

SPECIAL MEETING.-7th JANUARY 1920.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 7th January 1920.

Present:- Mr Michael Doyle, (Vice-Chairman) presided.

Also:- Messrs N. J. Cowman, James Codd, Louis Barry, Michael Cloney, W. Therpe, R. Scallan, M. Codd, T. Asple, P. Whelan, M. Maddock, A. Kinsella, N. J. Fowler, P. N. O'German, and Joseph Redmond.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, and Mr J. Elgee Solicitor, (acting for Mr R. W. Elgee, absent through illness) were also in attendance.

Appointment Temporary Rate Collector.

In connection with appointment of temporary Rate Collector vice Mr Francis Blake, deceased, applications were received from the following:-

- 1.- John T. Barry, Kilmere Quay.
- 2.- Richard Brett, Ballynaas, Ballycogley.
- 3.- Joseph Day, Ballyhealy, Kilmere.
- 4.- John Dempsey, Crumlin, Co. Dublin.
- 5.- M. Doyle, Houselands, Murrintown.
- 6.- Patrick Furlong, Mulgannen, Wexford.
- 7.- Patrick Healy, Castlebridge.
- 8.- Rederick O'Connor, Redmondstown, Rathaspeck.
- 9.- John H. Rossiter, Walshestown, Ballycogley.
- 10.- Patrick Treacy, 11 High Street, Wexford.

Letters under date 13th December 1919, and 30th December 1919, were read from the National Benefit Assurance Corporation agreeing to the appointment of a temporary collector to close the Collection to the 31st March 1920.

A Poll was taken with the following result:-

- For Barry:- Mr Fowler.-1
- For Brett:- Messrs Cloney, Therpe, and the Chairman.-3.
- For Day:- Messrs James Codd, L. Barry, R. Scallan, and M. Codd.-4.
- For Healy:- Messrs Cowman, Maddock, Asple, and Redmond.-4.
- For Rossiter:- Messrs Whelan, Kinsella, and O'German.-3

Barry having fallen out the following was the result of the second Poll:-

- For Brett:- Messrs Cloney, Therpe, and the Chairman.-3.

For Day:- Messrs James Codd, Barry, Scallan, and Mark Codd.-4.

For Healy:- Messrs Cowman, Maddock, Asple, and Redmond.-4.

For Rossiter:- Messrs Whelan, Kinsella, O'German, and Fowler.-4.

Mr Brett having fallen out a third poll was taken with the following result:-

For Day:- Messrs James Codd, Barry, Cloney, Fowler, Scallan, and M. Codd-6.

For Healy:- Messrs Cowman, Maddock, Asple, and Redmond.-4.

For Rossiter:- Messrs Whelan, Kinsella, Thorpe, and O'German.-4.

The Chairman declined to vote.

Mr Healy and Mr Rossiter having received an equal number of votes a poll was taken between them with the following result:-

For Healy:- Messrs Cowman, Maddock, Scallan, Mark Codd, Asple, and Redmond.-6.

For Rossiter:- Messrs Whelan, James Codd, Barry, Kinsella, Cloney, Fowler, Thorpe, and O'German.-8.

The Chairman declined to vote.

Mr Healy then fell out and the final poll between Day and Rossiter resulted as follows:-

For Day:- Messrs Cowman, James Codd, Barry, Cloney, Fowler, Scallan, Mark Codd, Asple, and Redmond.-9.

For Rossiter:- Messrs Whelan, Maddock, Kinsella, Thorpe, O'German, and the Chairman.-6.

The following resolution was then proposed by Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Barry and adopted:-

"That Mr Joseph Day, Ballyhealy, Kilmore, be appointed as temporary Rate Collector for No. 4 Collection District, vacant through the death of Mr Francis Blake, at a poundage fee of 7d in the £ to cover uncollected moiety of rate £2098. 4. 5d. And that the National Benefit Assurance Co., Ltd, and the Local Government Board, be requested to approve of this appointment."

Medical Inspection & Treatment of School Children.

Under date 19th December 1919, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 61034-1919, Miscellaneous) forwarding copy of Public Health (Medical Treatment of Children) (Ireland) Act 1919, under which the Board pointed out that under this Act it became the duty of County Councils to make arrangements for the medical inspection of school children and for

attending to their health and physical welfare in accordance with Regulations to be issued by the Board.

Pending the issue of Regulations the Council were advised to make due financial provision in their estimates for the introduction of a scheme of school medical service in the coming financial year.

Half the cost of scheme would be borne by the Rates and half by the Exchequer. The Board suggested that the Council might proceed to ascertain the number of elementary schools in their areas and the number of children on the Rolls, and as to accommodation available in such schools with a view to securing data for calculating the amount which might be required for the School Medical Service for 1920-21.

An Urban District having a population of not less than 6,000 could by consent administer the Scheme in its own district.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted unanimously on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr O'German:-

"That the question of the administration of medical inspection of School Children by this Council be adjourned indefinitely."

Tuberculosis Scheme.

Under date 19th December 1919, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 64545-1919) that as regards treatment of tuberculosis patients the Inter-departmental Committee which investigated the question of the provision of residential treatment expressed the opinion that the existing sanatorium and hospital accommodation available for the male population is seriously inadequate and on consideration of the Report of the Inter-departmental Committee the Treasury had agreed to a resumption of issues of the Capital Grant which had been set aside for the purposes of treatment of tuberculosis. The Local Government Board considered that while the provision for intern accommodation for early cases was reasonably sufficient, facilities for institutional treatment for advanced cases called for expansion on a large scale.

The Committee had reported that it was preferable to admit to the one sanatorium patients in all stages of the disease if they could be graded in different wards and pavilions and if within reasonable distance of the area from which the patients were drawn. In this way the multiplication of institutions and the expense and difficulty of separate new establishments would be avoided. The new issues from the Capital Grant were subject to

the conditions (1) that the contributions from the grant shall not exceed £180 per bed, (2) that where a subsidy from Capital Grant is asked for expenditure not covered by the population share of the original Sanatorium Grant a contribution of two-fifths of the cost should be forthcoming from local sources, (3) that proposals, plans, etc., should be submitted to the Local Government Board not later than 30th June 1920, and (4) that the works should be completed not later than two and a half years from the date of the approval of the Local Government Board. The annual Grant of 50 per cent of the net deficit on the Council's Tuberculosis a/c., would be available in aid of repayment of principal and interest of Loans raised to defray the Capital cost of providing additional accommodation.

The Disposal Board for surplus Government Property would be prepared to afford priority to Local Authorities for the acquisition of huts.

If the Council contemplated adopting this method of providing additional accommodation the Local Government Board asked to be furnished with a statement showing the number of huts required, where and for what purposes to be used, and the situation of any huts known to the Council to be suitable for tuberculosis purposes.

In connection with the above Circular letter as to accommodation of advanced cases of tuberculosis the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was submitted and adopted on the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr O'German:-

"That letter of Local Government Board under date 19th December 1919, (64545-1919) as to provision of residential accommodation for advanced cases of tuberculosis be referred to new County Council to be appointed in June next."

Order under River Navigation Improvement (I) Act 1914.

Order of the Local Government Board under date 19th November 1919, (No. 196M-1919) prescribing procedure to be adopted in cases in which County Councils consider their expenses under Section 5 of the above Act should be an Urban or Rural District Charge, was read.

"No Order"

Scaled Order-Woodtown Water Supply.

Under date 8th December 1919, the Local Government Board forwarded Scaled Order-No. 58589-4-19, (improving the supply of water at Woodtown, area of charge Broadway Dispensary District.

"No Order"

Reports of Audits of Accounts-County Bodies.

The Local Government Board forwarded reports of their Auditors as to his audit of the accounts of Gorey Union and Enniscorthy District Lunatic Asylum for the half-year ended 30th September 1919.

"No Order"

Veterinary Inspection-Moyacomb Electoral Division.

Under date 23rd December 1919, Mr W. J. Doyle V. S., Enniscorthy, wrote accepting £5 per annum for the work under Diseases of Animals Acts in Moyacomb Electoral Division (vacant by the demise of Mr George Newsom V.S.).

Under date 1st January 1920, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction (V.B. 3763-19) wrote that they noted that Mr Doyle had accepted the offer of the Council of a salary of £5 per annum, and his appointment at this figure could accordingly be regarded as approved from the date of the Council's meeting at which he was asked to succeed Mr Newsom.

Bovine Tuberculosis Order 1914.

Under date 18th December 1919, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarded Order No. 487 re-enacting the provisions of Bovine Tuberculosis Order of 1914.

Writing under date 22nd December 1919, the Department (letter No. V.B., 3718-19) stated as from the 1st January 1920, the practice of charging the Exchequer funds three quarters of the gross compensation paid in respect of animals slaughtered in accordance with the Order would be resumed.

The fact assured that Local Authorities would welcome a means of engaging again in a work from which so much benefit to live stock owners and to the community in general was to be anticipated.

"The Secretary stated he had advertised the re-enactment of the Order and on the motion of Mr Thorpe, seconded by Mr O'German, the action of the Secretary was approved."

New Ross R. D. School Attendance Committee.

Under date 9th December 1919, Mr J. J. Rochford, Secretary to New Ross R. D. School Attendance Committee wrote that a vacancy existed on the Committee in consequence of the absence (for over six months consecutively) of Mr Philip Kehoe B. C., Lacken, and also requesting the County Council to appoint a member vice Mr Kehoe.

On the motion of Mr O'German, seconded by Mr Cleney, the following

resolution was adopted:-

"That New Ross R. D. Council be requested to nominate for appointment a member for their School Attendance Committee vice Mr Philip Kehoe, D.C., Lacken, disqualified through non-attendance."

War Pensions Committee.

Mr J. L. Rensiter, Hon Sec., Wexford Branch Comrades of the Great War, wrote under date 30th December 1919, that as Mr J. E. Bell has resigned his membership of the Local War Pensions Committee, Mr G. Miller, 2 Allen Street, Wexford, had been selected to represent the ex-service men on the Local Pension Committee.

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Maddock, the appointment of Mr G. Miller, 2 Allen Street, Wexford, as a member of County Wexford Local War Pensions Committee was approved."

Ex-officio Inspectors.-Food & Drugs Act.

Mr J. R. Sharpe, County Inspector, R.I.C., wrote asking that Sergeant Michael J. Carney, R. I. C., should be appointed Food & Drugs Inspector for Taghmon district, vice Sergeant Peter Ruane, and Sergeant James Brennan, vice Sergeant Henry Murphy for Enniscorthy District.

On the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr O'Gorman, the following resolution was adopted:- "That Sergeant Michael Carney, R.I.C., be appointed Ex-officio Inspector under Food & Drugs Acts for Taghmon Petty Sessions District, and that Sergeant James Brennan, R.I.C., be appointed Ex-officio Inspector under same Acts for the Petty Sessions District of Enniscorthy."

County Wexford Insurance Society.

In connection with vacancy on Managing Committee of County Wexford Insurance Society owing to the death of Mr Philip Keating, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Maddock:-

"That the name of Mr W. H. McGuire, M. C. C., be added to the Executive Committee of Co Wexford Insurance Society, vice Mr Philip Keating, deceased."

Quarries Wexford District.

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

"That the resolution of the Council asking the County Council not to purchase any additional quarries be rescinded, and that they now be requested to purchase as many new quarries

as the County Surveyor considers it would be advantageous to the District to acquire."

On the motion of Mr Fowler, seconded by Mr Thorpe, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:-

"That the resolution of the Wexford R. D. Council as to acquirement of quarries in Wexford District be referred to the County Surveyor for his favourable consideration."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Mr Thomas Trayner, Manager, Wexford Branch Enniscorthy Co-operative Agricultural Society, Trinity Street, Wexford, applied for licence under above Act.

On the motion of Mr Maddock, seconded by Mr Thorpe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be issued to Mr Thomas Trayner, Trinity Street, Wexford, Manager of Wexford Branch, Enniscorthy Co-operative Agricultural Society."

Injury to Pony.

Under date 23rd December 1919, the following was read from Messrs W.P. & R. Odium, St Mullins' Graigue, Co. Kilkenny:-

"Owing to the disgraceful state of the main road between Poulmenty and Ballybanogue cross on the New Ross road, our Pony fell into a large hole in the centre of the road and cut her knees so badly that she is quite useless to us for further driving. We intend claiming £30 compensation. We will do nothing further until we hear from you. This road is a disgrace to the County, at the spot where this accident occurred the foundation had evidently gone down and a hole about 18" long and at least 12" deep remains. We have several witnesses to give evidence if necessary."

On the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr O'German, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was unanimously adopted:-

"That the letter of Messrs W.P. & R. Odium, Millers, St Mullins, as to injury to pony on road between Poulmenty and Ballybanogue cross be referred to our Solicitor."

New Ross Bridge Contractors & War Bonus.

Under date 6th December 1919, the following was read from Messrs E. Lawler & Son, Bridge Quay, New Ross:-

"We respectfully beg to apply for an increase in the amount allowed us for our services as Caretakers, etc., of New Ross Bridge.

In June 1915 we were appointed Caretakers at £37. 10/- per year, and have never applied for, or received, a bonus or increase.

Expenses have advanced much beyond all anticipations, and the cost of labour required in opening and closing the bridge for the passage of vessels and steamers to the berths of six business firms whose premises are situated above bridge, as well as the cost of oil for Turntables, are you will admit, much heavier items of expense now than they were at the time of our appointment 4½ years ago.

The late Mr Keogh, a former caretaker, was in receipt of £50 per annum, in pre-war days, being £12. 10/- per year more than we receive for the same services.

In view of all the circumstances, we hope you may see your way to grant us a bonus, or increase, of say £15 per annum, dating from say June 1916, the commencement of our second year as Caretakers, etc.,

We leave our case in your hands with every confidence, relying on you to deal with us considerately."

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr O'German:-

"That a War Bonus of £8 per annum, as from 31st March 1919, be allowed to Messrs Lawler & Sons, Contractors for New Ross Bridge, in consequence of increased cost of labour and material etc., since they entered on contract June 1915, this bonus to be subject to the approval of the Local Government Board."

Working of Hanlon's Quarry.

The following extract from the Report of the County Surveyor to the Finance & Roads Committee of 19th November 1919, had been referred from that meeting to the County Council Meeting:-

"At the New Ross District Council a resolution was passed that 4d per cubic yard should be paid to Mr Hanlon for material from his quarry at Ballygarvan and I ask your directions in the matter."

"The County Surveyor stated that he had arranged for the working of this quarry paying Mr Hanlon 3d per cubic yard."

Office-Clerk Crown & Peace.

In connection with an application from Mr J.N. Scallan, Clerk, Crews, to the County Council, the County Council, in view of the deplorable condition of the entrance to his

offices, the pathway of flags, he stated, was all smashed and the place was practically impassable.

At the meeting of the Council on 10th December 1919, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That a copy of the letter of Mr J. N. Scallan, Clerk Crown & Peace, be furnished the Wexford Harbour Board for their observations."

Under date 16th December 1919, the following was read from Mr P. Heran, Secretary Wexford Harbour Commissioners :-

"Your letter of the 11th inst., was before a meeting of my Board held to-day, and I was instructed to write and inform you that the Commissioners have no jurisdiction over the Lane, as it is only a right of way to private property. The people who are using the lane are responsible for its maintenance."

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

"That the Clerk of the Crown and Peace be informed that the County Council have only a right of way through Courthouse Lane and in consequence feel they cannot agree to any expenditure in connection with the place. That a copy of the letter of Secretary to Wexford Harbour Board under date 16th December 1919, be forwarded Mr Scallan, Clerk Crown & Peace."

Read Contractor's Grievance.

At the meeting of the County Council on the 10th December 1919, a resolution from Enniscorthy R. D. Council asking the Co. Council to entertain favourably an application from James Brien, Road Contractor, Glenteigue, was adjourned.

Mr Brien in his communication to Enniscorthy R. D. Council complained that as the War Bonus which he received in connection with several roads was 20% of contract, while other contractors received 12½% plus 2/6 per cubic yard for material taken from Co Council Quarries as the price of material went up to 6/6 per cubic yard he had lost £92. 14. 3d, and he wished the Council to recompense him for same.

On the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr O'German, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the application of Mr James Brien, Glenteigue, Edermine, as per his letter of 28th October 1919, to Enniscorthy R. D. Council, be

refused, as the County Council cannot see their way to re-open the question of War Bonus to Road Contractors."

Proposed Joint Industrial Council.

Letter from Mr D. F. Condon, Secretary, National Union of Municipal Officers (Ireland) calling attention to the recommendations of the Whitley report providing for the formation of a Joint National Industrial Council, and adjourned from last meeting was considered.

"No Order".

Application War Bonus-County Court Judge's Crier.

In connection with the application of Mr Timothy Long, Co Court Judge's Crier, for War Bonus, the following resolution was adopted at a recent meeting of the Council:-

"That the application of Mr Timothy Long, County Court Judge's Crier, for War Bonus be adjourned to next meeting. That in the meantime he be asked to supply the following particulars:-

- 1.- How many times per year is he on duty in County Wexford.
- 2.- Are his expenses paid by the County Court Judge.
- 3.- How many other Counties does he serve."

In reply to this the following under date 4th September 1919, was read from Mr Long:-

"In reply to the resolution of the County Council of the 21st ult., I wish to say that I attend Quarter Sessions in the County Wexford four times each year. My expenses are not paid by the County Court Judge. I also serve the Counties Carlow, Kildare, and Wicklow for which I receive £10 per annum.

I most respectfully point out that these salaries were fixed in the year 1836, when the value of money was very different from what it is now, and when the Crier travelled on the Chairman's carriage and hotels were cheap.

Trusting that the Council will take a favourable view."

On the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr O'German, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the application of Mr Timothy Long, County Court Judge's Crier, for War Bonus be refused."

Travelling Allowance-County Surveyor.

Under date 28th November 1919, the following was read from the Co. Surveyor:-

"As the period for which travelling allowance to me has now expired I shall be glad if you will bring up the matter at next Meeting of the Council, my request for further allowance to cover travelling expenses."

Mr Therpe proposed:- "That the County Surveyor be granted a travelling allowance of £75 per annum, as from 6th November 1919.

Mr O'German seconded.

Mr Scallan proposed as an amendment, and Mr Cowman seconded:-

"That the County Surveyor be granted a sum of £50 per annum as travelling allowance to run as from 6th November 1919."

On a poll there voted for the amendment (£50) :-

Messrs Whelan, Maddeck, James Codd, Cowman, Cloney, Asple, Scallan, and the Chairman.-8

Against:- Messrs O'German, and Therpe.-2

The other Members had left.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

Food & Drugs Act.

Under date 4th December 1919, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (letter No. G7006-19) that four samples of butter obtained by one of their officers in Enniscorthy on 19th October 1919, were found on analysis to be pure.

"No Order"

County Wexford Insurance Committee.

Under date 28th November 1919, the Secretary, National Health Insurance Commission wrote (letter No. 52295-19, Wx) that as Mr Michael Doyle, Commercial House, Newtownbarry, had not attended a meeting of the County Wexford Insurance Committee for a period of six months the Insurance Commission had declared his seat vacant. They requested the County Council to appoint a new member in succession to Mr Doyle.

The Secretary stated that Mr Doyle would not remain on the Committee.

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

"That Mr P. Whelan, M. C. C., be requested to submit to the meeting

of the County Council on 11th February 1920, the name of a successor to Mr Michael Doyle, Commercial House, Newtownbarry, as member of County Wexford Insurance Committee."

University Scholarship Scheme.

In connection with continuing Scholarships, the Secretary submitted report from the Registrar, University College, stating that the attendance and conduct of the Students holding continuing Scholarships had been very satisfactory.

The following recommendation was submitted by Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That continuing Scholarships to be held at the National University be granted to Messrs Peter J. Sinnott, Patrick O'Neill, James E. K. Cosgrave, James Carty, John Travers, James O'Connor, and to Misses Ellen T. Kehoe, Julia Doyle, and Anna Whelan, as the registrar of the University has reported that the attendance and conduct of these Students have been very satisfactory."

The recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr O'German.

Under date 21st October 1919, Mr John J. Connolly wrote that he was returning to the National University to complete his studies, and asking that he might receive the final instalment of his scholarship.

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following recommendation:-

"That Mr Connolly be asked to state what course he is at present taking in the University as the County Council understands he has been Awarded his B. A., degree."

The recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr O'German.

Under date 3rd November 1919, Mr James O'Connor, wrote for payment of the balance of his Scholarship.

The following recommendation was submitted by the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That as Mr O'Connor has taken up his University Scholarship we recommend the County Council to pay over to Mr O'Connor the £8. 10/- due on his first year's Scholarship."

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Mr Thomas J. O'Rourke, under date 20th October 1919, wrote asking payment of the balance of his University Scholarship.

The following recommendation was submitted by the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That Mr Thomas J. O'Rourke, be paid £3. 13. 4d the amount standing to the credit of his University Scholarship."

Confirmed on the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr O'German.

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was also submitted :-

"That the question of increasing the amount of University Scholarship be considered at the County Council Meeting of 10th December 1919, in view of increase of amount of hostel fees."

The Secretary stated that this recommendation had been adopted in view of Hostel fees in Blackrock being increased from £31 to £45, in Lereto Convent, Stephen's Green, Dublin to £39, and in Hatch Street Jesuit Hostel to £57.

Mr Thomas Beekey, Ferns, wrote applying for £8. 10/- balance of University Scholarship for his daughter (Miss Beekey) deceased, to cover cost of entrance fee, books, and travelling expenses.

On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Corman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Beekey be paid £8. 10/- balance of University Scholarship on foot of his deceased daughter's Scholarship to cover cost of entrance fee, books, and travelling expenses."

"Mr Corman intimated his intention of serving notice of motion with a view to having amount of University Scholarship (£50) increased."

Wexford Guardians & Checking Rate Collectors' Accounts.

The following resolution was received from Wexford Guardians:-

"That we request the County Council to appoint our Clerk as Deputy Checker of the Poor Rate Collectors Accounts in his District, a duty which was performed by his predecessor, the late Mr Kehoe, since the passing of the Local Government Act-20 years ago."

The Secretary stated that acting on the terms of Article 99 of the Public Bodies Order, he had on the death of Mr Kehoe, late Clerk of

Western Union, appointed the Accountant of the County Council to act as deputy for the remainder of the year.

"No Order in view of the terms of Article 99 Public Bodies Order."

Piercestown Farmers' Association & Speed of Motors.

The following resolution was received from the Hon Secretary, Piercestown Farmers' Association:-

"Resolved that we the members of the Piercestown Farmers Union, view with alarm the speed at which motorists are allowed to travel on the public road, and their recklessness when approaching crossroads etc., to the great danger of the general public, and we call upon the County Council to use the powers vested in them to compel motorists to travel at a reasonable speed, and thus minimize the danger to the lives of the people."

The following recommendation was submitted by the Finance & Roads Committee and adopted on the motion of Mr Madgeck, seconded by Mr Therpe:-

"That in consequence of the frequent complaints as to excessive speed of motor cars and to the manner in which numbers of motorists impede traffic by holding more than their share of the road, we recommend the Council to consider the advisability of having a limit of speed enforced in certain districts of the County."

Dublin County Council & Bank Crises.

A resolution was received from Dublin County Council relative to the threatened strike of Bank Officials in Ireland, but no action was taken thereon as a settlement between the directors and officials of the various banks had been arrived at.

Transport Bill.

The following resolution was read from North Tipperary Co Council:-

"That having read the County Surveyor's Report on the Ministry of Transport Act, and having considered the various sections of the Act referred to in this report, we are of opinion that a separate Advisory Committee and separate Financial Arrangements should be provided for Ireland to carry out the provisions of above Act, and we request the Minister of Transport if he can do so, under the terms of the existing Act and regulations connection with same, to appoint a separate Advisory Committee and make the necessary Financial Arrangements to enable the Director General of Transport in Ireland to exercise executive power,

and should this not be possible under the Ministry of Transport Act, we call upon the Government to amend same so as to allow of the recommendations above made being put in force.

We are further of opinion that in carrying out this Act the work of the Transport Ministry in Ireland should be done by Irish Officials acquainted with the special circumstances and problems of the country, and able to work with the people, as neglect of this matter in the past has led to the mistakes which has almost invariably attended Governmental projects of this kind in Ireland, and that copies of this resolution and our Co. Surveyor's Report be sent to each County Councils in Ireland, and to the General Council of County Councils of Ireland, to the Ministry of Transport to the Chief Secretary of Ireland, and to the leaders of the different Parliamentary Parties in Ireland."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Asple."

Condemnation of Outrages.

The following resolution was received from North Tipperary County Council:-

"That we the County Council of the Tipperary N. R., wish to place on record our horror at the outrages that have occurred in our County and throughout Ireland generally. That we condemn in the strongest possible manner such outrages, and register our belief that such acts are the acts of irresponsible persons with whom no responsible member of the community could have the slightest sympathy. We hereby call on every public body in Ireland to resolve to use their best efforts to bring the perpetrators of such crimes to justice. We further call on all the Clergy of all denominations to condemn the said outrages."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr James Codd."

Complaint re Road Bridge.

The following letter under date 8th December 1919, was read from Mr M. T. Hickey, Misterin, Adamstown:-

"I beg leave to report to County Council the very bad and scandalous state of a protection wall of a bridge here, on the road between Raheen and Misterin.

It is a number of years now since the first break came in it (wall) there was only two large stones (one yard) off and a Can of mortar and said

If any Surveyor inspected this road within the last two or three years of course he would or ought to see and report on it.

I reported this matter to Mr Barry (Surveyor) 8 or 10 months ago, of course he let the thing go by for longer thereby still heaping up the ever rising rates.

This is very gross neglect of duty for which us poor ratepayers must pay."

The County Surveyor stated he had brought in a proposal for this work but could get no one to take it.

On the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr O'German, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be directed to have bridge on road between Raheen and Misterin repaired as soon as possible."

Wexford Medical Practitioners & the State of the Roads.

The following was submitted from Dr W. W. Murphy, Coelgreany:-

"At a meeting of the Medical Practitioners of County Wexford held at Wexford on 24th September it was unanimously resolved that the County Council's attention be drawn to the present bad condition of the roads, and to show the Council the great additional expense the Medical men have to incur in the carrying out of their professional duties, they would like to know if the Council would receive a deputation, so that they might more fully explain the difficult conditions under which they have to work."

"The Secretary stated he had communicated with the Chairman, and the latter was in favour of the deputation being received."

In a further letter Dr Murphy stated that the Members of the deputation were Drs T. J. Kelly, and C. R. Boyse, Enniscorthy, and Drs S. V. O'Connor, and James Ryan, Wexford.

The members of the deputation attended, and Dr Kelly having made a statement as to the condition of the roads and the expense incurred by medical practitioners in the carrying out of their professional duties, called upon Dr Boyse to read the following statement:-

"There are two outstanding causes for the present deplorable condition of the County Wexford roads, namely:-

- (a) The want of classification of contractors, and
- (b) The comparatively small amounts allowed for the different

contracts involving the present abnormal prices.

Contractors should be classified by the County Surveyor in some such manner as the following:-

1st Class- very satisfactory.

2nd class- good

3rd class- careless.

When a very satisfactory contractor puts forth a tender for a road, advertised for contract at the half-yearly road session, he should get the contract irrespective of the fact that a contractor of the 2nd or 3rd class tendered at a lower sum.

If no contractor of the first class does tender, the good contractor should get the work irrespective of the difference in the amounts of the tenders.

The present practice works out thus:-

A very good man gets a road for, say 5 years. He keeps the road in good condition. The renewal term comes on. A careless contractor, keeping in mind the good state of the road, undertenders the original contractor by, probably, a few shillings. He gets the road. Practically all work on the road is suspended, or, at the very best, carelessly attended to. The contractor receives some part of the money,--the rest is cut off and never again expended on the road. The result is, the very satisfactory contractor, having no guarantee that the road will be his contract after having brought it to a good condition, leaves contracts severely alone.

NOTE:- I can point out to one road in North Wexford where £180 has been cut off during the past 3 years and will never be expended on this road. The condition of the road can be imagined.

Point 2.- The present amounts allocated to the County Surveyor are not large enough, considering cost of material, labour, etc.,

If amounts of contracts were made attractive and guarantee given that the good work of the satisfactory contractor would be recognised in the renewal of the contract, the roads would ~~be~~ in a very short time be in a far more satisfactory condition.

A minor cause of bad roads is that the materials are not spread at the proper time of the year to secure they they would be properly bonded. Harsh treatment of a very satisfactory contractor by a subordinate official should not be tolerated by the County Surveyor.

Stones should be broken smaller than at present, particularly in the

case of hard flint varieties, such as those from Tara Hill Quarry.

Narrow roads should be kept as wide as possible by grass being removed at sides.

Watertables should be cleaned up to provide for proper drainage.

Hedges should be cut low and trees removed at corners and sharp bends to prevent possibility of accidents.

There should be no drains on surface of roads as frequent occurs on hills-the centre of the road should be kept high.

Contractors should be allowed to get stones locally and not required to draw them long distances.

Instances of cost of tyres and repairs to Co Wexford Doctors' meters for the past year:-

Dr A.	£170
" B	120
" C	100
" D	100
" E	100
" F	72

When Doctors' Cars are undergoing repairs, cars have then to be hired, and, at present rate of 1/- per mile, expenses are alarmingly increased!

Dr O'Connor, Dr Ryan, and the County Surveyor having dealt with the matter, it was decided that the statements submitted by the deputation be considered at a future meeting of the Council.

Dr Kelly returned the thanks of the Deputation to the Council for their patient hearing.

New Ross Bridge.

The County Surveyor in his report to the Finance & Roads Committee stated:-

"I have been in communication with the Urban Council of New Ross, with regard to the maintenance of New Ross Bridge, formerly this work was undertaken by the Urban Council, and consequently there was no occasion to define between the County Council portion and that under the Urban Council. I shall be glad if this matter can now be decided."

On the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr O'German, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That having regard to the statement of the County Surveyor, and to the terms of previous contracts, as to repair of New Ross Bridge, we are of opinion as advised by our Solicitor, that the approaches to the Bridge form part of the structure of the New Ross Bridge."

Mountgarrett Bridge.

The County Surveyor in his report to the Finance & Roads Committee stated:-

"I have communication from Mr Burden, County Surveyor, Kilkenny, re Mountgarrett Bridge. Some years ago proposals were passed for the re-building but owing to the War intervening the work was not able to be proceeded with. It would now appear that the bridge is in a very defective condition and its maintenance will run into very heavy expenditure. If the new work be undertaken it will now cost a great deal more than formerly estimated, and Mr Burden has been in communication with the Road Board Engineer with a view to obtaining grant. I shall be glad of your instructions in the matter and shall submit figures at your meeting."

On the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr O'German, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed--

"That we request the County Surveyor to arrange with the County Surveyor of County Kilkenny for a joint application to the Ministry of transport (Roads Branch) with a view to obtaining a grant towards the erection of Mountgarrett Bridge on the same basis as grants are given at present towards improvement of roads by Steamrolling etc.,"

Clohamen Bridge.

Under date 15th October 1919, Mr John Browne, Contractor for repairs Clohamen Bridge, wrote that he had seen Mr Thomas Murphy, Ryland, as requested by the Council. Mr Murphy was satisfied to leave the question of the damage done to his land to arbitration, and had named Mr Myles O'Conner, Clohamen, and Mr C. J. Irwin, Auctioneer, as Arbitrators, the Council to name two more and appoint a day to meet. The matter required immediate attention and if there were any floods the land would be further damaged.

In his report to the Finance & Roads Committee the County Surveyor stated:-

"At a former meeting it was decided that Mr John Browne's claim

for extra work at Clehamen Bridge should be paid, but I have ~~not~~ been able to get local district Councillors to sign damage order for the amount and I shall be glad if you will deal with the matter."

In view of the fact that the Enniscorthy Rural District Council had approved of the work covered by Sudden Damage Order, and that Mr Browne had threatened legal proceedings, Mr Whelan and Mr Cadd agreed to sign Sudden Damage Order.

In connection with the claim of Mr Murphy, Ryland, for injury to his land no order was made, the County Surveyor ^{having} stated that Mr John Belger, (Chairman) and Mr Hall-Dare who were Fishery Conservators had agreed to pay compensation to Mr Murphy.

Reads-Courtnacuddy District.

A resolution was read from the Courtnacuddy Farmers' Society protesting against the dangerous and utterly neglected condition of certain roads of their district, and asking the County Council to order that these roads be put into ordinary repair without unnecessary delay.

The County Surveyor submitted a detailed report on the roads complained of, from Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor.

On the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr O'German, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That a copy of report of Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, as to roads in Courtnacuddy District be furnished Mr Thomas Dunne, Hon Sec., Courtnacuddy Farmers' Association."

Read No. 131G.

On the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr O'German, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be directed to have Read 131G put into repair immediately, and either prosecute the Contractor and his sureties, or take over the road under the 54th section of the Grand Jury Act."

Read No. 25E.

On the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr O'German, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the attention of the County Surveyor be called to the condition of road 25E and that he be directed to have it put into proper order as soon as possible."

Cutting Hedges.

On the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr O'German, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee, was confirmed:-

"That the attention of the County Surveyor be directed to the great necessity of having hedges on roads cut and especially those at corners to provide for the safety of the public, and that further instructions with regard to this matter be issued by the County Surveyor immediately."

Cleaning Office of County Surveyor.

In connection with the cleaning of the office of the County Surveyor, Messrs O'Conner & Co., Solicitors, for Mrs McNally, Courthouse Keeper, Wexford, wrote that their client could not carry out the work for £3 per annum. About seven years ago Mrs McNally received from a former County Surveyor £5 per annum for this work.

On the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr O'German, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That we agree as from 1st January 1920, that Mrs McNally, Court Keeper, County Courthouse, be paid a sum of £5 for cleaning etc., of office of County Surveyor."

Commission Inquiry Resources & Industries in Ireland.

Under date 17th December 1919, Mr Darrell Figgis, Secretary of above, wrote that the Commission considered it an essential part of its work to appear before the Co Councils and to explain to them the lines upon which the Commission was working and the progress of the work. The Commission considered it of first importance that information which they had as regards agriculture and industry should be placed in possession of the County Councils of Ireland.

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

"That Mr Darrell Figgis, Secretary, Commission of Inquiry into the Resources & Industries of Ireland, be informed that the Wexford County Council will be pleased to hear from the members of the Commission any information they have at their disposal, as to the agricultural and industrial development of the Country."

Rate Collection.

On the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following

resolution was adopted:-

"That our Secretary communicate with any Rate Collector who has not (up to the 31st December last) collected at least 12 per cent of his collection and point out ^{that} at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 21st January 1920 a very substantial improvement will be expected."

Oulartwick Bridge.

The County Surveyor submitted an application from Mr Bryan Murphy, Ballinagere, Blackwater, for the loan of 20 planks from the County Council to enable him to carry out repairs to Oulartwick Bridge, for which he is Contractor.

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

"That as the planks applied for by Mr Bryan Murphy, for work at Oulartwick Bridge are the property of Eaniscerthy R. D. Council, the communication of Mr Murphy be forwarded this Rural District Council for their consideration."

Transport facilities in Shelburne Barony.

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

"That the attention of Mr H.G. Burgess, Director General of Transport (Irish Department) be called to the lack of transport facilities for the people of the southern portion of the Barony of Shelburne, viz:- Fethard, Duncannon, and The Hook, and we consider that steps should be taken by the Ministry to link up these centres by motor transport service with their nearest Railway Stations."

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(Signed)

John Bolger
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 11 day of

July

1920.