

Special meeting - 3rd January 1912.

A special meeting of the County Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Court House, Wexford, on 3rd January 1912.

Present :- Mr. John Bolger, Chairman, presiding.
Other members :- Messrs John O'Connor, Mr. Cloney, R. A. Rice, J. Lynch, P. O'Hall, J. S. Hearn, P. J. Fanning, J. L. Comonde, P. Rossiter, Mr. Doyle (junr) J. Asple, J. A. Doyle, James Codd, Michael Hickey.

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

The late Miss Mayler.

Proposed by Mr. Rice, Seconded by Mr. Cloney :-
"That we offer to our colleague - Mr. John J. Mayler - our heartfelt sympathy in the loss sustained by him in the death of his sister, and request our Secretary to convey this resolution to Mr. Mayler."

The positions of County & Assistant Surveyors.

The Secretary mentioned that as it appeared to be the general feeling of the members of the Council to appoint a County Surveyor from the list of candidates who had already satisfied the Civil Service Commissioners as to their qualifications for the position, it would be advisable to ask the Local Government Board to agree to allow the Council to follow this procedure. He understood that such a course had been followed in the case of Kings County.

On the motion of Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Rossiter, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That as the present County Surveyor is retiring on 31st January 1912, and as we understand that owing to the number of applicants for the position of County Surveyor, a considerable period would elapse before the result of the Civil Service Examination for unqualified candidates could be obtained, we request the Local Government Board - in order to avoid delay and to prevent injury to the roads and works of the County in consequence of the vacancy in the position of County Surveyor - to allow the County Council to appoint a County Surveyor from the list of candidates who have already satisfied the Civil Service Commissioners as to their qualifications for the position.

We desire to point out to the Local Government Board, that we are anxious to make the appointment on 10th January."

Under date 4th December 1911, (Letter No 62321) the Local Government Board wrote forwarding copy of letter received from Mr. G. B. R. Pimm, relative to appointment of Senior Assistant Surveyor.

The Board also wrote approving of the proposal of the County Council to appoint a fully qualified Engineer, to act as Senior Assistant Surveyor, at a salary of £200 per annum.

In connection with the appointment of Senior Assistant Surveyor, the Local Government Board, under date 18th December 1911, wrote (Letter No 65,283) asking the Co. Council for information as to what manner the Board were to deal with the applications for the position of Senior Assistant Surveyor.

The Secretary mentioned he had brought this matter before a meeting of the Finance Committee, when the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That the Local Government Board be requested to place the names of the applicants for Senior Assistant Surveyor in order of merit and of fitness for the position."

On the motion of Mr. Fanning.

Seconded by Mr. Comonde;- The recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed.

With reference to the appointment of County Surveyor, the following telegram was read from the Local Government Board:-

"With reference to your telegram of to-day the Local Government Board desire to state that if the County Council decide at their meeting on the 10th instant to appoint out of the list of candidates a person already qualified the Board will be prepared to consider favourably such appointment."

Proposed Grant to County Infirmary

Under date 15th December 1911, the following letter was read from Mr. M. J. Kavanagh, Registrar Co. Infirmary:-

"At a meeting of the managing Committee held last Monday the question of reducing the number of extern patients was discussed and also your letter of 11th November last. The Board considered that the best way of arriving at an understanding with the Co. Council over the matter of an increased grant to the Institution was to ask the Co. Council to receive a deputation in order that the matter might be thoroughly discussed. The following deputation consented to act:- Lady Adelaide

Fitzgerald, Rev J. Hore, Adm, archdeacon Latham, messrs J. J. Kehoe, and Howard Rowe, the Resident Surgeon, and myself were also asked to attend with the deputation. It was the unanimous opinion that the matter should be discussed at your meeting on 10th January 1912.

The following resolution was also proposed by archdeacon Latham, seconded by ^{very} Rev Canon Doyle and passed unanimously:-

"That the Co. Council be asked to grant the County Infirmary the sum of £300 to pay off the overdraft at present due to the Provincial Bank. L^{td}"

The Deputation having laid their views before the meeting.

On the motion of the Chairman,

Seconded by Mr. Dearn, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the question of an increased grant to the County Wexford Infirmary be postponed to the meeting of the Council on the 10th January, 1912; and that the Registrar be requested to supply the following information previous to said meeting:-
 "The amount of the decrease in the subscriptions of the Governors for the past three years? The cost of medicines for extern patients? The amount of money spent on extra nursing? with the number of paying patients, and the amounts contributed by them during the same period?"

State of Rate Collection

Under date 12th December, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No 63674) as follows:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the report of their

Inspector - Mr. E. A. Sanderson - and the return to the 30th ultimo, relative to the state of the Poor Rate collection in County Wexford for the current half-year.

Although two months of the half-year have already elapsed the Board note that collectors N. W. Walsh, Cummins, Sheehan, Nolan, and Doyle, have as yet made no lodgments in respect of the collection, while other collectors have lodged only trivial amounts. The collectors who have failed to make any lodgments should be called upon to furnish an explanation, and the collectors generally should be warned that it is essential that they should proceed diligently with their collections in order to enable the Co. Council to meet their large obligations which must be met at the commencement of each quarter.

The Board have observed that collector N. W. Walsh has not attended for the checking of his accounts during the months of October and November, and that he states in explanation - "the fifth fortnight is always my first lodgment." The Board are not at all satisfied with this explanation, and the collector should be informed that unless he proceeds with his collection with due diligence according to the terms of his appointment, it will become necessary to consider the question of his removal from office."

The following explanations were read from the collectors:-

From collector Cummins:-

"In reply to yours of the 6th inst., re explanation to the Finance Committee, I beg to state that owing to my election last May, a considerable time elapsed before I could get the collecting

books, and also it is only five months since my first lodgment. I am now proceeding with my collection, and shall make a lodgment on Saturday, December 9th "

The following was read from collector P. Nolan:-
 "In reply to yours of the 5th inst., I respectfully inform you that there is no failure on my part as Rate collector, I always closed my collection in due time, and I expect to do same this time, if I am spared. I have travelled through all my district on the 2nd October, I went through a large portion of three divisions and told a large number of Ratepayers that I was wanting the second moiety of Rates, the reply I got that they would pay me next February and March. I have been through the divisions of Monaseed and Rosminogue, I never got a shilling only from one cottage man. I attended the fair of Gorey last Saturday, I was on duty there like a Policeman from ten in the morning until half two in the evening, I met a large number of respectable Ratepayers, I asked them for their Rates, and the reply I got - they would pay me next February and March, there is four months to pay that Rate, there were a few promised to pay the fair in January; the 3rd March is before their eyes everywhere. Last Monday I went through the division of Ballyoughter, it is a good paying division, one gentleman told me he did not care about me, or the Co. Council. He would not pay until the 1st February. He was not going to pay three rates in the one year. I have no landlord to collect from now, Mr. Nunn was very good to send me the second moiety for Camolin Park, and the

village of Camolin, and his cheque gave me a good start. I expect there is a good time coming, and my health is fairly good, altho' my doctor has cautioned me not to be out in wet, but I have got plenty of it this time back."

Collector N. O'H. Walsh, wrote :-

"In reply to your letter, as I always lodged on the fifth fortnight, I did not consider it necessary to attend until I had a lodgment."

Collector Sheehan wrote under date 30th December 1911 :-

"In reply to yours of 27th inst., I beg to inform you that I called on several of my clients in the various districts and gave them their Bills for second moiety of Poor Rate."

Collector J. L. Doyle, wrote under date 1st Jan'y 1912, as follows. He also enclosed certificate from D. Clarke stating that he was suffering from an accident :-

"Owing to the strike on the South Wexford Railway last September when farmers had their corn threshed and could not get it taken to market, I had to supply from private means a large sum to close my collection, and had to set and recover that in October, I sent Bills to very many, but until the end of that month none of them were honoured, and I made my first lodgment on 3rd December.

mine being such a poor district, I never got much money until after Christmas. But for my very severe accident I would by now have a large lodgment, and although at times still suffering severe pain, I will in a few days commence work and do all in my power with the collection."

On the motion of the chairman the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed :-

"That our Secretary be instructed to issue an advertisement in the local papers calling the attention of Ratepayers to their obligations with regard to the payment of their rates."

On the motion of the chairman, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That Collectors Sheehan, Nolan, and Doyle, be informed that the Council are not at all satisfied with the manner which they are proceeding with their collection."

Quarries for Road material.

Under date 12th December 1911, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No 64,218) as follows :-

"With reference to your letter of 5th inst., relative to the resolution passed by the Wexford Co. Council on the subject of the use of quarries for road maintenance in the County, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that the Board have taken legal advice in the matter, and they are of the opinion that it could be made a condition in the contract that the contractor should use only road material taken out of the particular quarry, but not without the consent and co-operation of the Rural District Council with whom it rests in the first instance to settle the terms of contract."

If, however, the Rural District Council in forwarding their proposals to the Co. Council do not specify the particular quarry or quarries from which the material to be

used was to be taken by the contractor, it would be within the power of the Co. Council either to reject or refer back the proposal to the Rural District Council for modification, and if the County Council decided to take the latter course the provisions of Article 26 (2) of the Local Government (Procedure of Councils) Order, 1899, as amended, would, in the opinion of the Board, apply."

marked "Read".

Rates on Buildings.

The Secretary mentioned that in connection with the last list of Irrecoverable Rates. Collector Barron of New Ross District claimed for vacant buildings which were rated with land. The custom in this County, up to the present had been that where land and buildings were rated in one and the same holding if the buildings were vacant, the collector accepted the rate for the land only, and the ratepayer was not asked to pay the rate on the buildings.

The following correspondence had passed between the Secretary, and the Local Government Board, in the matter :-

Letter No. 62,940/1911. Wexford County, under date 1st December.

"With reference to your letter of the 29th ultimo relative to the item 103 in collector A. Barron's list of arrears of rate in the County of Wexford for the period ending the 30th September 1911, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that if a house and outbuildings are included in one and the same valuation and the house is vacant while the outbuildings are in occupation, the occupier appears to be liable to pay the rate on the whole of the

hereditament.

The Board desire me to add that there is no statutory authority which would enable the collectors to accept part payment of rates in cases referred to in your communication."

Letter from Secretary, Co. Council, under date 8th December:-

"I have your circular letter No. 140 M. under date 7th inst., requesting that in future unused receipts for Rates claimed by collectors as irrecoverable should be transmitted to your Board. Your request will be complied with.

In connection with this matter I might point out that up to the present the practice in this county has been for the collectors to furnish all receipts for these rates except in cases in which holdings comprise land and vacant buildings, the receipt being given in each of these instances to the ratepayer in respect of the payment for the land.

In consequence of recent correspondence with your Board as regards the irrecoverable rates' list of collector Barron (item 103). I would be glad to be informed if there be anything in the point that where land and buildings are included in one and the same holding, altho' the rate for land is specially set out on demand note, the collector would be bound to collect the entire rate and would not be in a position to accept the amount of rate for land alone.

Thanking you in anticipation for instructions on this particular point."

Letter from Local Government Board (No 64, 828/1911 Wexford County) under date 13 Decr 1911:-
"With reference to the inquiry on the

subject contained in the third paragraph of your letter of the 8th instant, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that a Rate Collector is not authorised by law to take part only of the rate assessed on a holding comprising both land and buildings."

Proposed by Mr M. Doyle, seconded by the Chairman and passed :-

"That the attention of the Local Government Board be called to the case of the Guardians of the Poor, New Ross v Byrne, 30 Law Reports (Ireland) 160."

Motor Car License Duties.

Under date 6th December 1911, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No 61456/1911 miscellaneous) forwarding copy of certified statement received from the Postmaster General showing the value of the motor license duties levied during the year ended 31st March 1911, for each county and county borough council in Ireland. From this statement it appeared that the amount of duty levied in Wexford county was £366 : 17 : 6.

The Secretary stated that the Council were entitled to 5% of the amount of duty levied in the county, and he had received from the authorities a cheque for £18 : 6 : 10 on 1st December 1911, and which represented the 5%.

Under date 20th November 1911, the Local Government Board, wrote (letter No 55620-1911. miscellaneous) forwarding memorandum dealing with the collection of Duties on licenses for motor cars under the provisions of the motor car License Duties (Ireland) collection Order 1910.

marked "Read"

Complaint from Road contractor
 under date 6th December 1911, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 63,653: 1911) forwarding copy of the following letter from Mr. John Kenny, Ballymore, Camolin; and asking for the observations of the County Council on the subject:-

"It is my painful duty to apply to you for justice as a road contractor.

The Assistant Surveyor has not measured my stones, it is a working man of Mr. Haughton's that measures them and gives me orders to spread them. I don't think a man like him is qualified to undertake such work, or do you think could I expect justice from him.

Hoping that you will see that I get justice."

In connection with the contract of John Kenny, No. 92 Enniscorthy District, the following letter was received from Mr. P. J. O'Haherty & Son, Solicitors:-

"We are instructed by Mr. John Kenny of Ballymore, the above-named Road contractor to bring the following matter before the Co. Council. Mr. Alfred Haughton, of Rockspring Ferns; has besides several threshing engines a traction engine with which he hauls large quantities of stones over Kenny's contract. At the last Sessions, Kenny took proceedings against Mr. Haughton for the damage done to his road. The County Court Judge gave a decree for £10 having decided that the use of the road by Mr. Haughton's traction engines was such as to render it rough and muddy and inconvenient and dangerous for traffic, and that the use of the road by the traction engine amounted to a public nuisance.

This is subject to a case stated to the next Assizes, but the only point stated in the case which is now in dispute is whether the road contractor is a person who could maintain the action, there being no doubt at all that the County Council could maintain such an action. It having been decided (and being in point of fact manifest without decision) that the use of steam engines is a public nuisance and renders the road dangerous and inconvenient for traffic, we submit that it is the duty of the County Council to put a stop to it either by taking proceedings for an injunction or otherwise. Our client proved before the County Court Judge that it is impossible while these steam engines are going over the road, to keep the road in proper repair.

We should be glad if you would bring this matter before the County Council as early as possible."

Proposed by Mr. Hearn, seconded by the Chairman and passed:-

"That Mr. Howlin, Assistant Surveyor, be requested to furnish forthwith in order to allow of its inclusion in agenda for meeting of 10th January a full explanation in connection with the letter of the Local Government Board of 6th December with copy allegation by Mr. John Kenny."

"In connection with letter received from Messrs R. J. O'Shaherty & Son, Solicitors, on behalf of Mr. John Kenny, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman:-

That pending the legal proceedings between Messrs Kenny and Staughton, the consideration of above letter be postponed."

Sealed Order - Pump at Ballymitty.

Under date 9th December 1911, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding sealed order with reference to the erection and maintaining a pump at Ballymitty, fixing the area of charge on the Rural District of Wexford marked "Read."

Fair Wages clauses in contracts.

The Local Government Board wrote under date 29th November (letter No. 50571: 1911 miscellaneous) calling the attention of the County Council to a memorandum embodying the Resolution passed by the House of Commons on 10th March 09 on the subject of Fair Wages clauses in Government contracts, and pointing out that the advisory committee of Representatives of Government Departments had recommended that clauses such as those inserted in Government contracts in this connection should also be introduced into contracts involving the expenditure of public money, or other considerations granted by a Government Department, or which require the approval of the Department.

The Board stated that it appeared to them, that the policy adopted in the case of Government contracts should be followed in the cases of all contracts for the execution of works or the supply of materials entered into by local authorities or their committees."

On the motion of Mr. Rossiter, seconded by the Chairman, the recommendation of the Finance Committee asking the Council to "mark read" this communication, was adopted.

Council of Agriculture

Under date 11th December 1911, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (letter N^o G.3942: 11) pointing out that the term of office of the present Council of Agriculture would expire on 31st March 1912, and stating that the two representatives of the Wexford Co. Council to serve on this Council should be appointed at a meeting between the 1st January and 1st April 1912.

The Secretary stated that the present Representatives were the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council - Messrs John Bolger, and C.H. Peacock.

"On the motion of Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Rossiter :- Messrs John Bolger, and C.H. Peacock were re-appointed Representatives of the Co. Council on the Council of Agriculture."

Outbreak of Anthrax.

Mr. Malone, V.S., Wexford; reported an outbreak of Anthrax on the farm of Capt Hawkes-Cornock, Great Blonard, Wexford; One animal had died. There were 44 cattle, 9 swine, and 5 horses on the farm. These included 13 milch cows.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hearn and passed :-

"That the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction seeing that they place implicit faith in the treatment of Anthrax by injection, be requested to carry out this treatment at the farm of Capt Hawkes-Cornock, Great Blonard where unfortunately an outbreak of this disease has occurred."

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hearn, and passed :-

"That Mr. R. Malone J.S., be requested to inform the Council in what manner it is proposed to dispose of the milk of the 13. cows, and to see that it is not used for human consumption in any form."

Recent Anthrax Outbreak.

Under date 11th December, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (letter No 5683 J.S.) giving the information asked for by the Co. Council on the question of treatment for the protection of animals from anthrax.

Kilmore Harbour.

Under date 18th December 1911, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (letter No 6497 - J.S.) as follows:-

"Adverting to previous correspondence, I have to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that the Department have reason to think that an application for the expenditure of a substantial sum of money on Kilmore Harbour is not one which would meet with the favourable consideration of the Development Commissioners. The Department must therefore view the position as one to be partly met by their own limited resources. They propose to place Kilmore first on the list of places to be dealt with when their dredging plant becomes available. This plant, has been, up to the present time, engaged in work at Lough Swilly, where it is now laid up for the winter. The coming spring will, it is hoped, afford an opportunity for transferring it to Kilmore.

With regard to the financial aspect of the question the Department are prepared

to defray the cost of the operations that have already taken place without making any demand on the sum of £125, which the Council by resolution of the 14th April 1910, agreed to provide. The Department are also willing to contribute a further sum of £200, thus making a total of £375 available for dredging at Kilmore. This fund would have to bear the cost of the transfer of the dredging plant to, but not from, Kilmore.

The Council are, of course, aware that the area for dredging to which the above proposals refer is only portion of the Harbour near the Quay. In view of the cost of bringing the dredging plant from Lough Swilly, the question of taking advantage of its presence at Kilmore to secure a larger measure of improvement arises, and may be held by the Council to be worthy of consideration. It would, of course, involve the provision of further funds. In connection with the point of estimating the amount of such further funds, it must be borne in mind that Kilmore is a place which, in the past, has been difficult to deal with, and the Department's experience of their new dredging plant is necessarily limited. An additional sum of £500 would, however, it is thought, enable all reasonable requirements of the Harbour to be met; and the Department hope to be in a position later on to provide one-half of that amount. If the Council feel inclined to incur similar additional expenditure, they might wish to place their portion (£200) in the hands of a Committee to be appointed by them, with instructions to devote it (on completion of the dredging which is to be financed by the joint fund of £375) pro rata to the Department's contribution of £200 in carrying out

such further work as the Committee in consultation with the Department may consider desirable, and as the sum available may permit of. The total potential liability of the Council would then be £375 and that of the Department's £500."

"Adjourned."

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be requested to inform this County Council if their application for a grant for piers and harbours in this County has been dealt with by the Development Commissioners, and if they can expect any grants being made as the period for carrying out work of this description has been reached."

Foot & Mouth Disease.

A circular was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction under date 8th December, stating that as Foot and Mouth Disease had re-appeared in Somersetshire the Department had prohibited the importation of ruminant animals and swine into Ireland from Great Britain."

marked "Read."

Ballyhack Boat Slip.

At the last meeting of the Council correspondence in connection with Ballyhack Boat Slip, from the Local Government Board, and Mr. R. W. Elger, Solicitor to the Council, was read and adjourned for the attendance of Mr. Cloney, M. C. C.

The Local Government Board pointed out that they were not aware of any enactment

which would enable them to make a provisional order empowering the Co. Council to take over this slip.

The concluding paragraph of the letter (58603) of the Local Government Board was as follows:-

"It appears to the Board, however, that if the Boat Slip can be regarded as a "Pier" or "Quay" within the meaning of section 67 of the Grand Jury (Ireland) Act 1836, and were enlarged to any extent, however small, under the section, it would become public property under the following section 68, and consequently be repairable by the Co. Council under section 18(3) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898. The Board are not in a position to determine whether this boat slip can be regarded as a "Pier" or "Quay" within the meaning of these two sections of the act of 1836, so as to enable the County Council to expend money on enlarging it, and this is a question which must be decided by the Council, having regard to the nature of the structure and to its previous history."

"adjourned to next meeting"

Trimming Hedges

The following under date 2nd January 1912, was read from Mr. Vincent Dunne, Donceyle, Ballyfad:-

"A large body of Road Contractors have requested me to bring before your Council a grievance which they are labouring under, through being compelled to carry out wholesale cutting of hedges, which cutting has to be carried out in every case against the will of the occupier of the land, - in some cases indeed the cutting involves the contractor in serious litigation and he is called on to defend costly actions for damages. This order is of recent date; up to two years ago it was considered sufficient to cut

brambles, bushes, briars, &c., off the road face of the fence, and without encroaching on the top of the fence. No landowner objected to that being done, but at present, as I have pointed out, owners are bitterly opposed to interference with their hedges, contending that the shelter and fence is being impaired, and having us before the County Court Judge for redress. In fact so bitter is their opposition that the majority of contractors prefer being mulcted by the striking off of their salaries to encountering litigation and afterwards the enmity of the occupiers. This order is condemned by everyone and is generally considered entirely unnecessary.

Many portions of my contract pass through woods which are protected by fine hawthorn hedges, the owners of these would consider it a piece of pure vandalism to cut either the hedges or the trees, and if I assayed to do either, I should most certainly have to defend a lawsuit.

The contractors consider it of very serious importance that the Co. Council should make a definite order requiring the hedges to be trimmed, as heretofore, on a line with the face of the fence.

Will you kindly read this letter at your meeting to-morrow."

"Referred to Co. Surveyor on the motion of the Chairman."

Autumn Sheep Dipping Order.

In connection with the Autumn Sheep Dipping Order, the following resolution was adopted at the last meeting of the Council:-

"That Mr. J. E. Irton, Breagh, Gorey, be requested to inform the Co. Council why he did not dip

his ewes during the Autumn Dipping Period, or why he did not claim the exemption provided for under the Sheep Dipping Order."

The following was read from Mr. Ireton :-
 "In reply, you will see by Inspector's report that I have already given my reasons for not dipping my ewes, and now give you a reply that I am not yet fool enough to do so, as I profit by early lambs, and ram is with ewes before 1st September. I distinctly refuse to dip brood ewes later than 15th August or worry them in any other way, besides through the dip tub."

The following resolution was adopted at the last meeting of the Council :-

"That the Constabulary authorities be requested to state for the information of the County Council the offences under the Sheep Dipping Order regarding which they claim the power to prosecute without any permission from the Co. Council, and the offences regarding which they consider the permission of the County Council is necessary for prosecution."

The following was read from the Co. Inspector R. J. C., to whom the resolution had been forwarded :-

"In reply to your letter of 5th instant, my letter of 29th ult., applies to the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order dated 31st March 1911."

The Secretary stated that on the 8th December he had written the following to the County Inspector, R. J. C. :-

"With reference to your letter of the 6th inst., permit me to point out that it contains no answer to the resolution of my Council. With

reference to a case of a sheep-owner refusing to dip his sheep, my Co. Council gather from the correspondence that it is necessary that the Constabulary should receive instructions from the Council as Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

At the same time they see from the local papers that a number of sheep-owners are being prosecuted for failure to lodge form "6" etc., while in the reports of Clonroche petty sessions appearing in the "Wexford People" of the 6th inst., John Leary of Comfarnney is put down as being fined 10/- and costs for not dipping his sheep.

The Council wish to know what are the offences under the Order that the Constabulary claim the right to prosecute, or do prosecute without any instructions from the Council, and what are the offences regarding which the Constabulary consider it necessary to obtain the previous instructions of the Council."

The Secretary continuing said that on the 12th December, the County Inspector called at the Co. Council Office, and informed him that there would be no further prosecutions in County Wexford, under the Sheep Dipping Order, without the permission of the Co. Council as Local Authority.

Reports were received from District Inspector Fitzsimons, and Head Constable Joyce, Gorey; as to alleged breaches of the Sheep Dipping Order; and asking for instructions of the Co. Council thereon.

On the motion of Mr. Fanning, seconded by

m^r. Lynch, the following resolution was adopted:-
 "That the Co. Inspector, R. J. G., be requested to state for the information of this Council, how it is that the permission of the Council is now asked by the Constabulary to proceed at petty sessions under the sheep dipping order, when such a large number of prosecutions have already taken place this year and in respect of which this Council was not consulted."

"That in the cases of sheep owners who in the opinion of the police have failed to dip their sheep under the autumn Sheep Dipping Order, prosecutions be instituted but that no steps be taken against persons who have been guilty of technical offences under this Order, viz:- failure to send notice of intention to dip, or to lodge form C. etc."

On the motion of the chairman the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Sheep Dipping Inspectors for New Ross, Wexford, and Gorey; be informed that the County Council are not satisfied with the number of inspections made by them, and must request they exercise greater diligence in the future. The Council consider that in succeeding years inspections should take place at farmsteads not previously visited."

Assistant Surveyor M. Hassett

under date 7th December 1911, m^r. M. Hassett assistant Surveyor, wrote as follows:-

"I beg to apply for £5 increase of salary, being the second annual increment as per terms of appointment".

On the motion of m^r. Fanning, seconded by m^r. Rossiter, the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed:-

"That Mr. M. Hassett, Assistant Surveyor, be granted an increase of salary of £5 per annum, as per the terms of his appointment."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Mr. E. McQuillan, Great Clonard, Wexford; applied for a license under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act, 1908; for the Creamery Stores, Baginbun.

On the motion of Mr. Rossiter, seconded by Mr. Aspley, Mr. E. McQuillan, Clonard; was granted a license under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908."

Powers of Deputy Coroner.

Under date 7th December 1911, the following was read from Mr. Peter French, M.P. Coroner for South Wexford:-

"I have no objection to the action of the Co. Council in relieving me of all responsibility in reference to inquests during my absence in Parliament, but on the contrary I wish to express my gratitude."

The Deputy Coroner will not, I am sure, hold inquests where there is no necessity, but as a matter of principle, I must reserve to myself the right, in all cases, to decide, after examining depositions and telegrams, whether I shall allow him payment or not."

marked "Read"

Duties of County Analyst.

The following resolution was received from the Wexford District Council:-

"That this Council emphatically protests against the delay in obtaining from Sir Charles Cameron, County Analyst, the result of his bacteriological examination"

of samples of milk and water sent him by the clerk on the 5th inst., and awaiting which, the person from whom the sample of milk has been taken, has been prevented from selling either her milk or butter.

That despite the fact, that Sir Charles has been impressed with the urgency of this matter, and that remonstrances have been conveyed to him both by wire and telephone he has displayed no activity beyond saying his report would be sent when the examinations were made."

That we suggest to the Co. Council, whose officer Sir Charles is, that they ought to warn him that he must perform these analyses with more expedition in future."

In connection with the above the following was read from Sir Charles Cameron:-

"I have to thank you for your courtesy in sending me the complaint about an alleged delay in making a bacteriological investigation. In chemical analyses for the detection of poison and in bacteriological investigations, when ultimately the results are negative, much longer time for the work is often taken up, than when positive results are obtained. Repetitions and variations of experiments are made before it is finally concluded that the result is negative. There was a negative result in the case you refer to, but the time 16 days occupied was not an unreasonable time. In this investigation the biological method was adopted, and that method requires time. Not long since a most distinguished bacteriologist - Professor McWeeny - of the National University, had a specimen of milk submitted to him to ascertain whether or not, it contained the bacilli that causes consumption. As he, to make the

matter certain, employed the biological method i.e., experimented with animals; he was not able to report until four weeks had elapsed - the result was negative.

I enclose a letter from a distinguished bacteriologist - Professor Scott - Royal College of Surgeons, in which he states that some modern definite methods for determining the presence of typhoid bacilli would occupy three weeks."

"On the motion of the chairman it was decided that a copy of Sir Charles Cameron's letter be sent to the Wexford District Council."

Road No 34 Wexford.

The following was read from the County Surveyor:-

"With reference to the resolution of the Road Committee, about road No 34 Wexford Rural District, Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor informs me that a discussion took place when the proposal for this work was brought up, and it was settled that 40 cubic yards should be procured from Kerlogue Quarry, and the balance from the mountain quarry.

The Specification however, does not seem to have been altered to agree with this.

The contractor had 20 cubic yards of Kerlogue stone out when measured and I have ordered him to put out 20 cubic yards more.

As the Council had not acquired the quarry when the tender was accepted the contractor cannot be compelled to go to that particular one."

On the motion of the Chairman, the Co. Surveyor was instructed to notify the contractor of this road, that in future he must procure 130 cubic yards from Killoque and 130 cubic yards from the mountain, as per the terms of the specification."

Pomgarrow Bridge

Under date 29th December 1911, a letter was read from the Co. Inspector, R. J. C., stating that about two yards of the wall of the bridge at Pomgarrow had been thrown down to within 9 inches of the bottom. From inquiries made by the local police, had found that it was a boy named Patrick McDonald, aged 14½ years, son of a labourer, residing at Pomgarrow had knocked down the wall.

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

"That Mr. Elger be instructed to communicate with Mr. McDonald, and inform him that unless he apologises for the conduct of his son - Patrick - in throwing down portion of the wall at the Bridge at Pomgarrow, the Co. Council will feel obliged to institute proceedings."

Barroigh Lane

"Messrs Ricci and Aspley, the Committee appointed at the last meeting, to report as to an application by Patrick Reigh, as regards Barroigh Lane, reported that Mr. Reigh desired to withdraw his application for the present, and when he had made some improvements in the lane, he would renew it."

John Bolger

Special meeting - 10th January 1912.

A special meeting of the county council was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Court House, Wexford; on 10th January 1912.

Present:- Mr John Bolger Chairman, presiding.
Other members:- Messrs C. H. Peacocke, John O'Connor, R. A. Rice, P. O'Neill, M. Cloney, A. Kinsella, J. Lynch, J. J. Mayler, J. S. Hearn, Patrick Rossiter, David Sinnott, Mark Codd, J. A. Doyle, James Codd, Michael Doyle Sr., Michael Hickey, J. J. Stafford, P. J. Fanning, J. L. Comonde, M. Doyle Jr., Lord Stopford, and M. Browne.

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

Change of date of February meeting.
On the motion of Mr Hearn.

Seconded by Mr Doyle; the following resolution was adopted:-

"That as several members of this Council have arranged to attend the Dublin Bull sale on the 7th & 8th February, the meeting of the Co. Council arranged for the 7th February be changed to 14th February at 10 o'clock."

The late Miss Mayler.

On the motion of Mr Hearn.

Seconded by Mr Doyle, the following letter from Mr J. J. Mayler, Co. Councillor, was ordered to be inserted on the minutes:-

"I beg to acknowledge your communication of the 4th inst., and trust you will be good enough to convey to the members of the

council an assurance of my sincere thanks and deep gratitude for their kind expression of sympathy towards me. Thanking you personally for your kindness."

Appointment of County Surveyor.

In connection with the appointment of Co. Surveyor, the following letter No 746-1912, under date 4th January, was read from the Local Government Board:-

"With reference to your telegram of yesterday's date, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state in confirmation of their telegram of the same date, that if the Wexford Co. Council decide at their meeting on the 10th instant, to appoint as County Surveyor out of the list of candidates a person already qualified the Board will be prepared to consider favourably such appointment."

Under date 9th January 1912, the following letter was read from Mr. James Donohoe, Abbey House, Enniscorthy:-

"As I have written some of the Co. Councillors suggesting a Deputation to the Council on Wednesday in reference to the proposed new appointments of a County and Assistant Surveyor, I think it but right to inform the Council through you, that owing to the shortness of time, both as regards the Deputation and Council, it has been abandoned."

I venture, however, on my own account, to respectfully urge on the Council the necessity of appointing a sufficient staff to prevent the frightful waste of money, and grievous inefficiency entailed by the present system, and that, if only as an experiment, they should employ two surveyors, as this straggling County cannot be efficiently worked by one

Surveyor, even with an assistant. The latter can have no inducement to exertion on the proposed salary, or on any expected approbation which will naturally revert to the Surveyor.

From my personal experience I can say with truth that one of the most disheartening features of a councillor's duty is the utter apathy of the public, who never by any chance favour the council with a word of encouragement, a suggestion, or even a hint of approval or disapproval. I trust this will not continue, as a councillor's life is one of considerable sacrifice, and merits some public recognition."

On the motion of Mr. P. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Lynch, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Wm. J. Barry, County Surveyor of Monaghan, be appointed County Surveyor of Wexford at a salary of £500 per annum, which is to cover all travelling and out of pocket expenses (except postage) the appointment to be determined at anytime by three months notice at either side."

"Mr. Barry returned thanks, and said he would take up duty as soon as possible."

The following is Mr. Barry's application:-

"I hereby beg to make application for the above appointment and shall thank you to bring my name forward as a candidate."

He submitted testimonials from the following:-
 Science & Art Department of the Committee of Council on Education, South Kensington, London.
 The Institution of Civil Engineers, Institute of Civil Engineers of Ireland, G. S. & W. Rylo.

Wm. Murphy Esq. 39 Dame Street, Dublin; H. B. White Esq., B. E., Queen's Co. Surveyor; Ennisconthy Town Commissioners; Peter Burtchall, Esq. B. E. Co. Surveyor, Kilkenny; James A. Dickinson Esq. County Surveyor, Tyrone; Civil Service Commissioners."

Proposed appointment of Senior Assistant Surveyor.

In connection with the appointment of Assistant Surveyor, the following letter No. 67119 under date 3rd January, was read from the Local Government Board:-

"With reference to your letter of the 20th ultimo; relative to the proposed appointment of Senior Assistant Surveyor by the Wexford County Council, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that the only manner in which the Board could arrange the applicants in order of merit would be by examination, and if it is the desire of the Council that the Board should hold such examination, I am to suggest that the candidate who obtains highest marks in the examination should be appointed provided that he is not otherwise unavailable."

Lord Stopford proposed, Mr. Rossiter seconded the following resolution:-

"That the appointment of Senior Assistant Surveyor be deferred to the meeting of the Co. Council in May."

Passed.

Mr. Hearn proposed, Mr. Lynch seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Local Government Board be requested to arrange as soon as possible for a qualifying examination for the position of Senior Assistant Surveyor."

Surveyor, and give the result as follows:-

- 1.- On marks.
- 2.- On previous record and training
- 3.- On general ability."

Mr. John E. Redmond M.P.

Mr. O'Connor proposed, the Chairman seconded, the following resolution, which was adopted:-

"That we express our very sincere regret with Mr. John E. Redmond M.P., our distinguished County man, in the recent accident which befel him and trust he may soon be able to resume his Parliamentary duties. That this resolution be conveyed to Mr. Redmond."

Proposed Increased Grant to Co. Infirmary.
With reference to the resolution of the Co. Council at the meeting of the 3rd inst., relative to application of the Governors of the County Wexford Infirmary for an increased grant.- Mr. M. J. Kavanagh, Registrar wrote forwarding the following particulars:-

Amount of Governors Subscriptions:-

1908 - to 1909.	£ 18 : 18 : 0
1909 - to 1910.	15 : 15 : 0
1910 - to 1911.	15 : 15 : 0
to date	<u>15 : 15 : 0</u>

Cost of medicines for Intern Patients:-

1908 to 1909	£ 23
1909 to 1910.	7
1910 to 1911	25
to date (9: 10: 11)	<u>22</u>

amount spent on extra nursing:-

1908 to 1909	£ 13 : 17 : 0
1909 to 1910.	12 : 19 : 6

1910 to 1911
to date (12:12:1911)

£26 : 19 : 0
28 : 10 : 0

Number of paying patients and amount contributed by them:-

1908 to 1909	14 patients	£35 : 1 : 6
1909 to 1910.	17 "	25 : 16 : 0
1910 to 1911.	16 "	29 : 4 : 2
* to date (6:1:12)	27 "	32 : 15 : 0

* A number of R. I. C., men in for short period.

On the motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. James Codd; the following resolution

"That the Co. Council pay the overdraft of £300 of the Co. Wexford Infirmary and increase the grant for future year to £1200"

Mr. Hearn proposed, Mr. Fanning seconded the following amendment:-

"That the present grant to the Co. Wexford Infirmary be increased to £1400 for the year ending 31st March 1913, and that for future years the grant be £1,100 per annum."

"Mr. O'Connor subsequently withdrew his resolution and the Chairman put the amendment as the substantive motion, and it was passed unanimously."

Application for Sudden Damage Order.

Mr. P. J. O'Flaherty, Solicitor; came before the meeting on behalf of Thomas Cloney, Forestalstown; and asked the Co. Council to issue a Sudden Damage Order owing to the damage which had been caused to the road of which Cloney was the contractor, by the recent floods.

He had applied to the Co. Surveyor, but the latter did not feel justified in acting on his own responsibility.

"The Council decided to make no order."

Complaint of Road Contractor.

At last meeting of the Council, Mr. M. Howlin Assistant Surveyor was requested to furnish an explanation in connection with the following letter written by Mr. John Kenny, Ballymore:-

"It is my painful duty to apply to you for justice as a road contractor.

The Assistant Surveyor has not measured my stones, it is a working man of Mr. Haughton's that measures them and gives me orders to spread them. I don't think a man like him is qualified to undertake such work, or do you think I could expect justice from him.

Hoping that you will see that I will get justice."

Mr. Howlin forwarded the following explanation, under date 6th January:-

"In reply to yours of the 5th re Kenny's complaint to the Local Government Board, I beg to state that I measured the material on Road No 92 on two separate occasions (Sept 15th and Novr. 28th) and I cannot really see how Kenny can say that I did not measure it, as he saw me on one of the occasions. I furnished him with measurement returns on both occasions, and also instructed him as to spreading, etc., in writing, as well as verbally.

I would have replied sooner, but I understood there was to be no meeting of the Co. Council until January 10th."

Mr. O'Flaherty Solicitor, appeared on behalf of John Kenny, Ballymore, who stated in reply to

his solicitor that the measurement of which he complained had taken place in March 1910."

"The chairman pointed out that Mr. Howlin was not appointed till April 1910."

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

"That having considered Mr. Howlin's explanation as to the letter of John Kenny, Ballymore, to the Local Government Board we regard said explanation as satisfactory."

Kilmore Harbour.

The letter of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, under date 15th December 1911, and No. 6,497-11 F. B., asking the Council to set aside a sum of £200 in addition to the sum of £125 already allocated for the dredging of Kilmore Harbour, and which appeared on the minutes of the Council of 3rd inst., was read:-

Mr. Hearn proposed, Mr. Lynch seconded and it was passed:-

"That this matter be postponed till the meeting of the Council on the 14th February. In the meantime our Secretary be instructed to obtain information from the Department as to the suitability of this dredger from Harbours like Kilmore."

That the County Council consider that the Department should bear the expense of transferring the dredger from one Harbour to another seeing the large amount paid by the Co. Council for the upkeep of piers and Harbours."

Wexford Fishery Harbours.

Under date 9th January 1912, the following letter No. 175 F. B., was read from the Department of

Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th inst., and, in reply, to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that the final decision of the Development Commissioners on the application of the Department for funds towards the improvement and development of Irish Fisheries has not yet been received."

marked "Read."

Ballyhack Boat Slip.

Correspondence in connection with the proposal to take over Ballyhack Boat Slip appearing on the minutes of the previous meeting of the Co. Council was read.

In a letter under date 15th November 1911, and No 59603, the Local Government Board had written:-

"It appears to the Board, however, that if the Boat Slip can be regarded as a "Pier" or "Quay" within the meaning of section 67 of the Grand jury (Ireland) Act 1836, and were enlarged to any extent however small under section 68 and consequently be repairable by the Co. Council under Section 18 (2) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898. The Board are not in a position to determine whether this boat slip can be regarded as a "Pier" or "Quay" within the meaning of these two sections of the Act of 1836, so as to enable the County Council to expend money on enlarging it, and this is a question which must be decided by the Council having regard to the nature of the structure and to its previous history."

Proposed by Mr. Cloney, seconded by the Chairman and adopted:- "That our Secretary endeavour to elicit from the residents of the

neighbourhood of Ballyhack interested in the fishing industry. particulars in connection with money spent by the County on the pier or quay."

Suretyship of a Rate collector.

under date 29th December 1911, the following letter was read from Mr. Michael Walsh, Rate collector, New Ross :-

"I have yours of 20th instant, re Fidelity Guarantee, and in reply would wish to remind the Council of the extremely unpleasant, indeed, vexatious experience I have had with these guarantee Societies since my appointment. You will remember that the "Law & bar" people from whom I had a bond went into liquidation, and I had to provide personal security immediately to carry me to the end of the year. Then, after inquiries, I selected the "Omnium" which was on the list of companies approved by the Local Government Board, and whose terms seemed the most reasonable. Immediately after paying them a premium of £5 : 12 : 6 I received a communication through you, from the Local Government Board informing me that the financial condition of that company was unsound, and ordering me to furnish counter security at once. In both instances I had the satisfaction of knowing that my money was simply thrown away.

On receipt of yours of the 20th I began to make inquiries and find that most of the leading companies will not take this business at all, and those that do take it have raised their terms to 20% on the collectors Bond. This in my case, would mean a premium of £9, and I cannot believe that the Council would penalize to such an extent, an official who has discharged his duties faithfully, and I think, I may add, efficiently.

since the day I was appointed.

I should mention that one company quotes a rate of 15% provided I furnish a counter security "by two or three solvent persons whose names must be submitted for the approval of the company."

This counter security, I find means that in the event of the collector turning out a defaulter the counter security would be made liable for the first two or three hundred pounds of the default, in other words the company pockets a handsome premium and then shifts practically all the liability on the shoulders of the counter security.

I would not ask any man to sign his name to such an arrangement as that.

Everywhere around, as far as I can learn, personal security is accepted, and in the neighbouring county, - Kilkenny - no other security is required from any collector, and this arrangement is working satisfactorily.

I therefore appeal to the Council, to relieve me from further dealings with these so called Guarantee Societies, and their exorbitant and wholly unreasonable demands, by accepting personal security which I am ready to give of the most satisfactory kind.

I am of course, aware that there is a resolution on your books against me, but do we not see every day resolutions rescinded as well as passed.

I will ask you, then, to kindly bring my request before the Council, and, hoping for an early and favourable reply."

Mr. Stafford proposed, Mr. Peacocke seconded, the following resolution:-

"That Mr. Michael J. Walsh, be informed that the County Council cannot see its way to accept personal security from any of its officers."

Passed.

Rate collector M. J. Sheehan.

Mr. M. J. Sheehan, Rate collector, wrote stating that he intended to place his fidelity bond with the London & Lancashire Insurance Co.,

On the motion of Mr. Michael Doyle & seconded by Mr. Danning, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Council agree to accept the London & Lancashire Insurance Co., as security for Mr. M. J. Sheehan, Rate collector."

Appointment Deputy Coroner for North Wexford.

Under date 9th January, the following letter was read from Dr. Lawler, Coroner for North Wexford:-

"I had three major operations performed within 11 days, and am still very weak.

I wrote Dr. Nicholas Furlong, Enniscorthy; and he has kindly consented to have his name put forward as Deputy Coroner.

He will have from me all the powers of a Deputy- full discretion to act in my absence without consulting me. I have asked him to send a formal application to you to bring before next meeting of Co. Council.

I don't know if Dr. Stephenson formally resigned. If not, I do so now on his behalf he having left district."

Mr. Lynch proposed, Mr. Michael Doyle Junr. seconded the following resolution:-

"That the County Council approve of the appointment of Dr. Nicholas Furlong, as Deputy Coroner for North Wexford."

As an amendment, Mr. Kinsella proposed and Mr. Danning seconded:- "That the matter be adjourned till next meeting of the Co. Council."

"This amendment was subsequently unanimously accepted."

Interference with a Road.

Mr. P. D. O'Gorman, Kellystown, Adamstown, came before the meeting and explained that he had adjacent to his residence improved the road by filling up a dangerous gripe. The road had formerly been only twelve feet wide, and it was now 22 feet.

He requested the County Council, to agree to the work which he had carried out in filling this gripe, as he had been informed by the Assistant Surveyor of the District - Mr. Hassett - that he should have obtained the permission of the Co. Council before undertaking the work.

Mr. Hearn proposed, Mr. Michael Doyle Jr. seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the matter be referred to the Co. Surveyor, and that Mr. Gaffney be requested to report on the matter to the next meeting."

Insurance - Workmen's Compensation.

Under date 16th December 1911, a letter was read from the Welsh Insurance Corporation Ltd that the policy of Insurance of employees under the Workmen's Compensation Act which would fall due on 23rd January would not be renewed.

Quotations for this Insurance were forwarded by Messrs Kehoe & Sullivan, Wexford; Insurance Agents, from:-

Tariff Companies - Premium	£ 35 : 12 : 6
Non-Tariff (Legal Company) "	17 : 17 : 10

"It was pointed out that Dublin Port & Docks Board, and the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, and other public bodies insured with the Legal Co."

Mr. Tanning proposed, and Mr. Hearn seconded:-
 "That the insurance be effected with the Legal
 Company."

As an amendment, Mr. Peacocke proposed, Mr.
 Stafford seconded:-

"That the Insurance be effected with a Legal
 Company."

On a show of hands the amendment was
 defeated by ten votes to four.

"The chairman then put Mr. Tanning's motion
 and it was passed."

Anthrax Outbreak.

Under date 6th January 1912, the Department of
 Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote,
 (letter No 75-12 V.B.) as follows:-

"With reference to the terms of the resolution
 adopted by the Wexford County Council on
 3rd inst., in connection with the outbreak
 of Anthrax on the farm of Capt Hawkes-
 Cornock, at Great Blonard, I have to state that,
 as indicated in the telegram addressed to
 you yesterday, the application of serum
 treatment with a view of protecting in-contact
 animals from this disease is not a matter in
 respect of which the Department have any
 statutory duty or responsibility.

It is for the owner to decide and arrange regard-
 ing treatment of the kind, but should he be
 desirous of the Department's co-operation they
 will be happy to afford such as far as lies
 in their power, and will be pleased, if necessary,
 to instruct one of their Inspectors - Mr. Norris -
 to proceed to Great Blonard to carry out the
 treatment; if Capt Hawkes Cornock requests that
 such may be done, at his own risk.

It is of course for the Local authority themselves and their Veterinary Inspector to execute and enforce the provisions of the Anthrax (Ireland) Order of 1900, a copy of which is enclosed."

The Secretary stated he has seen Mr. Hawkes-cornock, father of Capt Hawkes-cornock, (who was from home) and he stated that he would wait to ascertain if any further animals were affected before considering the advisability of treatment. He was satisfied if the Department themselves treated the animals, provided they would be responsible for any losses arising from the treatment.

In weekly Report of Mr. R. Malone V.S., dated 6th inst., he stated that all the animals on the farm were perfectly healthy and with a normal temperature.

Under date 9th January, the following letter was read from Mr. E. Hawkes-cornock relative to outbreak of anthrax:-

"In my husband's absence from home, I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 8th and copy of the letter from the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Norris called upon me yesterday, and after a full inspection of the cattle, horses, etc., informed me that the farm is now released from the quarantine which was laid upon it since the one case of anthrax occurred 17 days ago.

So much publicity has been given to this one case, and so many wild reports are circulating throughout the country, that I feel an equal publicity should now be given to the fact that the danger is at an

end. In this Mr. Norris fully agreed, and advised me to ask you to insert an official notice in the local papers as soon as possible, to inform the public that the farm at Little Blonard (the word Great was used in error in your report) has been given a clean bill of health by the Department of Agriculture.

It is only fair to Captain Hawkesbornock that this should be done as much harm may be caused by unfounded reports."

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the matter be referred to Mr. Malone R.S., and if a satisfactory report be received from him, our Secretary be instructed to publish an official notification in the local papers as to the withdrawal of the quarantine regulations from the farm of Capt Hawkesbornock, Little Blonard."

Resolutions.

Land Purchase

Under date 13th December a resolution was received from the Irish Farmer's Union, stating that in the interests of Irish Agriculture it was most desirable that Land Purchase should be completed without delay.

"On the motion of Mr. Kinsella, seconded by Mr. Lynch the resolution was adopted."

Women on Technical Instruction Committees.

The Hon Sec., United Irishwomen, forwarded the following resolution:-

"That it is to be urged on the General Council of the Co. Councils throughout Ireland the importance of appointing women to serve on

technical committees of the Co. Councils, as with these committees lies the appointment and supervision of instructresses in domestic economy, poultry and dairying, and other matters in which women are chiefly concerned.
marked "Read"

Insurance Act.

The Newcastle West Rural District Council forwarded a resolution requesting the Irish members of Parliament to press on the Irish Insurance Commissioners to include in memorandum relative to appointment of civil servants - public servants - i. e., officers of the County, and District Councils, Municipal Bodies, etc., who may be qualified to act as officers under the National Insurance Act.

On the motion of Mr. Kinsella, seconded by Mr. Lynch the resolution was adopted.

Commissionership of valuation

A committee to which Mr. Patrick McDonnell Town Clerk, Bray; acted as Hon Secretary wrote forwarding a recommendation to the Treasury for the appointment of Mr. P. J. McAndrew C. E., for the position of Commissioner of valuation.

The Secretary pointed out that the rumour that Sir John Barton, was resigning had been contradicted.

marked "Read."

John Bolger