

Special meeting - 4<sup>th</sup> January 1911.

A special meeting of the Wexford Co. Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford on 4<sup>th</sup> January 1911.

Present :- Mr. C. Hore, Chairman; (presiding)  
Other members :- Messrs J. J. Stafford, Mr. Brown, J. S. Hearn, P. O'Neill, J. J. Kehoe, James Codd, J. Bolger, J. A. Doyle, J. Asple, J. Cummins, P. Fortune.

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

— Accident to Mr. P. J. Fanning M. C. C. —  
On the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Asple, the following resolution was adopted :-  
"That we offer our colleague - Mr. P. J. Fanning - our sympathy in the accident he has sustained and wish him a speedy recovery."

— Prosecutions - Road Contractors. —  
Mr. Stafford proposed, Mr. J. Bolger seconded and it was passed :- "That the following Road Contractors be prosecuted if the Co. Surveyor considers it necessary:-  
James Meyler, Comfarny, Bree :- No 99 Enniscothy  
and John Barrest, Walsheslough, Rosslare, No 81 Wexford.

— Scales of Election Expenses. —  
Under date 16<sup>th</sup> December 1910; the following letter No 75618 (Wexford County) was read from the Local Government Board :-  
"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford Co. Council on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. relative to the scales of expenses in connection with the forthcoming local government elections



in Wexford County, and the Board direct me to state that while it appears to be the intention of the Co. Council to make no change in the existing scales, they have fixed the remuneration of the Returning Officer at an amount which does not correspond with that prescribed in the scales fixed and approved in the year 1902.

The Board would accordingly be glad to be favoured with the observations of the Council in the matter.

marked "Read"

General cattle Diseases Fund.

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> December 1910, the following letter No. 72341: 1910 Mis., from the Local Government Board, was read:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have recently received from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for Ireland a certificate under the provisions of the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894, that a sum of £16,352: 12: 9, being equivalent to a rating of one farthing in the £. on the net annual value of the property in all the Administrative Counties in Ireland, is required for the purposes of the said act.

It has been, at the same time, intimated to the Local Government Board, that the Department desires that the Board should take the further steps necessary for providing the fund required.

The Board have, accordingly, issued an Order under the 71st Sec of the act as adapted, assessing the said sum of £16,352: 12: 9, upon the several Administrative Counties in Ireland in proportion to the net annual value of the property in each such County according to the valuation thereof now in force.

It will be seen by the enclosed copy of the



order that the sum assessed upon Wexford County Council is £407: 7: 14, and a copy of the Order has been duly forwarded to the Treasurer of the County Council for his information and guidance."

On the motion of Mr. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Hearn, it was ordered that the amount be paid at February meeting.

— Scaled Orders - Local Government Board. —

Under date 5<sup>th</sup> December 1910, the Local Government Board forwarded Scaled Order (64677) fixing on Corry Rural District the special expenses in connection with any loss sustained by the Postmaster General within a limit of £7: 13: 4 for seven years in having a telegraph office established at Monamolin.

Under date 7<sup>th</sup> December 1910, the Local Government Board forwarded Scaled Order (No 74186) fixing the Enniscorthy Rural District as area of charge for improving and maintaining the sewerage of Newtownbarrny."

Under date 7<sup>th</sup> December, the Local Government Board forwarded Scaled Order (No 74186) fixing the area of charge for water supply at Chapel Lane, Enniscorthy, on Enniscorthy Rural District."

marked "Read."

— Ballyhack Harbour. —

The following letter from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, under date 17<sup>th</sup> November 1910, and No. 8713-10 F.B. which was adjourned from last meeting was read:—

"Adverting to your communication of the 16<sup>th</sup> June last, on the subject of the protection of the fishing boats at Ballyhack, I have to state, for the information of the Wexford Co. Council that, in the opinion of the Department's



Engineer, the project of sinking hulks is objectionable. The Engineer suggests that a line of piles say 50 to 75 feet long, should be driven at right angles to, and at a distance of about 20 feet from, the slip, overlapping the front of the latter for a distance of about 10 feet. The piles would be placed 12 inches apart and would be substantially braced. Greenheart piling is expensive, but native oak or creosoted fir could be procured and would of course cost less.

The Department are prepared to contribute one third of a total expenditure not exceeding £350 in carrying out the suggestion of their Engineer, and will themselves undertake the execution of the scheme."

Under date 24<sup>th</sup> November 1910, the following letter was read from the Waterford Harbour Board:-

"Replying to your letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> instant, I am directed to say that the commissioners will have no objection to the protective line of piles being driven at Ballyhack, but before anything is done a plan should be submitted to and sanctioned by them shewing the exact nature and extent of the proposed work."

The Secretary stated that Ballyhack Harbour was vested in the Waterford Harbour commissioners, and in a long letter written to the Department on 16<sup>th</sup> June and copy of which had been furnished the Waterford Harbour commissioners, and Mr. M. A. O'nnis, County Councillor; the Department were informed that the Co. Council could not legally expend money upon its improvement as it was vested in another body. The Department were further asked to enter into negotiations with the



Waterford Harbour Commissioners with a view to providing hulks, to provide shelter for the fishermen's boats; and Mr. Ennis was requested to lay the matter before the Department.

Proposed by Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, and passed :-

"That we request Mr. Ennis to again interview the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for Ireland, as to Ballyhack Harbour, and point out to them the anomalous position in which the fishermen of this Harbour are placed. This Co. Council would willingly give one-third towards the cost of the work proposed by the Department in their letter of 17<sup>th</sup> November No 8413 F.B., but as the Harbour is vested in the Waterford Harbour Commissioners the Wexford County Council have no power to incur any expenditure in connection with it. In the circumstances we request Mr. Ennis to use his best exertions to induce the Department to contribute two-thirds of the cost of the work mentioned in their letter, and we ask the Waterford Harbour Commissioners to contribute the remaining one-third.

That a copy of this resolution be furnished to Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for Ireland, the Waterford Harbour Commissioners, and Mr. M. A. Ennis."

#### Fishery By-Law appeal

Under date 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1910, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, wrote letter (No. 10021-10 F.B.) as follows :-

"I am directed by the Department to state, for the information of the Wexford Co. Council that they have been notified that the Committee of the Fishery Council will sit in the Council



Chamber, Dublin Castle, on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 1911, at 11 o'clock, a.m., for the consideration of the attached By-Law which proposes to alter the close season for the capture of salmon and trout by any means whatsoever, save by single rod and line, in the River Slaney and its tributaries, and of an appeal which has been lodged against the By-Law."

No Order.

### Local Government Elections.

Circular letter No 177 M.-10 miscellaneous, pointing out the procedure to be adopted as regards the proposed Local Government Elections, was read for the meeting :-

on the motion of Mr. O'Neill

Seconded by Mr. Kehoe, it was decided that Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 1911, be fixed as the day of Election for County and Rural District Councils; poll to open at 9 a.m., and close at 8 p.m.; except for Wexford Urban District in which the Poll will be open from 8 a.m., to 8 p.m."

### Old Age Pension Scheme.

The following letter under date 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1911, was read from the Supervisor, Inland Revenue Wexford :-

"As the Old Age Pension Scheme is now on a permanent footing, and as the question of re-scheming the pension officers areas becomes in consequence a matter of immediate concern, I shall be obliged if, for public convenience, your Council would agree to make the following alterations in the areas :- My:

- (1) The Electoral Division of the Leap to go with No. 5 Sub-Committee.
- (2) and the Electoral Divisions of Innacross and Ballyhustard also to go to No 5.



all I desire at present is whether your Council would raise any objection to this arrangement, which I think would make for the convenience of the old people and for the pension officers at the same time.

I have to make the best possible arrangements for carrying on public business, and you will notice by a glance at the map that the areas mentioned are most convenient to Enniscorthy where the pension officer resides. The other parts will be worked from Gorey and Wexford.

The arrangement would be tentative pending further approval."

"Referred to next meeting of Co. Pensions Committee"

— Site of Bushinstown Village Hall. —

Under date 9<sup>th</sup> December, the following letter was read from Mr. J. J. O'Byrne, District Councillor Hon Sec; Bushinstown Farmers' Association

"I am informed by your Secretary- Mr. Trizelle- that your Council object to the position of our new Hall. I beg to state on behalf of the above association that we were unaware that the building should be a certain distance from the road. We respectfully request your permission under the circumstances to allow the site to remain unchanged."

"The Secretary stated that the new Hall was some distance inside the road fence, but was not quite 30 feet from the centre of the public road."

Mr. Cummins proposed, Mr. Hearn seconded and it was passed:- "That permission be given to the erection of Bushinstown Village Hall on the site already selected."



New member of Co. Committee of Agriculture &c.

The Secretary reported that very Rev R. J. Sheridan, P. P., Ramnegrang, had resigned his position as member of the Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction. The Committee had asked him to re-consider his resignation, but Father Sheridan would not act, as owing to the inconvenience of the train service he found it impossible to give a good attendance.

On the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by the Chairman - Mr. Nicholas Howlett, Ramnegrang, was appointed a member of the Co. Committee vice Father Sheridan."

#### Post offices & Bank Holidays.

The Postmaster of Wexford, wrote asking if the Co. Council as representing the public, had any objection to the Post offices of Bridgetown and Foulkesmills being open on Bank Holidays as from 8 to 12 noon only.

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

"That we protest against the action of the Postmaster General in closing on Bank Holidays the Post offices of Bridgetown and Foulkesmills, against the wishes of the District Council concerned and before the Co. Council had an opportunity of expressing their opinion on the subject. This Co. Council considers these offices should be open on Bank Holidays during the same hours as on other days; otherwise serious inconvenience will be caused to the people of the districts."

#### Recommendations of Finance Committee.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Stafford, the following recommendations of



the Finance Committee were adopted:-

"Mr W. Hannahan contractor for the printing of jurors lists attended before the meeting and made a statement in reference to his claim for £2. for extra work entailed in printing the lists of Gorey and New Ross.

The following recommendation was made:-

"That the jurors lists for the four unions of the County be furnished to the contractor in manuscript in future."

### Insurance of collectors. Etc.

Correspondence from Messrs Boyle & Co., in reference to insurance under the Workmen's Compensation Act, and of Rate collectors was read:-

The following recommendation was made:-

"That the Secretary be directed to arrange through Messrs Kehoe & Sullivan for a new policy under the Workmen's Compensation Act with Messrs Boyle & Co., in accordance with the terms of their letter of 30<sup>th</sup> December, and provided the company in which the insurance is effected will receive the sanction of the Local Government Board.

That a copy of the letter of Messrs Boyle & Co., of 30<sup>th</sup> December be furnished to collector John Sinnott, M. Walsh, and John Walsh and that they be recommended to carry out the course suggested by the above recommendation."

### Rate collection.

The Secretary submitted the state of the Rate collection.

The following recommendations were made:-

"That collector John Walsh be called upon to resign as from 31<sup>st</sup> March 1911."

"That collectors Mullett, Redmond, Lacy,



and Doyle, be informed that the Finance Committee will recommend to the Co. Council the dismissal of collectors who are carrying out their collection in the same manner shown by them at the present meeting."

"That collector Sheehan be informed that the Finance Committee are dissatisfied with the manner in which he is carrying out his collection during the present half-year; and hope for a substantial improvement by next meeting of the Finance Committee."

"That Mr. Nolan be instructed to proceed with his collection forthwith, or recommend a substitute by the next meeting of the Committee."

#### Sheep Dipping Order

Under date 30<sup>th</sup> November 1910, Sergt Chambers Carnew; reported:-

Michael Bolger, of Munny, who failed to give any notice of dipping, and who on this date at first denied having any sheep, and through force of circumstances afterwards admitted having ten sheep; this same man was also a defaulter in the summer dipping and having received no directions for a prosecution he totally disobeyed the autumn dipping.

James Keely, of Ballyfarrell gave no notice of dipping, but made declaration that he had dipped.

(1) Laurence Lacey, Park; (2) Thomas Blake and (3) George Foster, of Brideswell, failed to make Declarations.

Proposed by Mr. Bolger, seconded by Mr. Codd.



and adopted :-

"That the question of the R. I. C., holding the power to prosecute in sheep dipping cases without any instructions from the County Council be referred to Mr. Bolger for his opinion, and that he report to next meeting of the Co. Council.

That we consider Michael Bolger, of Munnybarrow, who failed to dip his sheep should be prosecuted."

#### Courtown Harbour.

Lettres were received from Mr. Stapleton Harbour master, Courtown, that Thomas Byrne, night watchman would not be able to resume duty for sometime owing to illness. He proposed that his son William should take his place at the same rate of wages of £ per week.

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

"That we approve of the appointment of William Byrne as night watchman at Courtown Harbour during the illness of his father, provided he is satisfied to give his services free during the continuance of the payment of the present salary to his father during the latter's illness."

#### The University Act.

The following resolution was received from New Ross Rural District Council, relative to the University Act :-

"That the Irish Parliamentary Party be requested to have the University Act amended so as to enable the pupils of National and other primary schools to participate in the advantages which the new University confers, as at present



there is no connecting link between the primary schools and secondary and intermediate colleges."

In connection with this matter Mr. Thomas Fitzgibbon, National Teacher, Gussurane; wrote under date 6<sup>th</sup> December, asking that the Council should hear a deputation from the National Teachers of Co. Wexford, consisting of Mr. P. Doyle, Ballymitly, A. O'Brien, Ballindaggin, and Mr. Fitzgibbon, on the subject of "Rates for Scholarships and National University Question".

The following letter under date 3<sup>rd</sup> January, was read from Mr. M. A. Ennis, Co. Councillor :-

"meetings here to-day and to-morrow render it quite impossible for me to attend the meeting of the Wexford Co. Council which I much regret.

would you favour me by expressing on my behalf to my colleagues my regret that I am unable to join with them in discussing the various important matters appearing on the agenda, and in particular with regard to item 12 (a) to express the hope that the Council may either decide to adopt this resolution or at least to postpone its consideration for six to nine months.

may I briefly explain my reasons for making this suggestion. With the object which the New Ross Rural District Council has in view; viz:- the opening of the door to University Education to students of the Primary schools, I am in fullest and most complete sympathy. With the method by which they propose to accomplish that object I disagree as the adoption of their resolution would mean the voluntary abandonment by Ireland of a perfectly legitimate and just claim and the



imposition of burdens upon the ratepayers which should properly fall upon the State.

I desire to call attention to the fact that although the Irish Universities Bill was introduced over two years since, and, was I presume, carefully scanned by all interested in its provisions, no public complaint was made as to the neglect therein of the poor man's son until the Higher Education Committee of the Irish Co. Councils General Council in its report on University Scholarships complained of this neglect and recommended the General Council to take immediate action with a view to the removal of the grievance. This action the General Council took by sending a deputation to the Chief Secretary for Ireland, to claim that a Treasury Grant should be made to provide a bridge for clever pupils from the Primary to the Secondary Schools. The deputation was favourably received and following their representations, I waited upon the Chief Secretary in London on November 16<sup>th</sup> accompanied by two prominent members of the Irish Parliamentary Party, who warmly supported the suggestion I made, that either as portion of a general scheme for increased financial assistance to Intermediate Education or as a special distinct grant, a sum of £10,000 per annum should be provided to bring forward pupils from the Primary Schools, the allocation of the money to be confined to such counties or County Boroughs as may at the next levy strike a rate of not less than one half-penny in the £ in aid of University Education.

In view of the dissolution of Parliament and the General Election, it is manifestly impossible to hope that we can obtain a settlement of this question before the Councils



proceed to strike their rates for the coming financial year, but our request has not been refused the General Council is prosecuting our demand with the utmost vigour, and it would surely be premature to assume defeat before we are beaten.

On the principle of choosing the least of two evils, I agree that if we fail to obtain within a reasonable time compliance with our fair and just demand the door must be opened for the poor scholar even should it necessitate recourse to the rates, but this course implies difficulties and dangers beyond mere monetary considerations. I pointed out to the Chief Secretary that contribution within control involved a vicious principle. Do we in the Co. Councils desire control of primary education in Ireland? I think and I hope we do not. Such a proposal would, in my opinion, be the thin end of the wedge leading us towards secularisation.

In another aspect the voluntary acceptance of a further burden upon the rates must undoubtedly count against Ireland in the financial adjustments which must form a necessary and vital portion of the forthcoming Home Rule Bill.

I earnestly commend to the attention of my brother councillors the most Revd. Dr. O'Kearney's recent pronouncement with regard to the National University and I confidently hope that Wexford Co. will maintain its place in the van in regard to this good work.

Your Committee are working hard in consultation with the College authorities in regard to details of the Scholarship Schemes, and we hope to forward you full particulars after a meeting summoned for next week."



Mr. Stafford proposed, the chairman seconded and it was adopted:-

"That the consideration of this matter be adjourned till the meeting of the Co. Council to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> February. In the meantime our Secretary arrange for the deputation from the National Teachers to lay their views before the Finance Committee."

### Freeman's Journal.

The following resolution was read from the Waterford Corporation:-

"That in future when an advertisement is inserted in a local paper that a copy of it be also inserted in the Freeman's Journal."

Mr. Stafford proposed, and Mr. Bolger seconded:-

"That while the Local Press is ordinarily considered sufficient for the advertisements of the Co. Council, if it be found necessary to advertise outside the county, that the Freeman's Journal get the preference."

The chairman put the resolution which he declared carried.

Mr. Browne protested against the manner in which the resolution has been put.

Mr. Cummins also protested, and demanded a poll.

The chairman refused. He said he had the resolution in the ordinary way, and if Mr. Browne and Mr. Cummins were not minding their business he could not go over the business again for their convenience.

### Sarastill Quarry.

With regard to the procuring of a weigh bridge for Sarastill Quarry, the following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Mr.



Stafford, seconded by the Chairman:-

"That Mr. Gaffney, County Surveyor, be instructed to advertise in the local papers for a 3 Ton Avery Weighing machine to be delivered and erected at Sara Hill Quarry."

#### Insurance of Engine.

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

"That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to insure the Engine at Sara Hill Quarry for £1,000 with the Vulcan Boiler and General Insurance Co., 67 King Street, Manchester; - Annual Premium £8."

#### Doran's Hill & Lincurry Quarries.

"At last meeting of the Co. Council, a committee was appointed to inspect and report on the above Quarries:-

On December 16<sup>th</sup>. the committee met in Ferns, they first proceeded to Doran's Hill. This is a fine quarry of about one acre, which has been worked for a great number of years, but lately the rock has become rather low and difficult to quarry, with the result very few stones are taken out of it now. adjoining this fine quarry there is a splendid face of rock fully 30 feet high by 50 yards long on the lands owned by Mrs. Borthistle. The committee had an interview with this lady when she agreed to sell to the Co. Council, half an acre of this rock. Enclosed you will find her letter stating price she expects.

Lincurry Hill was next visited. This quarry is a considerable distance from the public road, roughly speaking about a quarter of a mile. The stone appears to be fairly good material for road metalling, but would require very large



outlay to put in working order and also to make a carway. I enclose his views as to the price he expects for compensation. The committee are of opinion that Doran's Hill would be most suitable to take over first, as it is free and adjoining the road. Very little outlay would be required to commence work. As a matter of fact five years supply could be got in the free portion, if the Co. Council supplied a stonebreaker, and the material is of excellent quality, fully equal to Darastell.

(Signed) John Bolger  
 Pat O'Neill  
 Michl Doyle

Mr Borthistle offered half an acre of Doran's Hill Quarry for the sum of £50.

Mr John Kehoe, Tincurry, wrote asking for £300 for an acre of Tincurry Quarry, to include compensation for road through his land.

The following letter under date 3<sup>rd</sup> inst. was received from Mr Michael Doyle, Co. Councillor with reference to Committee's Report:-

"I agree with Mr Bolger's report on the rock quarries visited by the committee, but I would not let the gravel pits by the road be closed up, as it saves trouble in breaking and expense in carting material for the different roads in the Slaney direction.

I think the Council should take over these Gravel pits that would be found suitable, and compensate the Owners, the same as for the Rock Quarries."

Proposed by Mr Cummins, seconded by Mr J. Codd, the following resolution was adopted:-



"That the Quarry Committee be instructed to make an offer for half an acre of land on Mr. Borthistle's farm at Doran's Hill, for the purpose of providing road metalling therefrom; offer not to exceed £ 30, and to be subject to the vendor being in a position to make proper legal title."

Proposed by Mr. Stafford, seconded by the Chairman and adopted:-

"That Messrs O'Neill, J. Bolger, and M. Doyle act as a committee to report as to the most suitable Gravel Pit to be acquired by the County Council in the neighbourhood of Ballycarney."

#### Wexford New Bridge

The following Report was read from the County Surveyor:-

"I beg to make the following report to you on the above.

The Bridge, I believe, was constructed about 1863, and is therefore 47 years old. It is impossible to say how much longer it will be economically useful, but, at the outside I think it will be about 50 years. It may quite probably be less, as of course the structure will deteriorate the more, the older it grows. In accordance with your instructions I made a careful examination of every member of the Bridge, and I attach a detailed account of the result of this report.

Before going further I should say definitely that this report includes the opening span and the two adjoining ones, which at the present moment are being repaired.

Considering the Bridge as a whole its condition cannot be called satisfactory. To put the case concisely before you I think it will be necessary



immediately to repair or replace 16 piles, 17 crossheads, 37 Beams, 6 Stringers, 3 Diagonals, and 53 Saddles, and the cost of these repairs I estimate at £2,600.

In another couple of years more repairs will be required consisting of the repairing or replacing of 37 Piles, 11 crossheads, 40 Beams, 14 Stringers, 11 Diagonals, and 15 Saddles; and the cost of this I put at £2,750. This includes 18 broken castings and 3 tie bars which are a bit wasted. The castings are bolted to the top of the crossheads and the ends of the beams rest in them; they also serve as anchorages for the tie bars. Some are tied up with chains, and the remainder held up with wrought iron bars.

In five or six years from now, I think it will be necessary to carry out further work this will consist of the repairing or replacing of 47 Piles, 67 Beams, 7 Stringers, and 4 Diagonals, which will cost £3,700. Some of the Piles, Stringers, and Diagonals, may last a bit longer, but all the Beams I think should certainly be repaired.

Looking a little further ahead I expect that in ten or twelve years from now, further repairs will be required. as well as can be decided at present these will comprise the repair or replacing of 11 Piles 11 Beams, 1 Stringer, and 2 Diagonals, and the probable cost will be £830. It must be remembered, of course, that the Bridge is getting older all this time and materials which are now sound may not be sound then.

after this period it is impossible to say with any degree of accuracy what the annual cost of repairs will be, but sooner or later the Piles will have to be repaired, and



this will be a difficult and expensive matter as a very large amount of work will have to be done under water.

I think I might venture to say, however, that if these repairs be carried out, the Bridge will be in good order and condition and will remain so for perhaps fifteen or twenty years with minor repairs.

Finally I would add that I have made the most careful examination possible of every member of this structure, but there probably, may be defects I have failed to discover."

Mr. Hearn proposed, and Mr. Stafford seconded the following resolution which was passed:-

"That the consideration of the Es. Surveyor's Report be adjourned to next meeting of the Es. Council to be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> February and that a copy of the report be supplied to each member of the Es. Council with the agenda paper for that meeting.

That the question of the advisability of spending the amount required by Mr. Caffrey, and the building of a new bridge be considered at the same meeting."

The following letters from Mr. Pierce Barron, Manager Ennis-corthy Co-operative Society, Ltd. under date 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> January, were read:-

"Kindly inform us if the Bridges over the River Slaney are in proper order so that the draw arches can be raised to allow our motor Barge - the "Irish Co-operator" to sail up to Ennis-corthy in about a fortnight's time."

"I am much obliged for your letter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst. covering copy of one from Mr. Stafford



Gaffney, County Surveyor. As we are expecting several cargoes of manures to arrive in Wexford this spring we should be glad to know the date the Co. Surveyor expects the Bridges to be in a position to allow our motor Barge to come to Enniscorthy. It is now over nine months since we put this matter before the Co. Council and my Committee will take serious notice of it if they will be put to the extra expense of 2/6 per ton cot freight up the river together with loading and discharging expenses at Wexford."

Proposed by Mr. J. Bolger, seconded by Mr. O'Neill the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Messrs Kehoe, Stafford, Peacocke, and Hearn be appointed a Committee, with Mr. Gaffney Co. Surveyor, to inspect the Wexford Bridge and interview Wexford firms with a view to have the necessary work at the bridge, in connection with the money already in the hands of the Co. Surveyor, carried out at once."

Edmond Lane.



Special meeting - 11<sup>th</sup> January 1911.

A. special meeting of the Co. Council, was held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 1911, in the Co. Council Chamber Courthouse, Wexford; to consider the Report of the Co. Surveyor, as to the condition of Wexford Bridge.

Present :- Mr. G. H. Peacocke (Vice Chm) presiding.  
Other members :- Messrs Hearn, J. Bolger, Stafford, J. J. Kehoe, M. A. Ennis, P. J. Brian, G. Walsh, and James Codd.

The Secretary and Mr. M. Harrett, Assistant Surveyor were also in attendance.

The Report of County Surveyor as appearing on minutes of meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> January 1911 was read. The following resolutions were adopted :-

Proposed by Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Bolger:-  
"That the best available expert opinion be obtained by this Council in order to ascertain in detail the exact condition of Wexford Bridge, including the condition of the sub-structure under water. That the Expert employed be requested to furnish an estimate of the amount which he considers will be necessary to put the bridge in such order as would prolong its life for from 30 to 40 years."

Proposed by Mr. Hearn, seconded by Mr. J. Codd:-  
"That Mr. Ennis be requested to interview Mr. P. G. Cowan, Chief Engineering Inspector of Local Government Board, with reference to the employment of the Expert mentioned in the former resolution. and that the further consideration of this matter be referred to the Finance Committee with power to deal with the question of the employment of the Expert."



Proposed by Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Ennis:-  
 "That Mr. Division, of Mouchel Partners, London; be requested to furnish to Mr. Ennis the approximate cost of a new bridge, to be erected on the site of the existing bridge, and a new bridge to be erected on the site of the old Wexford Bridge opposite the Courthouse, the bridge in both instances to bear a load of from 16 to 20 tons."

Proposed by Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. J. Bolger  
 "That our Secretary communicate with Mr. Griel, Engineer to the Waterford Harbour Commissioners; and Consulting Engineer for the erection of the new Ferro-Concrete Bridge of Waterford, and ask him the names of the contractors for the erection of the temporary Bridge at Waterford, and if he considers there is any man in their employment who would be competent to inspect a timber bridge and give accurate information as to its condition and cost of repairing."

#### Ferry-carriage Bridge.

It was agreed that Messrs Stafford, Ennis, Kehoe, and J. Bolger be appointed a committee to inspect Ferry-carriage Bridge, and after inspection to direct the Secretary as to what communication, if any, he is to make to the contractor for the erection of the bridge, in view of the small amount of work which has been carried out there, up to the present."

#### Office management

In connection with a question of the management of the Co. Council office, the minutes of a special committee were read and adopted, and the suggestions made by the Secretary at this committee meeting, confirmed."