

STATUTABLE QUARTERLY MEETING.-2nd FEBRUARY 1916.

The Statutable Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 2nd February 1916,

Present:- Mr John Bolger, (Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Lord Courtown, Messrs Michael Doyle, N. J. Cowman, L. Barry, R. Scallan, J. J. Stafford, J. S. Hearn, J. J. Kehoe, James Codd, J. J. O'Byrne, J.T. Mayler.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Rates for 1916-7.

The Meeting then considered the Estimate of Rates for General and Separate Charges, the business for which the Members had been specially summoned.

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

"That we hereby adopt the Estimate of Rates for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1916-7, as approved by the Finance & Roads Committee at their Meeting of 19th January 1916, and agree that the Rates in the £ to be levied off the several Rural Districts of the County in respect of General Rate be as follows:-

	<u>Land.</u>	<u>Other Hereditaments.</u>
Enniscorthy	3/4	5/-
Gorey	3/-	4/4
New Ross	3/9	5/6
Wexford	2/10	4/5

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	£1161. 1. 2	£25. 19. 6	£1187. 0. 8
New Ross	1451. 6. 0	27. 14. 2	1479. 0. 2
Wexford	2375. 2. 7		2375. 2. 7

Under date 18th January 1916, the Local Government Board wrote letter No. 2722- 1916, Wexford County, that they had consented to the County Council considering their Estimate of Rates for the ensuing financial year at Meeting proposed to be held on 2nd February 1916.

Recommendations- Finance & Roads Committee.

The following Recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee, were considered:-

Duncannon Hulk:- In connection with the report of the County Surveyor as to the sinking of hulk at Duncannon on 1st January 1916, the Finance & Roads Committee at their Meeting of 5th January 1916, adopted the following recommendation--

"That the County Surveyor communicate with the Waterford Harbour Commissioners, and Mr Ensor, Queenstown, with a view to obtaining estimates for raising sunken hulk at Duncannon. That he be empowered to make the best arrangements he can as regards securing safely the staging attached to the hulk, and which he reports is in a dangerous position."

The matter was further considered at the Committee on 19th January, when the following resolution was adopted:-

"That as the present position of hulk at Duncannon is a danger to navigation, we agree to its salvage. That our County Surveyor be instructed to examine the hulk after salvage and report to the Council. Should he consider that considerable repairs will be required we cannot see our way to recommend the Council to have them carried out. That a copy of this resolution be furnished the Waterford & Duncannon Steamboat Co., Ltd."

In connection with this matter the Secretary, Waterford & Duncannon Steamboat Co., wrote under date 3rd January 1916, that the Master of the Duncannon (steamer) was of opinion that the sinking was due to the fact that the hawse pipes holding the mooring chains had not been plugged this winter as was done formerly, and it was probable that the Hulk shipped a considerable quantity of water during the night of 31st December 1915, and morning of 1st January 1916.

"The recommendations of the Finance & Roads Committee were confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Kilmore Pier:- In connection with repairs to Kilmore Pier the following resolution was read from Kilmore Farmers' Association, at the Meeting of Finance and Roads Committee of 22nd December:-

"The Kilmore Farmers' Association acknowledge the resolution forwarded

from the County Council re Kilmore Pier. That notwithstanding the sneers of the Members of the County Council, we hold to the former resolution, that the money has not been properly expended, we think that such jobs should be done by contract, as direct labour in such a case, without skilled supervision is a mistake."

"The Committee made no order on this resolution."

At the Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 19th January 1916, in connection with the County Surveyor's Report, as to the condition of Kilmore Pier, the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to enter into negotiations with Mr Delap, Engineer, for the purpose of examining the foundations of Kilmore Pier, from the concrete buttress to the end of the Pier. That the report of Mr Delap be presented to the Finance & Roads Committee as soon as possible."

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Mr A. D. Delap, regarding an underwater examination of Kilmore Pier:-

"Referring to our conversation of yesterday's date re Kilmore Harbour.

I understand that what the County Council wants is (1) an underwater examination of the outside of Kilmore Quay, with a view to ascertaining exactly the condition of the structure, and of its foundations, (2) A report embodying the information contained by the examination, and (3) recommendations as to what steps should be taken in order to restore or preserve it.

I have considered the question of fees, and the amount of work it will be necessary to do in order to get the results desired by your Council.

It is probable that the examination under the most favourable conditions will involve diving for two days, and as waiting for suitable weather, may mean the loss of much time as one must have a perfectly smooth sea and clear water to get good results, I cannot charge less than £25 for the examination, report and recommendations, and of course all actual out of pocket expenses.

The out of pocket expenses will include my travelling expenses from Dublin to Kilmore and back, my hotel expenses, (if any) while waiting for suitable weather, hire of diving gear (which can, I think, be got for £2 per week) and of the necessary boats and men, etc.,

I do not think it is probable that weather and sea will permit of a satisfactory examination before April, but if your Council decide to employ me, I would make all arrangements as to hire of gear etc., so as to be ready to do the work during the first spell of suitable weather."

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

"That the offer of Mr Delap as per the terms of his letter of 19th January 1916, be accepted."

Burial of Carcasses:- At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of 22nd December 1915, Mr Walter Kehoe, Harbour Master, Kilmore, applied for an increase in his remuneration (£4 per annum) for the burial of carcasses in the Kilmore District.

The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That as the Finance & Roads Committee consider the present an abnormal year in connection with Carcasses washed ashore, they cannot see their way to recommend the County Council to accede to Mr Kehoe's application."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan."

New Rock Drill:- In connection with report of County Surveyor to meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 19th January 1916, the following recommendation was submitted:-

"That in view of the successful working of the present rock drill in providing road metalling, we recommend the County Council to secure a second drill."

"The recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Hearn."

Flooding of Road 6R at Ballygalvert:- At the Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee on 19th January 1916, Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, submitted a report as to the flooding of Road 6R (New Ross District) at Ballygalvert.

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following recommendation:-

"That Mr Elgee be instructed to serve notice on Michael Walshe, Ballygalvert calling upon him to prevent flooding of Road No 6R at Ballygalvert, by doing what is necessary at point of diversion of stream to cause water to take its original course."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr James Codd."

Tools and Portable Forge:- At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of 19th January 1916, a letter was read from Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, that in connection with the proper working of Rock Drill a set of Smith's Tools for the proper dressing of drills, and a portable house to be used as a forge were necessary.

The Finance & Roads Committee had adopted the following recommendation:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to procure a portable house for a forge and a set of Smith's Tools cost not to exceed £5."

"The recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr O'Byrne."

Rate Collection:- The following was submitted from the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee, of 15th December 1915:-

"That the Secretary inform the following Rate Collectors that the Committee expect to learn at their meeting on 22nd inst., that substantial sums have been collected in each case:- Messrs John Mullett, Joseph Cummins, John Sinnott, Laurence Lacey, P. J. Nolan, John Banville, and James L. Doyle."

"Confirmed on the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of 22nd December 1915, the following recommendation was adopted by Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That the Rate Collectors be informed that the Rate Collection to the present is much behind that of previous years while the Finance & Roads Committee consider it should have been much more forward than in the past for the corresponding period. That we instruct our Secretary to summon the following Collectors to attend the next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee to explain why they have not made more progress with their Collections:- Collectors Sinnott, Mullett, Joseph Cummins, Lacey, and J. L. Doyle."

Confirmed on the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by Mr Kehoe.

At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of 19th January 1916, the following recommendations were adopted:-

"That in view of the backward state of the Rate Collection we direct the Rate Collectors to proceed against one or two of the largest ratepayers in each of their district electoral Divisions who have, up to the present, declined to pay their rates and which were due on 1st October last.

That Mr Elgee Solicitor, be instructed to appear in some of the cases in order to bring home to ratepayers their responsibilities as to payment.

That our Secretary be instructed to advertise the terms of this resolution in the local papers."

"Confirmed on the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

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

"That in the event of Mr Doyle, failing to forward a satisfactory explanation as to the backward state of his Collection, and of his non-attendance at Finance Meeting to the next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee, the Committee be recommended to forthwith suspend him from Office."

Withdrawal Government Grants:- At the Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee on 19th January 1916, Mr George A. Moonan, wrote forwarding report of Conference of Gaelic Colleges in connection with proposed withdrawal of Government Grants for Teachers Classes under Section 111 of the Programme of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

The following recommendation had been adopted by the Committee:-

"That we offer our strongest protest against the action of the Treasury in withdrawing educational grants from Ireland, while increasing these for England. That we call on our Members of Parliament to request the Government to restore these Grants which are so urgently needed for the benefit of Irish Education."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Tinnecarrig Quarry:- At the Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of 22nd December 1915, the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to open and work quarry at Tinnecarrig."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

The Recruiting Movement:- The following recommendation was adopted at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of 22nd December 1915:-

"That in view of the number of men who have already enlisted, of the number who have left the County to work at Munition factories in England and Scotland and also in Arklow, and to the number who will be required in connection with Munition Works to be established in Wexford. And further owing to increase of tillage in the County which ranks very high in record tillage crops, and to the great scarcity of labour, we consider no further men could be spared for the Army from the Rural Districts or from the town of Wexford. We are anxious to see as many available men as possible join the Army, and will help recruiting in every way consistent with the needs of the County."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Cowman."

Mountgarrett Bridge:- At the Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of 19th December 1915, the County Surveyor submitted particulars of designs and prices

in connection with erection of new bridge at Mountgarrett:-

The following recommendation was agreed to by the Committee:-

"That we approve of the design of Messrs Waller & Delap, as most suitable for new bridge at Mountgarrett, and that contract, plans, specifications, etc., be arranged for in order that tenders may be invited for the erection of the structure and provided that design of Messrs Waller & Delap receive the approval of County Council of Kilkenny."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Application Remuneration Motor Car Act:- At the meeting of the Finance and Roads Committee of 22nd December 1915, Under date 9th December 1915, Mr C. H. Richards, Assistant in the County Council Offices, applied for remuneration in connection with work performed by him under the "Motor Car Licence Duties Collection Order 1910".

The Finance & Roads Committee made the following recommendation:-

"We recommend the County Council to allow Mr C. H. Richards, a sum per annum of 5 per cent on the five per cent allowed to the County Council by the Road Board on amount of Motor Duty collected in the County to defray cost of Collection, and also 5 per cent on amount received for fees for Registration of Motor Vehicles and Motor Driving Licences. That Mr Richards be responsible for payment of his own travelling expenses should this proposal receive the approval of the County Council. We further recommend that in view of this allowance to Mr Richards he should be made responsible Officer for the collection of motor duty in the County."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Proposed by Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Kehoe and passed:-

"That we authorise Mr C. H. Richards, Assistant in County Council Office, to exercise and perform the powers and duties now vested in Officers of Customs and Excise, as provided by Section 7 & 8 of the Motor Car Licence Duties (Ireland) Collection Order 1910, instead of the Secretary to the County Council."

Irrecoverable Rates Claim Ex-Collector Sullivan:- At the Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee on 22nd December 1915, the following recommendation was adopted:

"That we request Mr J. F. Sullivan to take steps to clear up all outstanding questions in connection with his claims for recoupment of irrecoverable rates."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Codd."

At the Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 19th January 1916, the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That copy of claim for refund of irrecoverable rates in respect of half-year ended 30th September 1915, as furnished by Mr J. F. Sullivan, late Rate Collector be forwarded Enniscorthy Rural District Council, for their observation

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Codd."

"The recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee at same meeting agreeing to payment of Irrecoverable Rates Claim by Mr J. F. Sullivan, in respect of half-year ended 31st March 1915, as amended, in view of the report of the Secretary and Rural District Council of Enniscorthy, was confirmed, on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Codd,"

Food & Drugs :- The following Minute from the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of 22nd December 1915, was submitted:-

"That Sergeant Michael Doyle R. I. C., (57353) be appointed as Ex-officio Inspector under Food & Drugs Acts for the Petty Sessions District of Enniscorthy and Inspector under Butter & Margarine Act 1907, in connection with Butter & Margarine Factories in the County Wexford, registered under abovementioned Act by the Wexford County Council."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Stafford".

Courtown Harbour:- The Minutes of Courtown Harbour Committee in respect of Meeting of 10th January, were brought before the Finance & Roads Committee of 19th January 1916, when the following recommendations were adopted:-

"That the Harbour Master at Courtown be empowered to purchase two Wheelbarrows at a cost not exceeding 35/-".

"That we approve of the action of the Courtown Harbour Committee in refusing to pay Messrs pooley & Son, Dublin, annual fee of £2 for regulating and maintaining weighbridge at Courtown Harbour for 1915, as the work was not carried out."

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to have the flooring of Andrew Byrne's house repaired, cost not to exceed £3."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne."

Gorey Streets:- At the Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of 15th December 1915, the County Surveyor was authorised to serve a ten days notice on the Contractor for Roads 23, 25 & 173, and 26 Gorey Rural District, as he had refused to carry out the instructions of Mr Paddle, Assistant Surveyor.

"The directions of the Committee in this matter was confirmed on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Codd."

Rate Collector's Surety:- The following recommendation of the Finance and Roads Committee of 15th December 1915, was read:-

"That we approve of the name of Mr John McLoughlin, Horetown North, Foulksmills, being substituted on bond for Mr Banville, Rate Collector, vice Mr Patrick Monaghan, deceased."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Codd."

Overhanging trees on Roads:- At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 15th December 1915, the County Surveyor reported that portion of Road 192W was considerably injured by overhanging trees. The Road Contractor declined to proceed against the owner, and wanted the County Council to do so.

"The Committee had decided that they had no power to relieve the Contractor of his responsibility, and the recommendation was confirmed, on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr O'Byrne."

Rating in Arnestown:- At the Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 22nd December 1915, the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That we request Mr E. J. Murphy, Rate Collector, New Ross, to submit full particulars to Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor County Council, as to ownership of disputed holdings in Arnestown townland, New Ross E. D., at present apparently rated to Mr J.M. Roche, Talbot Hall, New Ross. That Mr Elgee report to next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."

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

Leave of Absence:- At the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee on 19th January 1916, the Committee granted 14 days leave of absence to Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, and two days leave of absence each to Secretary and Accountant."

"The decision of the Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan."

Xmas Holidays:- At the Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 22nd December 1915, the Committee agreed to give the County Council Clerical Staff holidays from 24th to 28th December inclusive."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman."

Tara Hill Quarry:- In connection with report of County Surveyor at meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 19th January 1916, the following recommendation had been adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to procure new wire rope for tramway at Tara Hill Quarry, as the present one is in a dangerous condition."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne."

Hire of Engines:- At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 19th January 1916, the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That the Finance & Roads Committee see no objection to Mr Flood's engine being hired for work in a district other than that in which his son- Mr Gerald Flood- acts as Assistant Surveyor."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Cowman."

Scarawalsh Road:- At the Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 19th January 1916, the following recommendation had been adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the steamrolling of Scarawalsh road with as little delay as possible."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Lord Courtown."

Road 311E:- At the Meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 19th January 1916, Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, had reported that on 7th January 1916, he found two loads of material dumped in yard belonging to Mr Michael Furlong, Publican, Chapel. The Road Contractor's workman had put it there without the knowledge of the Contractor, and Mr Treanor had arranged to have it put back on the road.

The Finance & Roads Committee had made the following recommendation:-

"That Mr Elgee be instructed to call the attention of the Contractor- Mrs Kate O'Gorman- and Michael Furlong, Chapel, to the letter of Mr Treanor, relative to material taken from Road 311E."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Proposals for Works.

On the motion of Mr Barry, seconded by Mr Stafford, 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 modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Proposals for Payment.

Proposed by Mr Barry, seconded by Mr Stafford:-

"That the several proposals for payment submitted by the Proposal Committee and 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."

"Passed"

Road 42W.

Under date 4th December 1916, the following letter was read from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford:-

"Mr James Keating, Baldwinstown, Bridgetown, has called on us and handed us your letter of the 2nd inst., informing him that the provisional contract entered into with him by the Wexford Rural District Council for the repair of Road No. 42W, as from the 31st March 1916, to 31st March 1923, was cancelled.

Our client perfected the contract with the district Council in the usual manner and understood that it would be sanctioned by the County Council as a matter of course.

We understand that the County Council have made a Rule that no objection to a Contractor will be entertained unless the Contractor objected to gets notice of the objection.

In this case our client got no notice of the objection, and did not know such objection was coming before the County Council, and was not, therefore represented as he would have been had he known the objection was coming on.

We cannot help thinking that under these circumstances our client has been rather harshly treated, and particularly as he has been an excellent contractor for this particular road, which we are sure the County Surveyor will bear out, and we would ask you, therefore, to kindly bring this matter before the County Council, as we are sure in their usual fairminded way they will see that justice is done to our client."

This letter was brought before the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 15th December 1915, when it was decided to send copy of letter of Messrs Huggard & Brennan to Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, for Mrs Ellen Byrne."

Under date 17th December 1915, the following was read from Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors:-

"We are in receipt of your letter of 15th inst., which we have forwarded to our Client.

Mr Hearn proposed:- "That in future the County Council will not consider any opposition to Contracts for roads and works provisionally accepted by R. D. Councils unless the persons opposing serve three clear days' notice on the accepted Contractor and his sureties of intention to oppose and also serve a copy of said notice on the Secretary of the County Council prior to the meeting at which the question of accepting contracts will be considered."

Mr Doyle seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Mr Doyle proposed, Mr Barry seconded, and it was passed--

"That our Secretary be instructed to place the facts of this case before the Wexford R. D. Council and inform them that had they known that proper notice had not been served on Mr Keating in connection with opposition to Road 42W they would not have cancelled the Contract. They recommended that the District Council accept Mr Keating's tender in April if he tenders at the same figure as in his cancelled contract."

Mares for War Purposes.

Proposed by Mr Doyle, seconded by Mr James Codd, and adopted:-

"That the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be requested to interest themselves in having an order issued by the War Office empowering their buyers to purchase for Army purposes Mares unsuitable for breeding, barren Mares, and Mares which are not required by farmers."

Co Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Cowman, the name of Mr Patrick Byrne, Hillcastle, Taguat, was added to the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction vice Mr Edmond Doyle, Broadway, resigned."

Alleged Malicious Burning at Carrigmannon.

Under date 25th January 1916, the following report was read from Mr R.W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council:-

"I have to report to you that in the above Malicious Injury Claims, the County Court Judge gave decrees as follows:- £350 to Major Bryan for the premises, and £770 to Capt A.L. Bryan, for the value of the furniture, etc., the which was burnt.

I have served notice of appeal for the next Assizes as I consider that the evidence as to malice or wantonness is very slight, and the decision may be reversed on Appeal, or else the amount reduced.

With reference to Capt Bryan's claim, he only produced an Inventory of the furniture at the hearing, when there was no opportunity to go through and

check same, but if the appeal goes on, I am serving notice on his Solicitors to send me a copy of the Inventory so that I may be in a position to dispute the values he places on the articles with a view, if the Assize Judge agrees with the County Court Judge, to have amount reduced.

The whole claim is as you have possibly seen by the papers, put on the County at Large."

The following resolution of New Ross Rural District Council adopted at a meeting of the Council on 22nd January 1916, was read:-

"That we protest against the levying of the compensation awarded to Capt and Major Bryan, in connection with the burning at Carrigmannon, on the County-at-Large, and we call on the Wexford County Council to appeal it.6

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

"That we approve of the action of our Solicitor in appealing against malicious injury claim by Major and Capt L. A. Bryan. That the question of retaining Mr T. M. Healy K. C., to represent the County Council on the appeal at the forthcoming Assizes be considered at next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

In connection with the subject of compensation of criminal Injuries the following letter under date 4th January 1916, was read from the Secretary to the Down County Council:-

"At the recent meeting of the Down County Council, the matter of the heavy claims for compensation for malicious injuries, amounting to more than £11,000 which were awarded against this County in cases in which the properties had been duly insured against Fire, was considered. The County Council unanimously resolved to approach the several Members of Parliament for the County with a view to having the law affecting Ireland in this matter amended and brought into line with the practice prevailing in Great Britain. At the same time they requested that the other County Councils in Ireland be communicated with, and asked to co-operate in endeavouring to effect such amendment in the Law.

In accordance with these directions, I, therefore, write you on the subject."

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we are prepared to give every assistance to the Down Co Council in their endeavour to have the law as regards compensation for criminal Injury in Ireland assimilated to that of England."

Ferryarrig Bridge.

Under date 23rd December 1915, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 67475-1915, Wexford County) that they would raise no objection to the proposed payments to be made by the Wexford County Council to Mr Colhoun, Contractor for Ferryarrig Bridge. The Local Government Board noted that the payments were being made in accordance with the advice of the County Council Solicitor.

"No Order"

Superannuation-Mr J. F. Sullivan, Ex-Collector.

Under date 8th January 1916, the Local Government Board forwarded Sealed Order approving of the proposed superannuation of £20 per annum to Mr J. F. Sullivan, ex Rate Collector.

"No Order"

Sheep Dipping-Appointment of Inspectors.

Under date 1st December 1915, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction (V. B.) wrote letter No. 4302 and 4303 relative to appointment of Inspectors of Sheep Dipping.

Under date 8th January 1916, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction (V.B.) wrote letter No 231-16, relative to the appointment of Inspectors under Sheep Dipping Order. The Department considered the time had arrived to take definite steps to determine the needs of each Local Authority's District in the matter of appointing Inspectors.

The importance of effective supervision of sheep dipping would the Department hoped be generally recognised by each Local Authority, and they did not anticipate it would be necessary to put in force their compulsory powers for the appointment of Inspectors. The question of the actual requirements of each district in the matter of supervision should engage the attention of the Local Authority as soon as possible so that proposals should be submitted to the Department in good time to allow of appointments being made previous to 1st June next.

The Department suggested that the matter should be dealt with by a Committee who would be empowered to communicate directly with the Department.

One of the causes of delay in appointing Inspectors had been the difficulty of carrying out systematic supervision in face of the latitude

permitted to sheep owners with regard to the place and time of dipping. This objection the Department propose to remove immediately by the issue of an Order which will have the effect of enabling any Local Authority, if they so wish, to make Regulations for their district requiring the dippings prescribed by the Sheep Dipping Order to be carried out under such conditions and at such times and places as the Local Authority may direct."

In connection with this matter the following resolution was submitted from the Meeting of the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, of 26th January 1916:-

"That in view of the small number of reports of outbreaks of Sheep Scab received from our Veterinary Inspectors, and to the necessity of practising economy owing to the War, we request the County Council to ask the Department not to insist upon the Council appointing Sheep Dipping Inspectors. The Council employed the services of Inspectors for some years, but owing to the latitude allowed to sheep owners to carry out dipping the Inspectors were found of little practical utility. We suggest that arrangement should be made by which the dipping could be supervised by the Constabulary as is customary in England, as otherwise the supervision will be inefficient owing to the number of persons who should be employed to have it effectively carried out."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Barry

Road 15G

At the Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of 15th December 1915, the following recommendation as to steamrolling Road 15G (Camolin Streets) was adopted:-

"That we authorise an advance of money to the County Surveyor pending receipt of grant from the Road Board on Road 15G and subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board."

Under date 4th January 1916, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 67,747 : 1915, Wexford County) that they would raise no objection to the temporary utilisation of money from the County Fund to enable the work on Road 15G (Gorey Rural District) to be finished provided the operations are brought to completion before the end of the current financial year.

"On the motion of Lord Courtown, seconded by the Chairman, the recommendation of the Committee was confirmed."

Ballyhack Harbour Works.

Under date 6th December 1915, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote letter (No. 5229-15, F. B.) that as regards the work at Ballyhack Harbour it was desirable to reduce the size of the scour gap with a view to prevent boats in the dock from being endangered by the run of the tide, thus reducing the size of the gap from 420 square feet to 184 square feet, and the depth of water from 5 feet below high water to a depth of 3 feet 6 inches below high water. It was anticipated that the funds available would be sufficient to cover the cost of the proposed work, and the Department would be glad to know if the County Council concur in its being carried out.

This letter was considered by the Finance & Roads Committee on 22nd December 1915, when the County Surveyor having stated he approved of the alteration proposed by the Department the following recommendation was agreed To:-

"That having heard the views of our County Surveyor in connection with alterations in works at Ballyhack Harbour proposed by the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, we recommend the County Council to offer no objection to the proposal of the Department provided that no further contribution be needed from the rates to carry out the work."

"The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Accidents on Roads.

Under date 8th December 1915, the following letter was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors:-

"We are instructed by Mr Wm Murphy, of Coolamain, that on Saturday 27th November, when he was going from Wexford with a load of coal and meal on his car to his house at Bleechlands, Coolamain, he was leading his horse and car with his right hand in the reins and on the left hand side of the horse, and when passing the depot at Coolamain he was tripped by the stones being out too far on the traffic way of the road, with the result that he was thrown under the horse and car, his left hand came under the wheel, and as there was half a ton weight on the car at the time, the poor man's thumb was taken off and from the knuckle. When the wound was ^{Being} dressed he was unconscious and since then he has been in great pain.

He was accompanied here by Mr Philip Browne, of Bleechlands, Coolamain, who was throwing out stones for Mr Nolan, and who can testify also that the stones were in a dangerous way upon the road at the depot in Bleechlands.

They extended out upon the road so that only 7 feet of road was left for traffic, which is entirely too small and shows the road is dangerous. The depot should have been in ~~24~~ feet and that would have left still 2 feet from the watercourse. In other words, the depot is out two and a half feet too much. But the result of the negligence and the wrongful acts of whoever is to blame is that Mr Murphy was very near being killed, and lost his thumb as a matter of fact.

We shall thank you to let us hear from you as to what you say about paying him reasonable compensation for his loss and damage."

The Finance & Roads Committee at their meeting on 15th December had considered this letter, and made the following recommendation:-

"That the letter of Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, on behalf of Wm Murphy, Coolamain, claiming compensation for personal injuries at road depot at Coolamain, be referred to the County Surveyor, and Mr Elgee, Solicitor, with instructions to communicate with Messrs Coyle & Co., Dublin, who have effected accident insurance policies on behalf of the County Council, and with instructions to Mr Elgee, Solicitor, to take steps to defend any legal action which may be taken against the County Council."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Codd."

"Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Co Council, reported that the case had been heard before the County Court Judge at Wexford Quarter Sessions and Judgment had been reserved."

Under date 6th December 1915, the following letter was read from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford, on behalf of Mr George Browne:-

"We are instructed by Mr George Browne, of Sudley Cottage, Kyle, that on Tuesday the 7th inst., he was driving over the new bridge about mid-day with a mare and empty car, his brother Michael was with him. When passing over the draw-arch, a plank broke off, and the mare's foreleg went through the arch. She fell and her leg was skinned and her eye also out, and the shaft of the car broken.

Mr Malone V. S., saw the Mare and he states it will be impossible to say at present whether the Mare had suffered more serious injuries.

We understand that immediately after the accident, Mr Redmond, Tinraheen who is a member of your Council, came upon the scene, and he saw the holes in the bridge and the state of the timber, and we are sure if Mr Redmond is at the meeting he will give your Council full particulars.

We would feel obliged if you would let us know if your Council is prepared to compensate our client, and as Mr Malone V. S., saw the Mare we are satisfied to leave it to him to say what amount of compensation our client should receive.

The thing occurring at this particular time is a very great loss to our client, as he was earning 7/- or 8/- a day with the Mare drawing timber."

The matter had been considered by the Finance & Roads Committee meeting of 15th December 1915, when the following recommendation had been adopted:-

"That the letter of Messrs Huggard & Brennan, on behalf of Mr George Browne, Sudley Cottage, Kyle, claiming compensation for injury to a Mare at Wexford Bridge, be referred to the County Surveyor, and Mr Elgee Solicitor, with instructions to communicate with Messrs Coyle & Co., Dublin, who have effected accident insurance policies on behalf of the County Council, and with instructions to Mr Elgee, Solicitor, to take steps to defend any legal action which may be taken against the Council."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Codd."

Foot & Mouth Disease.

Under date 1st December 1915, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (letter No. 4302 and 4303-1915 V B.,) forwarding "Foot & Mouth Disease (Ireland) Order of 1915" which had been made with the object of facilitating procedure in connection with any future outbreaks of Foot & Mouth disease in Ireland.

In effect the Order consolidated the several restrictive measures that had been customary on the occurrence of an outbreak of the disease to enact with regard to the locality of the outbreak and provides for application of such measures by means of Orders defining the district or area in which they are to apply.

"The Secretary stated that as suggested by the Department a summary of the Order was published in the three local papers as an advertisement."

Marked "Read"

New Ross School Attendance Committee.

Under date 30th December 1915, the following letter was read from the Clerk to New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee:-

"The Rural District School Attendance Committee at their last Meeting accepted the resignation of Mr John Aspel, as School Attendance Officer for the entire District, and decided to appoint at their next meeting which is to be held on the 27th January 1916, two persons as formerly, to act as School

Attendance Officers for the Northern and Southern Districts, respectively.

They however considered that they ought to increase the salary for the positions to £26 a year each, instead of £25, and are issuing advertisements accordingly. They presume that the County Council will offer not objection to this increase of £2 a year under the heading of salaries, as it is almost unavoidable. Even the increased Salary is still very small."

On the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Cowman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Council as Local Authority have no objection to the increase by £2 per annum in the salaries of School Attendance Officers of New Ross R. D. School Attendance Committee, in view of the terms of their letter of 30th December 1915."

Cinematograph Act 1909.

Under date 30th December 1915, Very Rev Canon Sheridan, P. P., Ramsgrange, applied for licence under above Act for St Joseph's Hall Ramsgrange.

The County Surveyor reported that the premises were arranged to comply with the terms of the Act.

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

"That licence under Cinematograph Act be granted to Very Rev Canon Sheridan, P. P., for St Joseph's Hall, Ramsgrange."

Coolnahorna Quarry.

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

"That the Seal of the Wexford County Council be affixed to Indenture between John Pierce of Coolnahorna, Enniscorthy, and the Wexford County Council to enable the County Council to procure road material from quarry at Coolnahorna

Red Cross Sale.

The following resolution was received from Dublin County Council:-

"That we, the Members of the Dublin County Council, are of opinion that the time has arrived when a special All Ireland Red Cross Sale should be inaugurated in every County for the benefit of the wounded soldiers who have fought in defence of our homes and country. We suggest that such County Red Cross day should be held on 2nd March, and we appeal to all farmers and others throughout the country to aid and assist in this most deserving object.

That copies of this resolution be sent to all County Councils in

Ireland, and to the Rural District Councils, and poor Law Boards in County Dublin."

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

"That the Secretary Dublin County Council be informed that Red Cross Sale Days have been already arranged for the County Wexford."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Application for licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act was received from Mr Matthew Harte, Campile."

"Granted on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Stafford."

Prohibition Movement Irish Cattle.

Under date 12th January 1916, a resolution was received from Tipperary (S.R) County Council, calling the attention of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to regulations adopted by the County Council of West Sussex prohibiting the movement into the County of West Sussex of animals landed from Ireland since 28th November 1915, and protesting against such uncalled for action considering that Ireland has been for so long entirely free from Foot & Mouth Disease."

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

"That we associate ourselves in the protest made by the South Tipperary Co Council as to prohibition of introduction of Irish Cattle into West Sussex and request the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to use their influence to have the Order cancelled."

Imprisonment Irish Volunteers.

Under date 22nd November 1915, the O'Rahilly wrote calling attention to the report of trial of Mr Desmond Fitzgerald, who had been sentenced to six months imprisonment under the "Defence of Realm Act" and suggesting that if there were ever a time when Irish Elected representatives should demand an amnesty for Irish victims, this is the time.

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Lord Lieutenant be requested to reconsider the sentences imposed on Irish Volunteers under the Defence of the Realm Act, in view of the manner in which Ireland has come to the assistance of the British Empire in the present life and death struggle. We consider it would be to the best interests of the Country if the orders for imprisonment of Irish Volunteers were cancelled."

Conscription.

A resolution was read from Kerry County Council protesting against any attempt to impose conscription in Ireland, particularly owing to the shortage of labour.

"No Order"

National Insurance Act.

A resolution was read from Roscommon Co Council, calling for the repeal of the National Insurance Act, so far as it relates to the Rural Districts of Ireland, as it is almost a useless expense to the local rates, and to the workers as well as to the State,

The Chairman proposed:- "That in view of our experience of the working of the National Health Insurance Act, we consider that it requires very substantial Amendment in order to have it efficiently and satisfactorily worked in the rural districts."

Mr Stafford seconded.

"Passed".

Assistant Surveyors' Examination

Under date 25th January 1916, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 9M-1916) that an Examination of Candidates for qualification as Assistant Surveyors in Ireland, would be held at the Custom House, Dublin, on Thursday and Friday, 2nd and 3rd March respectively.

Marked "Read"

Temporary Staff.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Secretary be empowered to engage the services of a temporary clerical staff for the purpose of writing up Rate Books and Rate Collectors Receipt and Demand Notes."

Separation Allowances.

Under date 26th January 1916, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 4M-1916 Circular, Local Authorities) enclosing copies of Army Order No. 367-15, prescribing amended regulations for the issue of separation allowances.

The communication from the Local Government Board explained the provisions of the new Order.

"No Order"

Wild Birds Protection Act.

Under date 3rd January 1916, the Under Secretary wrote transmitting copy of the Dublin Gazette of 31st December 1915 containing an Order made by His Excellency under the Wild Birds Protection Act 1894, prohibiting the taking

or destroying of the eggs of any species of Wild Birds throughout the Saltee Isl
Islands and Keeragh Islands, for the space of five years from 1st March 1916."

"No Orders"

Prosecution-Road Contractors.

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to prosecute the following
Road Contractors, or take up their roads under the 54th section adopting which-
ever course he considers most desirable:-

Enniscorthy District:- 213E John Whitty, 212E John Whitty, 224E John Whitty,
280 Ed Maddock, 52E 104, 176, 179, 248 Michael Cullen, 308 M. Ryan, 279 D.
Corrigan.

Gerey District:- 13 Patrick Mordaunt, 24A John Fitzpatrick, 139G Peter
Byrne, 155G David Doyle, 165 John Woodbyrne, 15 John Fanning, 183G, 179G
James O'Brien, 43G John Flynn, 72G James Murphy, 136G, 142G Patrick Mordaunt,
70G Michael Hughes, 8G, 55G Edward Staunton."

(Signed) Counton
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 5th day of April 1916