

MEETING, 1st February, 1922.

A Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Town Hall, Wexford on 1st February 1922.

Mr. J.R. Etchingham (Chairman) presiding, also - Messrs. James Byrne, Michael Cloney, C. Cullen, J. Cummins, Richard Corish, James Hall, Matthew Hughes, David Kavanagh, Philip Lennon, John Murphy, G. Devereux, John O'Byrne, (Gorey) John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) Patrick O'Byrne, Michael Redmond, James Shannon, Albert F. Smith, Michael Doyle and Seumas Doyle.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, the Assistant Secretary, Mr. T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor and Miss Lister, Inspector Local Government Department were also present.

Minutes of Meetings of 16th December 1921, 31st December 1921 (Special Meeting) and 25th January 1922, were read and signed.

Death of Mrs. Kelly, Bayview, Camolin.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Lennon, seconded by Mr. J.J.O'Byrne (Cushinstown)--

"That this Council offers Rev. J. Kelly, C.C. New Ross (an ardent worker in the cause of the revival of the Irish language and of our Gaelic civilization) our heartfelt condolence in the death of his mother.

That a copy of this resolution be furnished Rev. J. Kelly".

Proposed Co-option of Member.

In connection with the vacancy created on the Council by the death of Mr. Simon Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon, seconded by Mr. D. Kavanagh:-

"That the Sinn Fein Club, Blackwater, be requested to nominate for election as County Councillor, a successor to the late Mr. Simon Kehoe".

Public Health Board.

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. R. Corish:-

"That Representation of Wexford Corporation on County Public Board be increased from two to four Members".

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. Hall:-

"That Messrs. C. McCarthy, (Senior) Murrintown and John McCormack Arnestown, Ballymitty, be appointed additional members of County Public Health Board".

After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Seumas Doyle:-

"That the County Public Health Board be requested to meet as soon as possible to consider the question of establishment of District Hospitals, the present position of Union Amalgamation Scheme, and generally as regards the present proposals more particularly in relation to finance. That they be asked to report to the County Council at an early date. That the question of appointing any further members on County Public Health Board be adjourned pending consideration of report from said Board".

**Proposed Superannuation Mr. John Mullett,
Ex-Rate Collector.**

Mr. Hall moved the following of which he had given previous notice, and copy of which had been furnished each County Councillor on 19th December 1921:-

"That the question of allowing superannuation to Mr. John Mullett, Ex-Rate Collector for No. 6 Collection District, be considered, and if same be agreed to, that the amount of superannuation be fixed".

Under date 18th December 1921, Mr. Mullett wrote that in a few days time he would be twelve months resigned and according to a letter from the County Council under date 5th January 1921, he was to have been granted superannuation long since. He was now financially embarrassed and was being pressed by the Bank. He did his best for the Council while acting as Rate Collector and he hoped now that the Council would vote him full superannuation allowance.

A letter was read from Mr. Matthew Kelly, the present Collector that on his appointment he had received all possible assistance from Mr. Mullett.

The Secretary stated that the utmost that could be granted as superannuation allowance to Mr. Mullett was £78.3.8, amount of

two-thirds of his salary and emoluments at the date of his resignation. As an alternative the Council could take the number of years' service which had been given by Mr. Mullett, viz:- 22 and add the maximum which could be added for meritorious service viz:- 7 years. Taking the three years' average for salary and emoluments to the date of resignation, Mr. Mullett, on this basis would be entitled to twenty nine sixtieths which would work out at £48.19.2 per annum. Discarding any addition to years of actual service Mr, Mullett would be entitled to twenty-two sixtieths of his three years' average which would amount to £37. 2. 1.

Mr. Hall's motion was seconded by Mr. Shannon and adopted.

Mr. Cloney proposed--

"That as from the date of his resignation, a superannuation allowance of £50 per annum be granted Mr. John Mullett, Ex-Rate Collector".

Mr. Michael Doyle seconded the motion which was passed nem con

Mr. John Banville, Ex-Rate Collector.

Under date 31st December 1921, Mr. John Banville, Ex-rate Collector for No. 19 Collection District, applied for superannuation. He was appointed Cess Collector on 3rd February 1883, and Poor Rate Collector as transferred Officer on 17th April 1899. He resigned on 5th January 1921. During the time he was in the service of the Council he always closed his collections within the financial half year. By doing so he was compelled to find the sum of £450 each year from private means to make up for outstanding Poor Rates due at the closing dates, and a good margin of these Poor Rates he never got.

Mr Redmond gave notice of motion that the Council at next available Meeting consider the question of allowing superannuation to Mr. John Banville, Ex-Rate Collector, and, in the event of agreeing to same, that they fix the amount of said superannuation allowance.

Under date 30th December 1921, Mr, John Banville, Ex-Rate Collector, wrote that he had not been allowed poundage on amount of Rate for March 1921 which he had collected and lodged to the

credit of the Council.

It was decided that this matter be adjourned to next ordinary meeting of the County Council.

Ex-Rate Collector J. C. Smith.

Under date 10th January 1922, Mr, J. C. Smith, 63 Main Street Gorey, Ex-Rate Collector, wrote that he had made several application to the County Council in connection with his superannuation and the matter had been deferred until the country was allowed to carry on its functions of local government without outside interference. That time had now come and he thought the County Council could strain a point in favour of an old Collector who had worked honestly and accurately for over 30 years. He was living for the past ten months without any salary and he had a large family to support. He was in dire straits for money and should get it somewhere or starve. If he got a part payment of £65 for the present it would take him out of trouble.

Mr. John O'Byrne (Gorey) gave notice of motion to move at next available meeting of the County Council that the question of granting superannuation allowance to Mr, J. C. Smith, Ex-Rate Collector, be considered and, if County Council agree to same, that the amount of said superannuation allowance be fixed.

Rate Collection.

Mr. Culleton moved the following of which he had given previous notice--

"That the Treasurer be instructed not to accept any lodgments in respect of Rates except through the Rate Collectors".

Mr. Shannon seconded the motion which was adopted without dissent.

Under date 13th January, 1922, the Local Government Department wrote authorising the Council to instruct the Treasurer that any lodgments in respect of Rates are not to be accepted except through the Rate Collectors.

Claim by Ex-Rate Collector Tobin.

Under date 19th December 1921, the following to Mr. R. W.

Elgee, Solicitor, was read from Messrs. Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors

for Matthew Tobin, Ex-Rate Collector:-

Your communication of the 12th instsnt addressed to Mr. M. Tobin of Tinraheen, The Ballagh, has been handed to us. On the night of the 5th of January last our Client's house was raided by men who stated they belonged to the I.R.A. and were collecting our Client's books for the County Council and that our Client was to have nothing more to do with the Rates as they were now in full charge. On this occasion they took from our Client's house a sum of £478 which he had in notes in the book that was taken, and subsequently, apparently, the book which they had taken was delivered up to the County Council and our Client subsequently wrote to the County Council asking to have the book returned to him with the contents consisting of £478 in notes. he got a reply from the Secretary of the County Council stating that his letter had been laid before the Council but no order was made. The book was taken from him apparently with the authority of the County Council and our Client concluded that the money was taken as well. The County Council have apparently held the money since and he would feel obliged if you would kindly ask the Council to return the balance due to our Client. There were other books taken since then and were subsequently used by the County Council in the collection of the Rates".

The Secretary read extracts from "The Echo" of 15th January 1921, stating that a sum of £34, the personal property of Mr. Tobin had been taken by men who said they belonged to the Irish Republican Army and who went for the Rate Collecting Books, and from "The Echo" of 22nd January 1921, stating that Mr. Tobin had found the money in a box which was disturbed during the raid. Tobin had collected £345.12.9 Rates and lodged the amount in his own name in the Bank.

Miss Lister (Inspector) said she interviewed Mr. Tobin some time ago about the rate which he had collected with a view to having it lodged to the credit of the Council. Mr. Tobin promised to hand over the money to the Treasurer of the Council. He did not then make any allegation that any money had been taken from him

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

"That a copy of the communication from Messrs. Huggard & Brennan Solicitors on behalf of Mr. Matthew Tobin, Ex-Rate Collector, be furnished to the Commandant of North Wexford Brigade, and to the Chief of Police for North Wexford, to investigate the charges contained therein".

Under date 14th January 1922 a letter was read from Mr. E. J. Murphy, Rate Collector, New ross, asking if he were to be allowed 13/4 expenses incurred by him in connection with a prosecution by him against Patrick Ryan, Begerin Lloyd, for Rates, a decree had been against Ryan who had lodged the amount of Rates less costs in the Bank.

Adjourned to next meeting.

The Minister for Local Government wrote under date 17th January 1922, calling the attention of the County Council to the fact that in Gorey District only one Collector had collected half the first moiety. The collection in this District was exceedingly unsatisfactory and the Minister impressed upon the Council the necessity of having the first moiety closed herewith.

Under date 19th December 1921, the Minister for Local Government wrote sanctioning proposed payment of £9.11.8 to Mr. Pierce Redmond, late Rate Collector.

Applications were read from a number of Collectors for payment of poundage fees.

Under date 12th January 1922 the Minister for Local Government wrote that the Ministry would not raise any objection to the Council paying poundage fees as proposed to the Collectors whose names appeared on the Minutes of Proceedings of 16th ultimo.

Mr. Devereux moved:-

"That payment of Poundage Fees be made to Rate Collectors in respect of all lodgments made to date".

Mr. Culleton seconded the motion which was adopted.

Objection on the ground of canvassing was made to the appointment of Mr. P. J. Fitzpatrick, Rate Collector for No. 15 Collection

successful candidates for the position.

The Chairman stated that Mr. McGrath had called on him and explained that he withdrew his objection to Mr. Fitzpatrick's appointment.

Mr. J. Radford, Collector for No. 1 Collection District came before the meeting and explained that he was handing over the collection to Mr. James Quirke, the old Collector.

The meeting approved of Mr. J. Quirke resuming his duties as Collector.

The Secretary reported that Patrick Codd, Ex-Rate Collector, Newtownbarry, No. 7 Collection District, would not attend for the checking of his accounts. There was a sum of £707. 16. 3 outstanding.

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

"That the Chief of Police for North Wexford be requested to take steps that Mr. Patrick Codd, Ex-Rate Collector will attend at the Union Offices, Enniscorthy for the checking of his accounts as rate Collector".

Mr. Kavanagh Proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution:-

"That the Rate Collectors be directed to close their collection within a month from this date".

This was withdrawn in favour of the following resolution which was proposed by Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. P. Byrne and passed Nem.Con :-

"That in the event of outstanding rates not being paid by 15th February, the Collectors be directed to take proceedings against all defaulting Ratepayers".

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

"That we instruct our Secretary to prepare for presentation at Meeting with Rate Collectors on 6th February 1922, particulars of all cases in which Rate Collectors have been interned or imprisoned and the names and addresses of any substitutes for these Collectors and who are at present holding office".

The following report was submitted from Mr. J.J. Fanning, Official Rate Checker for Gorey District, as to accounts of Michael Kinsella, late Rate Collector for No. 13 Collection District:-

"Re Kinsella Ex-Rate Collector:- I had an interview here yesterday with Mr. John Byrne, Raheen on this subject. He states that the proper course would be for the County Council to proceed against Kinsella at the next District Court to be held in Gorey on Saturday, January 28th at 12 o'clock. The position is this. Kinsella admits having collected £146. 16. 5, and he lodged £104. 16. 0. Therefore he has misappropriated £42. 6. 5 on that score. In addition he collected the sum of £18. 8. 2 (as ascertained up to the present) for which he gave no official receipts. The ratepayers in each of these cases have given a signed statement to the present Collector that they paid to Kinsella and they are prepared to come before the Court to verify these statements in presence of Kinsella. The full sum of his defalcations is therefore £60. 14. 7. I sent him several letters and requests to attend for checking but he ignored them all. I only saw the man on one occasion and that was almost at dark when he came here after pressure had been brought him by the I.R.A. through the two lady Inspectors. He kept me till a very late hour of the night going through his accounts which were all in a muddle. In order to detect the full sums he had collected and not lodged, it would have been necessary to go through his receipts page by page and that was impossible at the time. He is still living in the Camolin district but I think he has no means. At the same time in the interests of simple justice I think it would be a bad precedent to let him off scot free".

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

"That Mr. R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, be instructed to proceed against Michael Kinsella, Ballyshane, Camolin, for recovery of £60. 14. 7 Rates collected by him and not accounted for to Deputy Rate Checker, Gorey District".

Several letters were submitted from Mr. M.J. Finn, Official

Checker, Rate Collector's Accounts, as to the accounts of Mr. Thomas Sullivan, Ex-Rate Collector. These were all referred to the meeting of 6th February to be held with Rate Collectors.

Several other matters in connection with the Rate Collection were adjourned to next meeting of the Council.

University Scholarship Scheme.

The Minister for Local Government, writing under date 17th January 1922 (E.1135) forwarded letter from Minister of Education approving of County Council University Scheme. The latter suggested that it should be explicitly laid down that all Scholarships should be tenable only in a constituent College of the National University Ireland.

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

"That candidates who secure award of University Scholarship from Wexford County Council be informed that all such scholarships shall be tenable only in a constituent College of the National University (Ireland)".

Primary Scholarship Scheme.

Under date 25th January 1922, the Minister for Education wrote approving of the Primary Scholarship Scheme. He drew attention to the standard of knowledge of Irish language as being too low. As the candidates for these scholarships would apparently be placed in the sixth standard, there appears to be ^{no} good reason for making the standard in Irish equivalent to that of fourth standard. The Minister also considered that the minimum age (14 years) appeared to be rather high., if students were to take full advantage of a secondary education it was advisable they begin in not less than their thirteenth year.

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

"That the recommendations of the Minister of Education in his letter of 25th January 1922, relative to Primary Scholarships Scheme of Wexford County Council, be referred to Primary Scholarship Committee for consideration and report".

The following applied for University Scholarships:-

1. Carty Kathleen, S. 16 Oliver Plunkett Street, Wexford.
2. Cullen Elizabeth M. Lady's Island.
3. Furlong Stephen J. South Main Street, Wexford.
4. Hickey Una M. 24 South Main Street. Wexford.
5. Horan James J. Rowe Street, Wexford.
6. Hall Christopher James, Cornmarket. Wexford.
7. Kehoe Thomas M., Mulrarkin, Bridgetown.
8. Kenny Martin J. Campile (son to)
9. Mooney John, Glenglass, Killanne.
10. Phelan D. Summerville, Wexford.
11. Tobin Patrick S., Bohreen Hill, Enniscorthy.

On the motion of Mr. Seumas Doyle, seconded by the Chairman, it was decided that Mr. Patrick S. Tobin be considered eligible to compete for University Scholarship.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Kavanagh, it was decided that Mr. Christopher J. Hall be considered eligible to compete for University Scholarship.

James J. Horan was considered eligible to compete on the motion of Mr. Devereux, seconded by Mr. Corish.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Hall, it was agreed that Mr. Stephen J. Furlong be allowed to compete for University Scholarship.

On the motion of Mr. Devereux, seconded by Mr. Corish, it was decided that Miss Kathleen S. Carty should be allowed to compete for University Scholarship.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Redmond, it was decided that Mr. Thomas M. Kehoe be considered eligible to compete for University Scholarship.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Hall, it was agreed that son of Martin J. Kenny be allowed to compete for University Scholarship.

Mr. Devereux proposed that D. Phelan be considered eligible to compete for University Scholarship.

Mr. J. O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded, Mr. Corish proposed and P. Byrne seconded a resolution that Una M. Hickey be considered as eligible to compete for University Scholarship.

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. Smith seconded a resolution that John Mooney be regarded as eligible to compete for University Scholarship.

A show of hands was then taken with the following result:-

For Mooney, 9

For Hickey, 5

For Phelan, 3

The Chairman declared that John Mooney had been elected to compete for University Scholarship.

Food & Drugs Act Administration.

The Secretary stated he had replies from the Relieving Officers of the County as to acting as Inspectors under Food & Drugs Acts. The three Enniscorthy R. O's would accept £10 each per annum., the two Gorey R.O's left the fixing of salary to the County Council but it was probable they would not accept less than £10 each. The four R.O's for new Ross District would also take £10 each, while the two in Wexford District were asking £50 each. The total salaries for Inspectors would therefore be £190. In addition, the cost of samples would not be less than £150 per annum.

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

"That the Minister for Home Affairs be requested to inform the Wexford County Council as to the best procedure to be adopted in connection with administration of Food & Drugs Acts. The work of the Inspectorate was in the past carried out by old R.I.C. without charge and the Council consider that it might be possible for Ministry for Home Affairs to suggest some scheme by which the work could be carried out by Republican Police!"

Appointment of Analyst.

Under date 23rd January 1922 (Ref. B.11) the Minister for

Local Government dealt with qualifications required by persons who act as County Analysts. In all cases appointments are to be temporary as Department hoped in the near future to develop a definite scheme for this work. The circular concluded:-

"Appointments of Analysts should be made by the County Council in all cases and that body should provide in their advertisement to have the work of all public bodies in the County done by the person appointed, for the salary fixed".

The Secretary explained that up to the present practically all public bodies appointed and paid their own analyst.

The County Council at their meeting on 27th May, 1921 had adopted the following resolution:-

"That Messrs. O'Kelly and Keane and Miss Ryan, 26 Upper Mount Street, Dublin be appointed Analysts to Wexford County Council under Food & Drugs Acts at 5/- per sample analysed, except water fee for which to be £1.1.0, and Poison cases, £2.2.0 as per conditions fixed by County Council, appointment to be determined by a month's notice in writing at either side".

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

"That copy of letter of 23rd January 1922 (ref.B.11) from Local Government Department be furnished the various public bodies of the County and that they be asked for their observations thereon

Transfer to Public Bodies.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. J. J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) seconded by Mr. Redmond:-

"That the following transfers of money be made to the public bodies financed by the County Council:-

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| County Asylum | £3000 |
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| County Wexford Infirmary | £100 |
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Guardians

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| Enniscorthy | £1300 |
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| Gorey | £ 1,000 |
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| New Ross | £1,400 |
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| Wexford | £1,200 |
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R/D. Councils

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| Enniscorthy | £500 |
| Gorey | £500 |
| New Ross | £500 |
| Wexford | £500". |

Road Maintenance.

The following report was read from the County Surveyor:-

REPORT TO COUNTY COUNCIL AT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 1st February

-----1922.-----

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

The Ministry of Local Government summoned a meeting of the County Surveyors for the purpose of discussing scheme of distribution and application of Road Grants now available, and on the 24th January the meeting took place at the Mansion House, Dublin. I attended the meeting and most of the Surveyors from Southern Ireland were also in attendance. Mr. Cosgrave, Minister of Local Government was unfortunately not able to be present owing to press of other work, but he had a representative there who went fully into the matter. Later in the evening Mr. Cosgrave attended for a short while and addressed the Surveyors, impressing on them the necessity of having all the roads throughout the County put into good order with as little delay as possible.

The Surveyors were informed that an immediate instalment, amount equal to about one half-year's normal expenditure, would be made to each County, and that the money now available will be apportioned on the coming year's Estimate. Each County will be expected to raise a full estimate, as the Grant now is to be taken as an extra to cover deterioration during the past couple of years. Further instalments will be according to the work done in each County, and eventually each County may hope to get nearly the full amount of the with-held Grants, but this may not be for some time. The work shall be put in hands at once, and as many of the former road workers as possible shall be employed so as to relieve present stress. During Harvest time, or at other times when men are required for farm work it would be advisable to ease off the

County Works so as to release the men who would be required for agricultural purposes. As the money now to be expended does not come off the rates, the County Council can, by resolution, approve of its immediate expenditure, and it will not be necessary to have proposals from the several District Councils. In regard to the expenditure on roads covering the coming year's estimate there will be no difficulty in dealing with the financial limit, as the Local Government Department will sanction any necessary increase.

The claim for roads and bridges damaged by contending forces are not included in the Grant and an Estimate of the cost of restoration shall be put in separately., road improvement Grants, formerly dealt with by the Ministry of Transport are also excluded and will be dealt with by another Department.

I have gone carefully into a scheme for the utilisation of the money, and taking a basis of £20,000 as being at once available I suggest that this money be expended in the following manner:-

1. ~~Take~~ over and pay road contractors for such materials as they have put out on the roads during the past months, and arrange with them for payment on the best terms. As most of this material is from County Council quarries the money to be paid contractors will be generally for haulage only, and I estimate that a sum of about £150 will cover this.
2. Arrange to spread all material on roads now, to the best advantage in levelling up ruts and pot-holes. As there will be I estimate about 1,000 c. yards of this, the cost will amount to about £150.
3. Arrange for the hauling and spreading of all material now prepared in the Council quarries. This is about 4,300 c. yards and will require the expenditure of about £2,000.
4. Break all material at present in the rough in the Council quarries. This is about 9,000 c. yards and will require £1,800.
5. Haul to the road and spread material as set out in No. 4 and this will cost about £4,050.

The total of the above items amounts to £8,150.

LABOUR.

I propose that in all about 350 men be at once employed and taking the wages at £2 per week this will mean an expenditure of £700 per week. It will be necessary in connection with these labourers to have sixteen gangers at £2.10.0. per week making £40 per week, that is a total for labour of £740 per week. Arranging for a twelve-weeks period of continuous work this will require £8,880. There will be a balance out of the £20,000 of £2,970 which should be expended in quarries and rolling as may be considered most advisable while the work proceeds.

It is my suggestion that each workman be put in charge of a certain section of first or second class roads with a number of third class roads also under his care so that he may distribute the work on the sections in his charge as may be most necessary. There are in the County 154 miles of first class and 316 miles of second class roads, a total of 470 which would allow of each workingman having in or about one and one-third miles of such roads, and he would also have about four miles of bye-roads. I consider therefore that the workman would be able to give about four days per week to the leading roads and the balance of the time would be employed on the bye-roads. This would enable far more satisfactory work being done than has been formerly possible. and I believe would have the effect of immediate improvement on the roads.

There are at present a number of existing road contracts but as the Local Government Department pointed out the money now to be expended is an extra I do not think the contractors generally can raise any point as regards their contracts. However in cases where labourers are also contractors there should be no difficulty in giving them employment and in the case of other contractors work can be found for them in many cases in hauling materials.

If this work be undertaken it will be necessary that my staff be immediately re-employed and if possible I would also suggest that the County Council take steps to allow of our returning at once to our former offices in the County Hall, as the present

arrangement of offices will be most unsuitable for carrying out the work satisfactorily.

The following Circular letter was read from the Local Government Department Aireacht Riaghaltas

Dail Eireann.

Aireacht Riaghaltas Aiteamhla. Local Govt. Department.

To Each County, District and Urban Council.

A Chara,

During the coming financial year large sums of money representing the balance of Grants withheld from your Council during the war period after deducting all the normal payments made to the British Government in respect of Interest and principal on loans etc., will be available. This will relieve the rate for which you are now estimating and enable the County Councils to bring back to normal conditions the service which has been generally most neglected throughout the country, namely, Road Maintenance.

The Ministry of Local Government, realising the enormous expense to which further neglect of the roads must naturally lead, has decided to encourage immediate action towards their repair by forwarding the first instalments which come to hand of the withheld grants to those Councils which are reported by our Inspectors to be devoting to roads the necessary attention.

Each Local Authority must include in the estimate for the coming year all sums due to the British Government which were withheld and in striking the rate for year 1922-23 you should assume an Agricultural Grant equivalent to that of the normal year together with the balance of grants due to your Council from the war period after discharging all liabilities in respect of Government loans. Where the Agricultural land in the year 1921-22 received the benefits of differentiation of rates based on the assumption that the Grants should be credited whether received or not, the above should not be construed to give to Agricultural Land greater relief than usual.

Your Office Staff, with the assistance of the County Surveyor, should immediately tackle the question of internal financial adjustments as between different services in your County, and where monies levied for one service were expended on another the adjustment should be completed with the least possible delay. The Road Service in most cases has been particularly hit in this way. You will therefore now consider it your duty to restore this important branch of your administration proceeding as follows:-

You will instruct your County Surveyor to prepare his Road Estimate for maintenance and repair not including Bridges with a view to putting the roads back to their normal condition within the year. Such Estimate should not be reduced by the Council unless it exceeds the last approved limit of expenditure. Having thus provided a reasonable annual estimate under prevailing conditions you will add and place at the Surveyor's disposal all monies levied in respect of road expenditure during the past two years and not applied for that purpose.

With a view to levelling up the total expenditure on roads over the past three years by the end of the current year you will further instruct your Surveyor to estimate the Council's war loss for bridges, roads etc., and lodge a claim with the Council's Secretary just as a private individual would. In this connection of course it will not be necessary to hold over work of repair until decrees are secured. In fact it is a matter of primary importance that bridges which have been temporarily been filled up are now causing or are liable to cause floods should be dealt with immediately.

Your Surveyor should therefore be formally instructed to get his road and maintenance going with the least possible delay, while you, on your part, ought to have arrangements completed for meeting expenses incurred by him in connection with this Scheme.

At a Conference called for the purpose on the 24th instant a representative of this Department explained to the Surveyors in detail the line of action they should take up with a view to assisting their several Councils in every possible way to have

the terms of the Circular carried out without delay. It should be noted that for the year 1922-23 Limit and Expenditure will apply only to the Surveyor's estimate and not in any way interfere with the gross expenditure on roads. Surveyors will see that the terms of the Scheme have since been considerably changed. This will however, necessitate only slight alterations in their plans.

Mise le meas,

L.T. MacCosgair,

Minister for Local Government.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. J.J. O'Byrne:-

"That work on roads, as outlined by County Surveyor in his report presented to this meeting, proceed without prejudice: that a Special Meeting of the County Council be held on Saturday 4th February 1922, at 10.30 a.m. in Town Hall, Wexford, to consider, in conjunction with the Members of the Roads Committee, Report of County Surveyor and Circular letter from Local Government Department that copy of these documents be furnished each County Councillor and the Members of Roads Committee".

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

"That the County Surveyor be directed to communicate immediately with the Ministry of Labour with the view of ascertaining if the money set aside for the classification of roads scheme be still available, and, if so, ^{on} what percentage it will be distributed to the local bodies concerned".

Mr. James Byrne moved:-

"That Road Contractors who have been penalised on account of the suspension of road contract work be invited to apply for haulage or other similar work under the new scheme". Mr. Devereux seconded.

After considerable discussion Mr. Byrne withdrew his motion on the understanding that the system which obtained under the Drainage Scheme and as explained by the County Surveyor would remain in force.

Roads in Foulksmills District.

The following was submitted from a number of Ratepayers in

Foulksmills District:-

"We, the undersigned, wish to draw your attention to the shocking state of the roads leading from R.C. Chapel of Cullens-town to the Old Pound cross at Hoertown and from the Pound Cross to the bridge of Foulksmills. These two roads are now impassable in some parts for ordinary traffic and there is a boghole right across the whole road at the Mill leading to Mr. Day's Corn Mill, which even foot passengers find hard to pass over in the day time. we hope the County Council will instruct their County Surveyor to put these roads in repair as soon as possible as at the present it is dangerous for the public to pass over them, and oblige the following Ratepayers".

The County Surveyor explained that with the new Road Grant, he would be able to have the roads referred to in Foulksmills District and other parts of the county put into a proper state of repair.

Mr. Simon O'Neill, Oldtown, Ferns and other ratepayers from the district wrote, under date 27th December 1921, complaining of the neglected state of the roads leading from Ferns to Clonegal between the turn in Ballyandrew and Oldtown.

The County Surveyor stated he had not enough money on hands to put this road into repair but he expected to be able to include it with other work under the new grant.

Gullet at Fahy's Cross.

Under date 9th January 1922 Messrs. Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford, wrote that Mr. James Kelly complained that nothing had yet been done to rectify the condition of the gullett under the road at the Wexford side of Fahy's Cross. If any heavy rains should come Mr. Kelly anticipated considerable flooding. Mr. Kelly was at a loss already and he hoped the Council would attend to the matter.

The County Surveyor stated that this work had been carried out.

Other matters in connection with roads were adjourned to next Meeting.

Expenses of Inquests.

ment wrote (17508-21) approving of the payment of £1.9.0 expenses incurred in connection with the holding of inquest on the body of Thomas Connolly held on 13th October, 1921.

Motor Ambulance.

Under date 8th January 1922 (B.1) the Minister for Local Government forwarded particulars and cost of spare parts which were necessary in connection with Motor Ambulance for Public Health Board.

The Secretary stated that a copy of this letter had been furnished the Secretary, County Public Health Board.

Resolution as to Employment of Workmen
on Roads.

The following resolution was received from Wexford Trades & Labour Council:-

"That we express our strongest condemnation of the action of Wexford County Council in placing in hands of a political society control of the employment of workers on public roads as being directly opposed to inherent right of every man and woman to earn their living irrespective of their political or religious beliefs. In our opinion the spirit manifested is only different in degree from the spirit underlying the pogroms in Belfast when thousands of workers were deprived of the opportunity of earning their living on account of their religious or political beliefs. In addition, we look upon it as introducing into public life the pernicious system of political patronage which inevitably saps honesty and independence in public life by making the living of a number of people dependent on the maintenance in power of a particular party and the using of Public Body to influence electors. We therefore request that this resolution be removed from the records of the Council".

The following was received from North Wexford Executive, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, under date 24th January 1922:-

"We, the representatives of the Workers of North Wexford, having seen in the press where the County Council adopted the resolution giving work on the roads to members of Sinn Fein Clubs,

we call upon the County Council to leave the employment of the road workers to the Labour Unions as heretofore".

Mr. A. A. Connolly, Clerk, Rural District Council, Enniscorthy wrote under date 22nd December 1921, that Dail Eireann had written that the resolution which had been submitted to the County Council for adoption was contrary to their decree re religious and political tests.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. J.J.O'Byrne (Cushinstown) seconded by Mr. Kavanagh:-

"That the Wexford County Council calls on the Wexford Trades & Labour Council for a public withdrawal of and apology for, resolution passed by them at meeting held on 29th December 1921. The Wexford County Council never passed any resolution limiting employment on roads to any particular set of workers. They were asked to do so and refused, having adopted the following:-

"That we, as a County Council, representing all sections of the people, welcome recommendations as to County Council administration from any representative body of the people and will give these every consideration. If Monageer Sinn Fein Club or Glenbrien (Branch Dr. O'Dywer) Sinn Fein Club have a grievance relative to the Direct Labour Scheme on roads, the Council will be prepared to deal with same on their attention being called to it".

As an amendment Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. P. Byrne seconded the following:-

"That we desire to inform the Wexford Trades & Labour Council that we, the Wexford County Council, never passed such a resolution as that referred to in resolution of Wexford Trades & Labour Council of December 29th, 1921, and hence consider this last mentioned resolution should be withdrawn".

On a show of hands seven were found in favour of the amendment and nine against. The amendment was declared lost and the resolution was then put and passed without dissent.

Mr. Devereux proposed:-

"That the Press, which is responsible for the statement that the resolution complained of by the Wexford Trades & Labour Council

was adopted by the County Council, be requested to withdraw their erroneous statement".

Mr. Devereux did not however press the matter to a decision and it was subsequently withdrawn.

Extension of Parliamentary Franchise.

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

"That we demand the Parliamentary Franchise be settled so as to be in operation for next election to all men and women of 20 years on birthday preceding lodgment of claim, irrespective of sex or qualification except that of citizenship. That a copy of this resolution be furnished President and Mr. de Valera".

Claim for Extra R. I. C.

Under date 4th January 1922, the County Inspector R.I.C. forwarded claim for £86.5.10 for extra R.I.C. for halfyear ended 30th September 1920.

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

"That we refuse to pay account for £86.5.10 for extra constabulary for halfyear ended 30th September 1920".

Sanction Payment Acting Secretary.

Under date 18th January 1922, the Minister for Local Government wrote sanctioning the proposed payment of £50 to Mr. T. Frizelle for his services as Acting Secretary.

County Hall.

Mr. R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, under date 3rd January 1922, forwarded copy of letter which he had received from Captain Brennan, Brigade Lands Office, offering to pay rent and taxes of County Hall and to pay the Council a sum of £50 to cover removal of effects, also rent of present offices. He (Mr. Elgee) had written to Captain Brennan that his proposal would not even be considered by the Council.

The Secretary requested the meeting to point out to the Provisional Government the necessity for having the County Hall

handed back to the Council. The present premises were entirely unsuited for offices, they were bare and draughty, without fireplace and had been described by a Medical Doctor as unfit even for cattle. He (Secretary) since his release from prison on 26th November had had three attacks of illness owing to the cold of the present premises in which the work of the Council was carried on, and other members of the staff had also been laid up. The place was entirely out of the way and did not allow of sufficient room for the staff to carry on their work.

The records of the Council were in a most topsy turvey condition and would require a considerable amount of sorting. A number had been lost. This was unavoidable as the staff had been at an hour's notice thrown out of the Hall at point of revolver and rifle, and papers, books etc., had been thrown out with them. The Secretary's own private records and books had entirely disappeared. Seeing the manner in which the County Council had been treated and the extraordinary inconvenience which the staff had to put up with, the Council ought to have no hesitation in calling on the Provisional Government to have the place vacated forthwith and handed back to its rightful owners.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Devereux and unanimously adopted:-

"That we call upon the Department for Home Affairs to take steps to have the County Hall restored to the County Council. The staff of the Council is at present working in a most unsuitable premises viz:- a disused workhouse ward. These are so cold and draughty (being unprovided with fireplaces) that several cases of illness have occurred, while the accommodation for papers and records is wretched. We would remind the Ministry for Home Affairs that the staff was thrown out of the County Hall at the point of rifle and revolver to make room for R.I.C., and that all documents and records which were not removed on an hour's notice to vacate the place, were thrown out into the street and numbers of them disappeared.

The present offices are most inconvenient for the general public

as they are situate at some distance from the town of Wexford. We hope the Ministry for Home Affairs will attend to the matter at once. The English Police can move into the Military Barrack though in any event we fail to see why our staff should be incommoded and their health injured to accommodate people who are enemies of Ireland. That on the premises being handed over on behalf of the Council our Secretary be instructed to have them properly fumigated and disinfected before re-occupation by our staff".

Voters & Jurors Acts.

Under date 13th January 1922 (E.1084) the Minister for Local Government wrote that remuneration for preparation of Jurors & Franchise Lists may be paid to all officers concerned, on the basis of last year's payment, provided that a guarantee is signed by the officials to do this work if called on before the 31st March.

Books Etc. taken by R.I.C.

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

"That we request Captain Howlett, Liason Officer to take steps to have the books and records taken by a party of R.I.C. from County Council Offices on 22nd November, 1920, returned at once to our Secretary".

Committee for Petty Business.

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

"That Messrs. Corish, Devereux, E. Foley and C. Culleton be appointed a Committee to deal with matters of petty business and to report on same to the Council. That our Secretary summon said Committee as he considers their services may be required".

Old Age pension Business.

A recommendation was received from Enniscorthy by Kiltale Old Age Pension Sub-Committee (No. 5) for the appointment of Mr. James Lawlor, Coolree, Ballindaggin.

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

"That Mr. James Lawlor, Coolree, Ballindaggin, be appointed a member of No. 5 Sub-Committee Old Age pensions Act".

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(Signed) _____

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19

SPECIAL MEETING, 4th February, 1922.

Present:-

Mr. J.R. Etchingham, (Chairman) presiding., also
Messrs. John O'Byrne (Gorey) Seamus Doyle, Michael Cloney, R. Corish,
G. Devereux, John Murphy, John Cummins, J. Pender, Sean Sinnott,
C. Cullleton, D. Kavanagh and James Shannon.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, the Assistant Secretary,
Mr. T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, and Miss Lister, Inspector,
Local Government Department, were also in attendance.

Resumption of Road Work.

Report of County Surveyor as to proposal of Local Government
Department to furnish grants to allow of road work being resumed
was presented to the meeting. The Report appears in full on
Minutes of Meeting of 1st February 1922 (pages 16, 17 & 18).

Circular letter from Local Government Department as to how
grants were to be dealt with and estimates for Rates for 1922-23
prepared was also read. This circular letter (Ref. A-129) appears
in full on Minutes of County Council of 1st February 1922 (pages
19 and 20).

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following
resolution:-

"That the report of the County Surveyor be received and adopted"
"Passed"

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

"That estimates received from Boards of Guardians, Rural District
Councils and Adylum, be returned for the purpose of having included
as debits therein the amounts due for repayment of Loans, Interest
etc., to the British Treasury.

In connection with remuneration to be paid road workers under
the proposed scheme, Mr. Cloney proposed that the resolution of the
Council fixing the wages of workers on roads at 1/- per hour be
rescinded.

The Chairman pointed out the resolution in question would only
be rescinded by notice of motion and Mr. Cloney stated he would

forward notice of motion to the Secretary later.

Mr. Corish proposed, Mr. Culleton seconded and it was passed:-

"That road workers to be employed under the provisions of Scheme submitted by the County Surveyor be paid at the rate of 1/- per hour for a 40 hour week".

Mr. Devereux proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:-

"That a certain percentage of Ex-service men, who fought for Ireland in the late war, be employed under the proposed Direct Labour Scheme".

In connection with membership and payment of subscriptions to Transport Union, Mr. Seamus Doyle read a letter which he had from Liberty Hall, Dublin, stating that the cards of men who had been imprisoned or interned would be fully stamped for the period of their incarceration but a similar privilege could not be given in the case of men who were on the run. Mr. Doyle said he wrote to Liberty Hall, pointing out the injustice of this course but the Transport Union stated they could not alter their decision.

The Chairman called attention to the necessity which existed for the cutting of hedges at dangerous corners and the cleaning of passways for water under roads. Owing to the neglect of the latter a great many roads were being flooded. The County Council would be glad to have land owners carry out this work without compulsion.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Culleton, that the County Surveyor insert an advertisement to this effect in the local papers, calling the attention of land holders to cases which should be dealt with at once, and report to the County Council how far his instructions in these matters have been attended to, as, failing their requests being complied with, the Council will have to make use of their compulsory powers.

General Purposes Committee.

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

"That the names of Mr. D. Kavanagh, and Mr. Sean Sinnott be added to the General Purposes Committee appointed at last meeting

of the Council on 1st February 1922, for consideration of items of Petty Business and that cases relative to Road Contractors before this day's Meeting of County Council be referred to said Committee for report".

Repair and Maintenance of Bridges.

Under date 4th January 1922, the Clerk, Urban Council, New Ross wrote that his Council had agreed to maintain the roadway and approaches of New Ross Bridge (exclusive of wooden portion) from 1st January to 30th June for the sum of £20.

He was directed to again draw the attention of the County Council to the very dangerous condition of the wooden portion of the bridge and to request that they will take immediate steps to have it put in proper state of repair and thus remove the possibility of serious injury to the public when using the bridge.

The County Surveyor stated that the necessary repairs had been carried out to the wooden portion of New Ross Bridge.

The following was read from Meeting of Roads Committee (22nd December, 1921)--

"That we recommend the County Council to have repairs carried out to the following bridges at amounts specified, by the County Surveyor, viz:-

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| Deep's Bridge, | £37 |
| Kilconnib | £95 |
| Ballymotey | £187.10.0" |

The recommendation of the Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Cloney.

In connection with Ferrycarrig Bridge, the County Surveyor reported that two pile heads were defective and required immediate repair, cost not to exceed £25.

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

"That defective pile heads at Ferrycarrig Bridge be repaired, cost not to exceed £25".

The County Surveyor reported that Wexford Bridge required metalling.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That metalling be provided for Wexford Bridge, cost not to exceed £25".

Roads Committee.

The following report of Roads Committee Meeting 16th December 1921, was received and adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Seamus Doyel--

"The Committee appointed at Meeting of County Council on 16th December 1921, to consider complaints from Road Contractors etc., met immediately after meeting of County Council on same date.

"The following were in attendance:-

"Messrs. Foley, McCarthy, Redmond, Kavanagh, Hall & Sinnott, with the County Surveyor and Mr. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor".

Road 8R.

"James Furlong, Whitemoor, New Ross, wrote under date 2nd December 1921, that he had held the contract for above road for a number of years and he would now be prepared to clean watertables etc. on road for one year at a fixed price if the Council would not propose to have the work done by Direct Labor".

"Referred to the County Surveyor to have the work carried out provided the money be available".

Road 3W.

"Correspondence was read from Mr. Thos. Foran, General president Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, complaining that Denis Murphy had been employed on above road displacing a member of the Union, John Kinsella, Castlebridge, and from James Hogan, Secretary Castlebridge Section, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union stating that Murphy only joined the Union to secure work on the road".

"Mr. Aidan Mernagh, Oylegate, came before the meeting in support of the employment of Kinsella".

"The County Surveyor stated that Murphy had been a member of the Union while a branch existed in Castlebridge, and Kinsella it was stated only joined in October when a Branch was started in

Oylegate. Besides Murphy had been employed on this road for some time previously.

"It was decided to approve of the County Surveyor in employing Murphy".

Road 25E.

"Mr. James O'Brien, of Glenteigue, Edermine, appeared before the Committee in regard to his claim for several sums. The Committee decided that the first item in his claim, viz:- £92.14.3 was one that had been considered by the previous County Council anterior to June 1920, and referred to contracts previously enforced. The Committee now decided that the matter is outside the consideration of the Council. In regard to Mr. O'Brien's other claims, it was decided to adjourn the consideration as the Committee had not sufficient information before them, Mr. O'Brien and the County Surveyor were directed to submit full particulars".

re 1W.

"A letter from Messrs. Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford dealing with flooding of Kelly's holding at Knottown, Wexford was considered. The County Surveyor reported that a trench had been made at the side of a gullet, which had been broken down. Subsequently to allow of the traffic proceeding on the road the trench was filled in solidly, with the result that the flow of water was blocked. The Committee recommended the County Surveyor to have the work carried out at once, so as to relieve the flooding".

re 162W.

"Letter from Messrs. O'Connor, Solicitors, Wexford, reporting to a horse belonging to Mr. John Cogley of Edwardstown, Cleariestown was considered. the County Surveyor reported that the matter had been reported to the Insurance Company, who would be liable in case of damage being payable. The County Surveyor also reported that Mr. Roche of Cleariestown had subsequently repaired the gullet".

227E & 236E.

"Mr. Michael Nolan, D.C. Ballycoursey, Glenbrien wrote under date 15th December 1921, that Road 227E was impassible and the

ratepayers of the district were complaining. The approach to Catholic Church of Glenbrien (Road 236) was in a very bad state and Contractor held it was not included in specification".

"The County Surveyor explained that nothing further could be done on 227E until the County Council allocated more money for road expenditure. As regards No. 236E the County Surveyor stated that the approach to Glenbrien Catholic Church had been specially included in the terms of road contract by instructions of Rural District Council of Enniscorthy".

Ordered:-

"That County Surveyor direct the Contractor to carry out the work".

22W, 102W & 103W.

"Messrs. Crotty & Kelly, Solicitors, Wexford, wrote on behalf of Maurice Crean, Arnestown, Ballymitty, Contractor for Roads Nos. 22W, 102W and 103W that this man's contract was cancelled by the Council when he had the necessary material ready for repair of these roads. For this he claimed damages of £32.16.9. He also claimed £15.16.9 amount due on a former contract for these roads and £17 due on 104W".

"The Committee decided to take no action as regards claim for damages for suspension of contracts, but that claims for payment of sums on foot of contracts should be examined by County Surveyor and payment be made on his certificate".

23G.

"Letter under date 14th December 1921, was received from Denis Murphy, Seaview Cottage, Coumstown Harbour, complaining that he had not been paid for work under Sudden Damage Order for repair to bridge on Road 23G amount £4".

"The County Surveyor explained that payment would have been made before now were it not for the fact that the Sudden Damage Order was not in order as it bore the signatures of two County Councillors instead of two Rural District Councillors. A new form had been sent Mr. Murphy with instructions and when form came to hand payment would be dealt with".

93G & 95G.

"Henry O'Neill, Ballingarry, Gorey, applied for payment of £8 which he stated was due on foot of contracts 93G and 95G.

"County Surveyor was instructed to look into the claim and report

Contractors M. Cullen (Crush, Ballaghkeene) &
Joseph Cullen (Borelia, Kilcotty)

"These two Contractors came before the meeting asking for advance on account of work which they had carried out during last Summer and Autumn",

"The County Surveyor stated that these Contractors had done some work, but they had been notified by him that they were carrying out this work at their own risk. No payment in connection with such work could be dealt with until Road Work was re-started by the County Council".

"The Committee made no order".

re Direct Labour Men.

"A list from Mr. Denis Whelan, Secretary of Irish Transport & general Workers' Union, Oylegate Branch, with reference to payment of arrears to Direct labour men for use of horses or donkeys, was considered. The County Surveyor reported that the delay in dealing with the matter arose owing to the loss of Schedule of names as approved of by the County Council some time ago. This was missing after the Council was ejected from the County Hall, but recently a further list had been obtained, and payment had now been made".

"Accordingly no order was made by the Committee".

County Printing.

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

"That tender for County Printing for year 1922 be considered by the General Purposes Committee".

Extraordinary Traffic.

Under date 12th January 1922, the Minister for Local Government wrote (107/22) asking what powers the Council sought in addition to those provided for in the Public Road (Ireland) Act 1911 in order to recover damage to roads by timber hauliers.

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

"That the Secretary and County Surveyor submit recommendations as to how best to recover for damage to roads by timber traffic etc".

Proposed Pensions for Roadmen.

The following resolution was received from Dublin County Council

"That we, the Dublin County Council, call upon the Minister for Local Government to introduce legislation in the next session of Dail Eireann empowering each County Council to grant pensions to their roadmen, and all other, at present non-pensionable employees, upon the same basis as the pensionable officers of the Council".

The above resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. J. O'Byrne.

Decrees under Criminal Injuries Acts.

Under date 24th January 1922, the Minister for Local Government wrote (E.1281) that persons who have obtained or await decrees under the Criminal Injuries Acts or Section 5 of the Local Government Act 1898, or have suffered damage but have not lodged claims, shall before April 1st file such decrees or claims with the Secretary of the County Council in which the damage occurred.

Machinery Account.

Letter from Messrs. Thompsons Motor Car Company.

Under date 3rd January 1922, the following letter from the Managing Director, Thompsons Motor Car Company, Dublin, was forwarded by Messrs. M.J. O'Connor & Company, Solicitors, Wexford.

"With reference to the Eagle Engineering Co's claim against us for trailers supplied to the Wexford County Council, owing to the County Council not carrying out their undertaking to us we have had to pay £35. 7. 6 interest as per enclosed account. I think that the County Council should certainly pay this amount and should be glad if you would take the matter up with them. There are still four more trailers awaiting delivery".

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

"That claim for Interest by Messrs. Thompsons' Motor Car

Company, Dublin in connection with purchase of trailer waggons be

refused".

Public Health Board- Resignation of Dr. Ryan.

Under date 12th January 1922, Dr. Ryan wrote that while he was a member of the Public Health Board it was a pleasure to do what he could in the interests of the amalgamation scheme. He regretted however, that he had to resign membership of the Board as owing to a certain resolution which the County Council had adopted, and more especially owing to some remarks which were made at the same meeting, he could no longer remain the nominee of the Wexford County Council on any Board.

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

"That we request Dr. J. Ryan to reconsider his resignation as Member of County Public Health Board".

Coronership for South Wexford.

The following resolution was adopted at a recent meeting of the County Council:-

"That the question of continuing Mr. J.J. Roche in office as Coroner for South Wexford, be considered at a future meeting of the County Council".

It was decided that no further action be taken in the matter.

Dr. S.A. Furlong and Attendance at Inquests.

At an inquest held on 20th October 1921, at the County Wexford Infirmary and at which Dr. Furlong, Resident Surgeon, refused to give evidence on the grounds that he had held a commission in the King's Army and still held the rank of Captain, and that he had sworn allegiance to the King and would not forswear it.

The County Council asked for the resolution adopted on the matter by the County Wexford Infirmary Committee and were informed that it was as follows:-

"That we instruct Dr. Furlong to be represented at any inquiry for the purpose of supplying any medical evidence that may be held in connection with the death of any person who dies in this Institution under his care. That failing Dr. Furlong carrying out this instruction the County Council be informed of this refusal

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

"That this County Council is of opinion that Dr. Furlong, Surgeon County Infirmary, should attend and give evidence at all inquests held in County Wexford Infirmary".

Duplicate Pay Orders.

Under date 16th January 1922 the Manager, National Bank, Wexford applied for issue of duplicate Pay Orders for Nos. 234 and 235 (Subsidiary account) and Nos. 83 and 97 (General account) which had been lost in transit between Enniscorthy and Wexford.

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

"That duplicate pay orders be issued as per application of Manager, National Bank, Wexford, under 10th January 1922".

Advertising Contract.

The following resolution was adopted at a recent meeting of the County Council:-

"That the question of paying amount of contract for advertising be considered at next ordinary meeting of the Council".

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

"That our Secretary be instructed to pay amount due on foot of advertising Contract".

Standardised Half-Holiday.

The North Wexford Employers & Traders' Federation forwarded the following resolution:-

"That we respectfully petition the newly constituted government of Ireland to enact by statute at an early date an Act establishing by law the weekly half-holiday upon a stated day for each week and suggest that the application thereof apply in conjunction with the operations of the Factory & Workshop Act to avoid the necessity of a second half-holiday in any district".

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

"That this County Council is in favour of a standardised weekly

half-holiday to be held on the same day of the week for all concerned

Courtown Harbour.

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

"That in the event of it becoming necessary, Miss Etchingham be allowed to erect portico to her house at Courtown Harbour in accordance with the plan of White Cross. In the meantime, the County Surveyor be instructed to communicate with Mr. Dowse, Umrigar Tinahely, landlord of house occupied by Mr. Anthony Williams and which adjoins Miss Etchingham's, as to removal of portico and railing from house of Mr. Williams and both of which were erected without the consent of the County Council".

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(Signed)

Presiding Chairman

Dated this day of 19