin

Farmers' Association:-

"That this meeting views with deep concern the recent action of the Treasury which has led to the stoppage of Board of Works Loans for agricultural improvements. These loans are now more urgently required than ever, because of the late transfer by purchase of land to farmers throughout the country. Many farmers who formerly were unable to obtain loans in consequence of their low valuations have now become qualified through the purchase of their holdings. Land Purchase having raised borrowing powers to the limit of five times the Poor Law Valuation of a holding instead of three times as formerly. To stop these loans just when they have been placed within the grasp of the small holder -who obviously needs them most- is in the opinion of this meeting little short of a calamity.

That in the interests of progressive farming we would respectfully urge the Treasury to re-consider the subject, and to make arrangements for the immediate resumption of the issue of these loans."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Kinsella, seconded by Mr Peacocke."

County Councils' Year Book...

Under date 21st December 1914, Mr Keogh-Nolan, Sec., to Irish County Councils General Council wrote forwarding resolution of the General Council advocating the formation of Central Bureau of Enquiry, and Compilation of General Council Year Book.

The Finance & Roads Committee at January Meeting adopted the following resolution:-

"That we recommend the County Council to approve of the resolution of the Irish Co Councils General Council as to establishment of Central Bureau of Enquiry in Dublin, and for Compilation of a County Council Year Book."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke, the recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed."

Limit of Road Expenditure.

The following was submitted from Finance & Roads Committee Meeting of 30th December 1914:-

"That in compliance with the wishes of the Rural District Councils of New Ross and Wexford, we request the Local Government Board to sanction the continuance of the present road limits of expenditure in these districts for a period of five years as from March 1915. That the limit for Gorey be fixed at original limit fixed under Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898."

The Secretary stated that the original limit fixed in Gorey was

£5,332. 10/- . At the Annual Meeting to consider estimate the Gorey District Council had approved of an expenditure on roads amounting to £7,372. 5. 4d.

On the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

That we request the Local Government Board, for the five years ended March 1920, to fix the present limit of Road Expenditure for New Ross and Wexford Districts. That our Secretary again communicate with Gorey Rural District Council as regards the limit of expenditure to be adopted for this period by this District Council."

Rate Collection.

With reference to complaint by Mr Francis Neligan, Lonsdale, Kyle, Wexford, as to the manner in which Mr G. Rossiter, Rate Collector, had performed his duties, the Finance & Roads Committee adopted the following recommendation:-

"The Finance & Roads Committee having considered the complaint of Mr Neligan as to the manner in which Mr G. Rossiter dealt with the collection of rates, direct our Secretary to inform Mr Neligan that Collector Rossiter is bound to lodge the full amount of his warrant before the expiration of each half-year, and must take all steps to see that the ratepayers comply with the rules and regulations governing the collection, and lodge the various items in good time."

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, Seconded by Mr James Codd, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed.

Various resolutions of the Finance & Roads Committee calling on individual Rate Collectors to push forward their collections with more energy were also confirmed on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr James Codd.

Under date 9th February 1915, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 7096-1915, Wexford Co.,) drawing attention to the large amount of rates outstanding having regard to the fact that four months of the half-year have already elapsed.

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke, it was decided that copy of letter from Local Government Board be sent each Rate Collector."

Senior Assistant Surveyor.

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

"That Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, be instructed to reside in

Enniscorthy for the succeeding twelve months."

"The Chairman proposed, and Mr Scallan seconded, the adoption of the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Whelan, Scallan, Kinsella, James Codd, Asple, Lord Courtown, and the Chairman. - 7.

Against:- Messrs Barry, Cowman, Peacocke, Cloney, J. A. Doyle, and M. Doyle- 6.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

Caretaker Duncannon Pier.

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following:-

"That Walter Breen Junr., be appointed Caretaker of Duncannon Pier on the same terms and conditions as said office was held by his father, remuneration to be at the rate of £12 per annum."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke, the above recommendation was confirmed."

New Stonebreaker etc.,

The following recommendation was received from the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That the tender of Messrs Goodwin Barsby & Co., for stonebreaker at £245 be accepted, that the Co Surveyor be instructed to bring in a proposal to cover cost of sleeping van, rock-drill and engine."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke, the recommendation of the Committee was confirmed."

Recommendations Tuberculosis Committee.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr James Codd, the Minutes of Tuberculosis Management Committee in respect of Meetings held on 11th December, and 23rd December 1914, and Quarterly Meeting of 3rd February 1915, were confirmed:-

They included the granting of leave of absence to Miss Stafford, Tuberculosis Nurse to perform Military duty, and the appointing of Miss Eleanor M. Hibbitts as temporary Nurse at £80 per annum during the absence of Miss Stafford, provisions of proposed agreement between Tuberculosis Committee and County Insurance Committee, appointment of N. J. Frizelle, as Sec to Committee at the rate of £52 per annum, establishment New Ross Tuberculosis Branch Dispensary, plans for Sanatorium, proposed contribution from Insurance Committee towards salaries of officers, vesting site of

Sanatorium in Committee, and Audit of Accounts."

A letter was read from the Tuberculosis Committee requesting the Co. Council to transfer the amount received from Exchequer Grant for treatment of tuberculosis, viz:- £400. 2. 1d and balance of rate to 31st March 1915, viz-- £6. 7. 9d to the credit of the Committee.

"On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr James Codd, a resolution was adopted agreeing to request of Tuberculosis Committee."

Proposals for Works.

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

"That the several Proposals for Works as submitted by the Proposal Committee, and as appearing on form 20 be and are hereby approved, subject to the modifications and other Orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Proposals for Payment.

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

"That the several Proposals for Payments submitted by the Proposal Committee, recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee, and dealing with matters other than public works, be and are hereby approved, subject to the modifications and other Orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Recommendations Finance & Roads Committee.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke, the following recommendations of Finance & Roads Committee, were confirmed:-

"Approving alteration of Assistant Surveyors' Districts."

"Empowering the County Surveyor to employ Mr Elgee, Solicitor, to the Co. Council, in the event of law proceedings being taken with reference to the dispute which exists in connection with the position of Flaherty's Gap."

"Approving of the arrangement for the repair of Edermine Bridge."

"Approving of Report of County Surveyor as to repair of pile at Ferrycarrig Bridge."

In connection with injury to pile at bascule opening of the Deeps Bridge, the following recommendation was made by the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That in view of the explanation of Mr Delap, (of Waller &

Delap) we are convinced that the defect in the pile at the bascule opening of the Deeps Bridge did not arise from any fault in the design or specification. We consider the British Reinforced Concrete Co., and the Cleveland Bridge Co., responsible for the cost of repairing crack in concrete pile at the bascule opening of the Deeps Bridge. That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, inform the Contractors of the terms of this resolution, and that on the day the accident occurred 28th October 1914- the Bridge was opened to facilitate the British Reinforced Concrete Co., whose men worked the bascule, the actual tests of bascule were not carried out until 5th November.

That the services of Mr Jennings Resident Engineer, be retained in order to allow work on piles at bascule opening of Deeps Bridge to be completed.

That the County Surveyor be instructed to deduct the salary paid Mr Jennings, Resident Engineer, during the time devoted to the repairs of defective pile at Bascule opening of Deeps Bridge from the amount standing to the credit of the Contractors for the erection etc., of this structure.

"Approving of the action of the County Surveyor in retaining plant for the making of tar macadam for Deeps Bridge."

"Approving of the proposal of the County Surveyor as to future working of Kiltalea Quarry, and recommending him to bring forward a proposal at next available meeting."

"Approving of the action of the County Surveyor in purchasing from the lessee of Ryland Wood Quarry, tools etc., there, at a cost of £1. 15. 6d.

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to communicate with the Local Government Board and point out to them that the Council are only awaiting their sanction in order to receive grant from Road Board to carry out improvement of New Ross-Wexford Road. That the County Surveyor be requested to submit to the Local Government Board the replies he has received from prominent residents in the district, pointing out the distress which exists consequent on the War."

"That the report of Dr Hearn as to condition of road from New Ross to Wexford be referred to the County Surveyor for his prompt attention."

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to inform William Murphy, that the County Council are prepared to pay him at the rate of 30/- per week for his services as Machinery Overseer, as from 1st January 1915."

"That we recommend that no revision be made in the salary of our Secretary in respect of the discharge of duties under the Representation

of the People Acts, and of the Juries (Ireland) Acts, in the Rural portion of New Ross Union."

"Endorsing the terms of the resolution adopted by the Tuberculosis Management Committee in connection with the resignation of Lord Aberdeen as Lord Lieutenant."

"That having heard the explanation of the County Surveyor as to the necessity of having extra sheeting placed on Edermine Bridge, and as the time of the maintenance contract is about to expire we leave the matter in the hands of the Co. Surveyor to make the best settlement he can with the contractor."

"That the County Surveyor forward request of Mrs Roche, Ballyanne, to the County Surveyor of Kilkenny, as to width of opening span in proposed new bridge at Mountgarrett, and state that the Wexford County Council have no objection to Mrs Roche's request being carried out."

"Allowing claim of 9/4 to Courtkeeper, New Ross Courthouse, for cost of wall paper etc., for his own apartments in the Courthouse."

"That the County Surveyor arrange to have the repairs of stone-breaker at Tara Hill carried out."

Ryland Wood Quarry.

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

"That the Seal of the County Council be attached to the agreement between the Council and Mr Hall-Dare for the working of Ryland Wood Quarry, when same has been prepared."

Vote of Thanks.

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

~~warmed~~ "That we offer Mr David Palmer, ex-Coastguard Officer, Fethard, our warmest thanks for his kindness in presenting the Council with the telegram sent by King Haakon of Norway, to his Excellency, the Lord Lieutenant for Ireland, congratulating the men of the Fethard life-boat on their rescue of the crew of the Norwegian ship "Mexico".

Great Island Quay.

Mr Clooney read a Memorial from farmers and fishermen in the neighbourhood of Great Island Quay, asking to have the quay put into repair.

"It was decided that the matter be referred to the Co. Surveyor

for report."

(Signed) John Belger
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 7 day of April 1915.

SPECIAL MEETING.-24th FEBRUARY 1915.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 24th February 1915.

Present:- Mr C. H. Peacocke, (Vice-Chairman) and subsequently Mr John Bolger, (Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Lord Courtown, Messrs P. Keating, L. Barry, R. Scallan, J. J. Stafford, J. J. Kehoe, James Codd, J. T. Mayler, J. Redmond, M. Doyle, J. A. Doyle, P. Whelan.

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

Appointment of Solicitor.

Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor, George Street, Wexford, was the only applicant for the position of Solicitor to the County Council, vacant owing to the death of his father-Mr R. W. Elgee, Senr.

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

"That Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor, Wexford, be appointed Solicitor to the Wexford County Council, at a salary of £200 per annum, with out of pocket expenses, and on the terms and conditions of the advertisement governing said appointment."

"Mr Elgee returned thanks for his Election."

Distribution Canadian Flour.

The following resolution was read from Gorey Board of Guardians:-

"That the Local Government Board be requested to distribute the flour sent by the Canadian Government amongst the Irish Unions for the immediate relief of distress, and that this Union hereby make application for its share of this flour."

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

"That the Local Government Board be requested to carry out the wishes of the New Ross and Gorey Board of Guardians, as regards the distribution of Canadian flour sent to this Country for distribution."

Road Limit-Gorey Rural District.

The following resolution was received from Gorey Rural District:-

"That we request that the limit of expenditure on roads etc., in

the Gorey Rural District be extended to £7,500, for the next five years."

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

"That the Local Government Board be requested to fix the limit of expenditure on roads etc., in Gorey Rural District at £7,500 for five years from March 1915."

New Ross School Attendance Committee.

Under date 2nd February 1915, the Secretary, Office of National Education wrote, asking the County Council to furnish the names of their representatives on New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee.

The New Ross Rural District Council at their Meeting of 26th February, recommended that the existing representatives be re-appointed.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr James Codd, the following were appointed as representatives of the County Council on New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee:-

"Messrs Denis Cummins, D. C., Raheenduff, Martin J. Kenny D.C., Campile, William Thorpe D. C., Knockroe, Palace, Philip Kehoe, D. C., The Hollow, Lacken, New Ross, Michael Doyle, D. C., Terrarath, Cassagh, to hold office for three years as from 1st May 1915."

Rate Collector M. J. Sheehan.

The Secretary reported that Collector M. J. Sheehan, Gorey, who had been ill for over a month, wrote forwarding a certificate from Dr Dwyer, Gorey, that he was unable to get about and would have to appoint a substitute to close his collection for the current half-year.

Mr Sheehan recommended for appointment of substitute-Mr Eugene O'Connor, Income Tax Collector, Grattan Terrace, Gorey.

Under date 22nd February 1915, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 9571 : 1915, Wexford County) that the matter would be considered by them when the usual list of queries regarding appointment of rate collectors had been filled up.

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

"That subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board, we have no objection to Mr M. J. Sheehan, Rate Collector, appointing Mr Eugene O'Connor, Grattan Terrace, Gorey, as his substitute, in respect of rate

collection for March 1915."

Guarantee of Rate Collectors.

Under date 22nd February 1915, the following letter was read from Mr E. J. Murphy:-

"On behalf of Messrs E. Cummins, James L. Doyle, Cogley, and myself, I beg respectfully to make application for permission to have the above Collectors united in the one bond with "The Local Government Mutual Guarantee Society, London"- who are prepared to guarantee us.

We have been informed by the local agent, that this Society has been accepted by the Local Government Board from the Dublin County Council.

Trusting that you will give our case your careful consideration."

"Referred to the Finance & Roads Committee."

The Price of Food.

The following resolution was received from Drogheda Municipal Council:-

"That owing to the enormous prices of cereals throughout the world, prices not even reached during the American Civil War, and to the probable shortage of foodstuffs in the near future, we deem it our duty to call upon farmers of Louth, Meath, the adjoining Counties, and the Country generally to imitate the tillage campaign inaugurated throughout the United States of America, throughout the self governed Dominion of Canada, and other Countries, to put more ground under cultivation, and that we believe that if the extensive cattle ranches of Meath and Westmeath and other grazing counties were broken up, tilled and cultivated that Ireland, instead of having to obtain her food supplies from abroad, would have a large surplus for exportation."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan the foregoing resolution was adopted."

Illness of County Surveyor.

A certificate under date 23rd February 1915, was received from Dr Dowse, that Mr Barry, County Surveyor, was suffering from Influenza and Tonsillitis, and would not be able to resume duty for about seven days.

Vice-Admiral Beatty.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following letter from Vice-Admiral Sir David Beatty, was ordered to be inserted on the Minutes:-

"Be good enough to convey to the County Council of Wexford, my sincere thanks for their kindness in passing a resolution of appreciation of the efforts of the Squadron which I have the honour to command."

(signed) *Mr. Bolger*
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this th 5 day of May 1915.