

QUARTERLY MEETING. 8th FEBRUARY 1921.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Hall, Wexford on 8th February 1921.

Present:- Mr. John J. O'Byrne, (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs. James Byrne, C. Culleton, John Cummins, G. Devereux, Michael Doyle, E. P. Foley, John Murphy, Thomas Murphy, and James Shannon.

The Secretary and County Surveyor were also in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

New Member County Council.

Under date 29th January 1921, Mr. A.A. Connolly, Clerk Enniscorthy R.D. Council, wrote that Mr. Walter J. Furlong, Dranagh, Caim, Enniscorthy, had been appointed to represent Enniscorthy Rural District Council on the County Council, vice Mr. James Doyle (interned)

Appointment on Committees.

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

"That Mr. W.J. Furlong, M.C.C. be appointed a member of Asylum Committee vice Mr. James Doyle resigned. That Mr. Thomas Murphy M.C.C. be appointed a member of County Wexford Infirmary Committee vice Mr. Philip Lennon resigned, and Mr. W.J. Furlong M.C.C. vice Mr. James Doyle resigned. That Mr. W.J. Furlong be appointed on the Proposal Committee vice Mr. James Doyle resigned. That Mr. Thomas Walsh M.C.C. be appointed a member of County Wexford Tuberculosis Committee vice Mr. John Sinnott resigned. That Mr. W.J. Furlong be appointed a Member of No. 5 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee vice Mr. James Doyle resigned.

That Old Age Pension Sub-Committee No. 7 be asked to recommend two Members for appointment on this Committee vice Rev. D.A. Kavanagh C.C. and Mr. John O'Neill.

Mr. G. Devereux resigned as member of the Asylum Committee and, on the motion of Mr. M. Doyle, seconded by the Chairman, Mr. E.P. Foley was elected to the vacancy.

County Wexford Farmers' union & Roads.

Underdate 2nd February 1921, the following resolution was received from the meeting of the County Executive of the Co. Wexford Farmers'

Union:-

"We are of the opinion that a deputation representing the County Executive should confer with the County Council on the question of the upkeep of the roads".

The following attended on the deputation:- Col. Bryan (Chairman) Messrs. W.J. Devereux, J.S. McDonald, R.J. Codd, S. Cullen, W. Boggan, W.C. Metge and J. Deathe.

After considerable discussion the following resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That the various Branches of County Wexford Farmers' Union and the various Branches of County Wexford Labour Unions be requested to appoint an equal number of delegates in each parish for the purpose of forming parish Committees in order to bring about an improvement in the present condition of the roads and in the hope that such Committees will be able to deal with other spheres of public duty in the future".

Representatives of Co. Council on Council of Agriculture.

Under date 31st January 1921, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (G.384-21) forwarding Regulations for the appointment of two representatives of the Wexford County Council on the Council of Agriculture to hold office for three years as from 1st April 1921. Copy of Regulations had been furnished each County Councillor.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. James Byrne:-

"That Mr. Michael Doyle and Mr. Christopher Culleton, Members of this Council, be appointed our representatives on the Council of Agriculture to hold office for three years as from 1st April 1921".

Road Contracts of Mr. James Brien, Glenteigue.

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

"That the County Council be requested to re-consider the question of James Brien's claim, as we are of opinion he is entitled to the amount claimed. We would point out that payment was recommended by the old County Council last May".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman,

seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That as claim of Mr. James Brien for extra payment in connection with his road contracts has been considered on two recent occasions by the County Council, and ruled on, a new hearing can only be provided for by Notice of Motion".

Wexford Urban Demand.

The Secretary called attention to the fact that third instalment of Wexford Urban Demand, which was due on 1st December had not yet been paid.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. M. Doyle:-

"That we again call on Wexford Urban Council to pay the third instalment of demand on them by County Council as the money is urgently needed".

School Attendance Committees.

Under date 5th January 1921, the Secretary, Irish National Education Office, wrote that the period of service of New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee would expire on 30th April 1921, and the County Council as Local Authority under the Irish Education Act 1892 should, in the meantime, proceed to the appointment of their five representatives on the Committee to hold office.

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

"That as recommended by New Ross Rural District Council the following be appointed as representatives of Wexford County Council on New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee to hold office from 1st May 1921 to 30th April 1924:-

Messrs. Michael Donovan D.C. Berkeley, New Ross.

Michael Doyle, D.C. Tellarought, Cassagh, New Ross.

Patrick Condon D.C. Meelgarrow Clonroche, Enniscorthy.

William Byrne, Camblin, New Ross.

Denis Cummins, Raheenduff, Adamstown."

Under date 1st February 1921, the Secretary, National Education Office, wrote that the period of service of Gorey Rural District School Attendance Committee, would expire on 31st May next, and the County

Council as Local Authority under Irish Education Act 1892, should appoint their five representatives on the Committee to hold office for three years as from 1st June 1921.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. J. Murphy, seconded by Mr. M. Doyle:-

"That Gorey Rural District Council be requested to recommend five Members of Gorey Rural District School Attendance Committee to be appointed by Wexford County Council as Local Authority, and which Committee is to take office for three years as from 1st June 1921".

Mr. M. Byrne, Gorey Rural District School Attendance Committee reported that Mr. Robert Spencer, a member of the Committee had resigned, and Messrs. John Sheehan, and Patrick Doyle, Members, had been disqualified after being absent from six successive meetings of the Committee.

The Gorey Rural District Council recommended the appointment of Messrs. John Sheehan, Ballynestragh, Gorey, John Gannon, Tara Hill, Gorey, and Michael Kinsella, Monareagh, Coolgreaney, Gorey, to fill the vacancies.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. J. Murphy, seconded by Mr. M. Doyle:-

"That Messrs. John Sheehan, Ballynestragh, Gorey, John Gannon, Tara Hill, Gorey, and Michael Kinsella, Monareagh, Coolgreaney, be appointed members of Gorey Rural District School Attendance Committee up to 1st June 1921, vice Mr. Robert Spencer, resigned, and Messrs. John Sheehan and Patrick Doyle disqualified for non-attendance at meetings of said Committee".

Letting County Hall.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. J. Murphy:-

"That the question of letting premises at County Hall except for day meetings be postponed for the present".

New Rate Collectors & their Sureties.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Murphy:-

That the following be accepted as Sureties for the undermentioned

Collectors:-

William Quirke, Ballyruan, Screen, and Patrick Quirke, Hayestown, Murrintown, for James Quirke, (No. 1 District).

Aidan Sutton, Tomlane, Oylegate, and Daniel Dempsey, Graanrue, Edermine, for Thomas Sutton (No. 2 District).

James Murphy, 92 South Main Street, Wexford, and Robert Moran, Quay Wexford, for Richard Sinnott (no. 4 District).

Patrick Kelly, Garrynisk, Edermine, and John Bolger, Coolnaboy, Oylegate, for Matthew Kelly (No. 6 District).

Laurence Cummins, Ballylucas, Ballymurn, and Patrick Foley, Ballykelly, Ballymurn, for W. Cummins, (No. 11 District).

Patrick Keating, Ballyconigar, Blackwater, and John O'Leary, Monanarigg, Blackwater, for John Carty, (No. 12 District).

John Sheehan, Ballynestragh, Gorey, and Michael Doyle, Upper Island, Graanford, for William Doyle, (No. 13 District).

Thomas Kinsella, Market Square, Gorey, and Thomas Whelan, Annagh Middle, Gorey, for Mrs. K. McGrath (No. 15 District).

Mrs. Mary Kane, Parkannesley House, Clonevan, and John P. Sinnott, Cahore, Gorey, for John Sinnott (No. 16 District).

John Redmond, Barracks, Adamstown, and Mrs. Anastasia Murphy, Shanoule, Foulksmills, for James Murphy (No. 19 District).

James Curtis, Scullabogue, Carrigbyrne, and Terence Doyle, Scullabogue, for John Curtis (No. 20 District).

Joseph Harte, Tinnock, Campile, and Thomas Hanlon, Gusserane, New Ross, for Thomas Sullivan (No. 21 District).

National Bank as Treasurer.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Michael Doyle:-

"That the National Bank, Wexford, be re-instated as Treasurer to the Wexford County Council".

Ex-Rate Collectors and Lodgments.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. M. Doyle:-

"That as this County Council of Wexford have reinstated the National Bank, Wexford, as their Treasurer, we hereby call on Messrs. John A. Ryan,

G. Rossiter, J.J. Barry, Joseph Day, P. Rossiter, John Mullett, P. Codd, P. Redmond, M. Tobin, M.J. Sheehan, P.J. Nolan, J.C. Smith, J.J. Fowler, J.L. Doyle and James Cogley, ex-Rate Collectors, who have monies of this Council collected as Poor Rates in their hands to lodge same with this Council by cheque payable to The Treasurer Wexford County Council".

Proposals for Payment.

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

"That the several Proposals for Payment in relation to matters other than public Works and in respect of quarter ended 31st December 1921, be adopted and paid as recommended by the Proposal Committee and the Finance Committee".

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(Signed) _____

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

MEETING.- 24th FEBRUAR. 1921.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Hall, Wexford, on 24th February 1921.

Present:- Mr. John J. O'Byrne (vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs. Michael Byrne, Richard Corish, C. Culleton, John Cummins G. Devereux, E.P. Foley, D. Kavanagh, Simon Kehoe, and Michael Redmond.

The Secretary and County Surveyor were in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Estimate of Rate.

The figures for Estimate of Rate for General and Separate Charges were before the Finance Committee, which submitted the following recommendation:-

"That we refer back Asylum Demand to the Committee of this Institution, and that we request the Medical Superintendent to arrange for the holding of a Special Meeting of the Committee for reconsideration of the various items in Demand, in view of the downward tendency of prices for provisions etc."

This recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Devereux.

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Foley:-

"That in view of the fact that the Estimate for Wexford Guardians shows such a considerable increase as compared with the other Unions, we request reconsideration of same by the Board, and believe it would be advisable that a special meeting should be called for the purpose".

The following recommendation of Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Devereux:-

"That the various demands of Public Bodies financed by the County Council, be returned to each body concerned. That they be each requested to appoint Committees to reconsider same in detail and that these Committees be given a permanent status for consideration of matters connected with finance".

Demands of Public Bodies.

In connection with the Demands of Public Bodies, the following

recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed, on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Corish:-

"That twenty per cent of the amounts outstanding on foot of demands of Public Bodies be paid Asylum, County Infirmary, and Boards of Guardians, but that no payment be made at this meeting to District Councils. That, in future, it is possible the Co. Council will have to meet the demands of Boards of Guardians by payments in proportion to the amount of Rate collected in each District as regards present financial half-year".

Letters from Mr. J.J. Rochford, Clerk New Ross Union, under date 21st February 1921, and from Mr. A.A. Connolly, Clerk Enniscorthy Union, under date 23rd February 1921, asking for substantial payments on foot of Union Demands were read in connection with above resolution.

Claim of Thompson's Motor Car Co. v. Co. Council
for Machinery.

Correspondence from Eagle Engineering Co. Sheffield, Mr. Charles Thompson (Thompson's Motor Car Co. Ltd. Dublin) Messrs. M.J. O'Connor & Co. Solicitors for Messrs. Thompson's Motor Car Co. as to payment for machinery ordered by the County Surveyor from Thompsons Motor Car Co., and to be supplied by Eagle Engineering Co., Sheffield, was submitted.

In letter under date 10th February 1921, Mr. C. Thompson, Managing Director, Thompson's Motor Car Co. Ltd. wrote:-

"We presume Mr. O'Connor, Solicitor, had told you that the Eagle Engineering Co. have issued a Writ and we shall be glad if you will let us know how soon you can send us along another £1000, or even £500 would help to keep them quiet".

The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of the following resolution which was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Redmond, seconded by Mr. Cummins:-

"That a sum of £500 be paid on foot of claim of Messrs. Thompson's Motor Car Co. Dublin, for supply of machinery, but that no consideration be given to any further application for payment unless the four tariler waggons paid for by this Council be delivered to them".

Finance Committee Agenda.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Foley,

seconded by Mr. Devereux:- "That agenda paper for weekly meetings of Finance Committee be issued in future to the members of the Committee".

Expenditure on County Hall.

In connection with expenditure for gas fittings etc. on County Hall, the following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Kavanagh:-

"That Messrs. R. Corish, G. Devereux and E.P. Foley, be appointed a special Committee to consider amounts spent in connection with fitting up the County Hall as Officed, that they be requested to report to next meeting of the County Council".

Rate Collection.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. S. Kehoe:-

"That our Solicitor be instructed to supply for the information of the Council draft form of bond for personal security to be entered into by Rate collectors".

Under date 20th February 1921, Mr. John Maguire, Ballinakill Ferns, recently appointed Rate Collector for No. 14 Collection District wrote that he was unable to carry out the Collection and therefore asked the County Council to accept his resignation.

Under date 22nd February 1921, Mr. William Roche, Tomgarrow, Adamstown, wrote that he had resigned from the R.I.C. in August last and understood that employment would be secured for any man who do so, by the representatives of the people. Though six months out of work, he had not as yet been offered any position. As vacancies for Rate Collectors had occurred in the meantime he felt sure that had his case come under the notice of the County Council they would have given it favourable consideration. He trusted that his case would be borne in mind when next a vacancy occurred. Men who resigned with him had been given employment almost immediately.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Cummins:-

"That William Roche, Tomgarrow, Adamstown, Enniscorthy, be

provisionally appointed Rate Collector for No. 14 Collection District vacant through resignation of Mr. John Maguire, appointment to be confirmed at next meeting if it meets with the approval of Mr. James Hall, Mr. Patrick Byrne, and Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Raheen) County Councillors for the District".

Under date 28th January 1921, Mr. Michael Maher, 28 Island Road, Enniscorthy, wrote that his brother Mr. Thomas Maher, who had been appointed Collector for No. 7 Collection District, could not for "certain reasons" accept the position. The writer, would however, be prepared to act. The Collection Books were in the possession of the R.I.C. Newtownbarry, and it was not therefore possible to proceed with the Collection. He (Mr. Maher) had been asked if duplicate collecting Books could be supplied.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kavanagh, seconded by Mr. Redmond:-

"That Mr. Michael Maher, 28 Island Road, Enniscorthy, be appointed Rate Collector for No. 7 Collection District, vice Mr. Thomas Maher, Main Street, Enniscorthy, who is unable to act. That the County Councillors concerned endeavour to arrange for surrender of Collecting Books for Mr. Maher".

Miss McCarthy, Rate Collector for No. 5 District gave as her sureties, Messrs. Charles McCarthy, Murrintown, and John O'Neill Dennistown.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Foley:-

"That Messrs. C. McCarthy Murrintown and John O'Neill, Dennistown Murrintown, be accepted as sureties for Miss Agnes McCarthy, Rate Collector for No. 5 District".

The Council and Local Government Board.

The Secretary submitted correspondence from Local Government Board, Dublin (letter No. 2268/1921 Wexford Co. under date 26th January 1921 as to position of Mr. John Ryan) (letter No. 2083 1921 under date 1st February, as to position of Mr. James L. Doyle) (letter No. 4566-1921, Wexford Co., under date 23rd February 1921, re Rate Collection).

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Devereux, seconded by Mr. Byrne:-

"That all officials of this Council be warned that they will be severely dealt with if it be ascertained they are corresponding with the Local Government Board, Custom House, Dublin, unless by special directions of this Council".

Motor Duty.

The following was submitted by the Secretary:-

A Notice has appeared in the Daily Papers that "Owing to the neglect or refusal" of certain County Councils (including Wexford) to perform their duties under the Motor Car Acts these duties have been transferred to the Post Office. This statement is untrue as regards Wexford. The duties under Motor Car Acts were most carefully carried out to the end of last year, when a new scale of duties, forms etc. was introduced, and the headquarter administration was handed over to the Ministry of Transport. The latter were to issue forms and instructions to the various County Councils, but they never did so. The "neglect or refusal" consists in not issuing forms which were never supplied or carrying out instructions which were never received. The loss to Wexford County Council annually will be £500.

Roads Committee.

On the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Redmond, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That a Roads Committee to consider and draft the future policy of the County Council as regards road maintenance be appointed".

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

"That the Roads Committee be comprised of the Chairmen of the four

Rural District Councils, viz:- Enniscorthy- Mr. Walter J. Furlong, Gorey- Mr. Patrick Byrne, New Ross- Mr. Michael Byrne, Wexford- Mr. C. Culleton, Messrs. E. Foley and R. Corish, representing the County Council, two Members of Farmers' Union, one representing North Wexford, and the other, South Wexford, two Members of the Transport Union, one representing North Wexford and the other, South Wexford, with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the County Council, who are ex-officio members of all Committees appointed by the Council.

That the first meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday 3rd March 1921 at 11 o'clock".

Malicious Injuries Charges.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Devereux:-

"That the amount raised for payment of Criminal Injury decrees in current rates be merged in the general rate of the Council".

Applications were received from Messrs. P.J. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Enniscorthy, for payment of Malicious Injury decrees on behalf of the following:-

Stephen G. Moore, Clonmel, Mary Anne Murphy, Ballynahallin, Edward C. Blacker, Woodbrook, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Thomas Asple, Galbally, Lord Carew, Castleboro, Samuel Wheelock, Milehouse and John Browne, Enniscorthy.

"No order"

The Treasurership of the Council.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That in view of the fact that no guarantee will be given by Banks that they will refuse to pay over amounts of Criminal Injury Decrees from the funds of the County Council, we are reluctantly compelled not to accept any Banking Company for the present as our Treasurer".

Gorey R. D. School Attendance Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Redmond, seconded by Mr. Kavanagh:-

That as recommended by Gorey R.D. Council, Messrs. John Sheehan, John Gannon, Michael Kinsella, Patrick Purcell, and Patrick Byrne

be appointed representatives of County Council on Gorey R.D. School Attendance Committee, to hold office for three years as from 1st June 1921".

Old Age Pension Sub-Committee No. 7.

Under date 15th February 1921, Mrs. Howard, Clerk to No. 7 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee, wrote forwarding recommendation of the Sub-Committee for appointment of Mr. Samuel Hill, New Ross, as a Member.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Devereux:-

"That Mr. Samuel Hill, New Ross, be appointed a Member of No. 7 Sub-Committee (Old Age Pensions) and that the Committee be requested to recommend some suitable person to fill the second vacancy existing on the Sub-Committee".

Council of Agriculture.

Under date 11th February 1921, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (G.522-21) acknowledging receipt of notification of appointment of Mr. Michael Doyle and Mr. Christopher Culleton, as representatives of Wexford County Council on the Council of Agriculture, as from 1st April 1921.

New Ross Bridge.

Under date 10th February 1921, Mr. M. J. Finn, Town Clerk, New Ross, wrote that he had been directed by his Council to draw special attention of the County Council to the condition of the New Ross Bridge and its approaches and to request that the necessary instructions would be given to have both put in a proper state of repair. New Ross Urban was contributing £2300 to the County Council in their present demand and they felt in view of this contribution the ratepayers were entitled to have the bridge and its approaches properly maintained.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Cummins:-

"That the letter from the Town Clerk, New Ross, under date 10th February 1921, be referred to the County Surveyor".

Larceny of Electric Exploder.

The County Surveyor reported that an Electric Exploder used in

quarry work had been taken from his offices between Saturday 19th February and the morning of Monday 21st. He notified the Police Authorities, and they stated that no more explosives would be supplied the County Council until the Exploder was returned. The County Council had no gelignite now as it was only got from Dublin by special arrangement, with the Military Authorities. He would, however, be able to get a certain amount of material from some of the quarries without using explosives.

Wild Birds' Protection Act.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Kavanagh:-

"That our Secretary be instructed not to issue usual Notice under Wild Birds' Protection Act 1894".

Report of County Surveyor.

The following report of the County Surveyor adjourned from last meeting, was read:-

"I am submitting to the Proposal Committee a list of proposals which I consider should be made. There are three items for maintenance of roadways over Bridges and one for rent of tool house at Wexford Bridge. I have supplemental proposal also to complete work at the Deeps Bridge, last Summer I was directed to carry out this by Direct Labour and this sum will be necessary for its completion. Proposal for Kilmore Harbour is to make good the slipway which is at present in an unsatisfactory condition. The repair of timber in New Ross Bridge is an advanced proposal to cover the expenditure for repairs to same from time to time, and Caretaking to cover period between the termination of the contract and the making of the new caretaking contract in September. There was a former proposal for the rebuilding of Mountgarrett Bridge and I am letting this lapse and am bringing forward a new proposal to cover the entire cost of the work taking into account the grant from the Ministry of Transport and that the Kilkenny County Council will contribute half cost. The present proposal will spread the cost over two years. There are three other proposals to cover the expenditure authorised by the County Council under resolution.

I have been in communication with the Kilkenny County Surveyor with regard to the rebuilding of Mountgarrett Bridge and he wants to know what arrangements are to be made with regard to putting the work in hands. He suggests that a Committee of the two Councils be authorised to deal with the matter, and I ask the Council to adopt this.

I shall submit separate reports with regard to a number of claims by contractors which were put in my hands at a recent meeting.

I have received payment on account for the employment of ex-service men, and now have a number of these engaged on the work. In order to have this work carried out properly, I have employed gangers who were formerly in our employment and not ex-service men and the wages of these will be charged to the ordinary proposals and they will be employed full time.

I have forms for the Unemployment Grants Committee with regard to contributions and I ask for your direction with regard to this.

The statistics in connection with the roads and bridges programme 1920 have been forwarded as directed by you.

With regard to Classification of roads I notified the Ministry of Transport when sending in the forms that you were not satisfied with some of the conditions and have a letter in reply stating that the Ministry have noted the views of the County Council in the matter.

Some time ago I was directed to prepare new estimate in connection with the subsidy from the Railway Companies towards the repair of roads over Railway Bridges and I now have this matter in hands. In order to terminate the existing agreements with the Railway Companies formal notice should be sent and I now ask you to direct the Solicitor to deal with this.

Last Autumn Mr. William Murphy, Machinery Overseer, resigned his position and subsequently you fixed terms of new appointment, but no appointment was then made. Later on I employed Mr. Murphy to erect the new Breaker and since I have had him in occasional employment doing special work to carry on with the machinery. He now writes to me that he is willing to take up the permanent position under the terms of the recent advertisement, and I have employed him accordingly subject to your sanction. I may note that particularly

during Mr. Treanor's absence it will be necessary to have a person conversant with the work, in charge, and he could deal with any special difficulty in the quarries. In connection with quarry work I have to report that it will be expressly difficult to carry it out properly, owing to lack of explosives. I have lately had a few small blasts at Ferrybank in the neighbourhood of Wexford and even these are difficult to arrange for.

With your approval I propose to start the men in the quarries and try and get as much material as possible but I should note that in many cases it will be much more expensive without blasting.

I ask your directions as to what system should be adopted in bringing forward proposals before the several R.D. Councils at the April meetings. Formerly all Works were submitted to tender but as the Council now favours "Direct Labour" I wish to know if any tenders should be invited to carry out the work by contract. With regard to road maintenance generally I must state that I do not consider that the former system can possibly keep the roads in condition to stand the present day traffic. Some years ago when I first came to this County I recommended piece work rolling in order to be prepared for this class of traffic, but it was only adopted in a very limited manner. Now I consider it will be necessary to consolidate by roller a large portion of the material on all roads subject to heavy engine or motor traffic, and of course this means that we should own a number of rollers. The Scheme adopted by you last Summer would have provided for this, but owing to finance the matter has fallen through, and I consider the Roads Committee should again take up the matter. Our Motor Lorry has been working at Ferrybank in care of a temporary driver, and I have now ceased this work, and am bringing in Lorry to the County Hall, pending such arrangements as we may be in a position to make for its further use. I have found it necessary in order to save expense of hirage to keep men working with the machinery on full time but generally workmen have been engaged only 32 hour week and I ask for your sanction for the continuance of this.

I have had a number of notices served on owners to cut hedges and in the case of those who do not attend to same I am in doubt as to

what procedure should be taken, and I ask for your instructions.

In December last Mr. J.L. Nunn, of Alma, Wexford, made arrangements with Miss Bishop of Ballyboggan Quarry to obtain material for the repair of his avenue, and on the matter coming to my notice I communicated both with Mr. Nunn and Miss Bishop. It appears that Mr. Nunn had agreed with Miss Bishop to purchase material believing that she had the right to sell the stones. The agreed on price was 5/-, which Mr. Nunn paid to Miss Bishop and which she subsequently returned to him, and this has now been handed over to me. I consider that Miss Bishop had no authority whatever to so deal with the County Council material, and I ask for you to impose a penalty to cover the full value of the material. I suggest that Miss Bishop be asked to pay a sum of £2 in addition to the sum already handed over by Mr. Nunn.

I submit the Assistant Surveyors' weekly reports with a synopsis of same".

The paragraph in the report as to Unemployment Grants Committee was referred to Roads Committee on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Cummins.

As regards new Estimate in connection with Subsidies from Railway Companies the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Redmond:-

"That the agreements with the Railway Companies, relative to maintenance of overline bridges and approaches thereto be determined by six months' notice, notice to be served on or before the 1st July 1921, on Great Southern & Western Railway Company, and Dublin & South Eastern Railway Company, and on Fishguard & Rosslare Railways & Harbours Company, on or before the 1st April 1921".

"The question of the permanent appointment of Mr. William Murphy as Machinery Overseer, was specially referred to the Roads Committee on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Kavanagh".

"It was also decided to refer the portions of County Surveyor's Report undealt with at present meeting, to the meeting of Roads Committee for consideration .