

## Annual Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> June 1900.

The Annual Meeting of the County Council was held in Council Chamber, Wexford Courthouse on Wednesday June 13<sup>th</sup> 1900

Present: In the Chair Sir Thos. A. Grattan Comonde Bart. M.P.

Other Councillors, Messrs. Edmond Hore, Vice Chairman, John Cummins, Bryan Bolger, James C. Mayler, Patrick Ryan, C.A. Peacocke, James Donohoe, William Whitty, Michael Browne, D. Power, Michael Hickey, James Codd, & John J. Walsh.

Messrs. James Codd & Michael Hickey as representatives of the Wexford Rural District Council & New Ross Rural District Council, subscribed the usual declaration of office on their re-election

### Election of Chairman

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Donohoe Sir Thomas A. G. Comonde was re-elected chairman of the Council and signed the usual declaration of office

### Election of Vice-Chairman

On the motion of Mr. Browne seconded by Mr. Peacocke Mr. Edmond Hore was re-elected vice-chairman, and signed the usual declaration of office

Both gentlemen returned thanks for their re-election

On the motion of the chairman the following portion of a statement made by him in returning thanks for his re-election was ordered to be inserted on the minutes for the purpose of reference at future annual meetings

For the purpose of comparison the 'Standard Year' furnishes the best criterion. Any figures taken from '98 would be entirely illusory because during the period covered by it, the Local Govt. Ireland Bill was before the House of Commons, and in preparation for its inception, Boards of Guardians, and Grand Juries, all over the country were engaged in "winding up their affairs" for the new measure.

As the standard year is based on average actual expenditure the figures ~~then from it~~ are the best data we can procure in contrasting then expenditure under the new act with what obtained under the old regime. For this reason I have taken the figures of the standard year, and in dealing with the various items. I have endeavoured as far as possible to avoid elaborate detail which would only tend to confuse the "man in the street", and would be intelligible only to those possessing an intimate knowledge of County Accounts.



Starting with the amount of Rate in the £. I find that in the standard year the Rates for County cess and Poor Rate in the different Districts are as follows:-

Enniscorthy  $3/4\frac{3}{4}$

Gorey  $2/9$

New Ross  $3/7$

Wexford  $3/1\frac{1}{2}$

County Council Rates for year ended March 31<sup>st</sup> 1900 were as follows

Enniscorthy  $3/9$

Gorey  $3/1\frac{1}{2}$

New Ross  $4/4$

Wexford  $3/1\frac{1}{2}$

showing at first glance an increase in Enniscorthy of  $4\frac{1}{4}$

in Gorey of  $4\frac{1}{2}$

in New Ross of 9

in Wexford of Nil

The Rates given above for the Standard year show the amount in the £ for both land & buildings

The County Council Rates given above are for buildings alone on which there was no rebate by the Agricultural Grant.

The amount in the £ to be deducted for the Agricultural Grant would be for land for a half year

Enniscorthy  $10\frac{1}{4}$

in Gorey  $8\frac{1}{4}$

in New Ross  $10\frac{3}{4}$

in Wexford  $9\frac{1}{2}$

So that the actual rate in the £ paid by the County on land alone in the year just closed. was

in Enniscorthy  $2/0\frac{1}{2}$

in Gorey  $1/9$

in New Ross  $2/6\frac{1}{2}$

in Wexford  $1/6\frac{1}{2}$

But Buildings as we all know being excluded from the benefit of the Agricultural Grant the combined rate for land & buildings reached the figures I have already quoted.

The proportion of the valuation of land to that of Buildings would work out in each District of the County as 6 to 1 so that the increase already noticed would not be as serious as it appears at first sight when



treated in the following way.

Enniscorthy @ 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	Increase = £1887
Gorey @ 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	" 1529
New Ross @ 9	—	" 2668
Wexford @ =	—	
Total		£ 6084.

I now take the Deductions for Agricultural Grant

	Agricultural Grant	Increase as above	Difference
Enniscorthy	7448 " 2 " 6	1887	5561 " 2 " 6
Gorey	4830 " 2 " 6	1529	3301 " 2 " 6
New Ross	5652 " 12 " 6	2668	2984 " 12 " 6
Wexford	6114 " 2 " 6	—	6114 " 2 " 6
£ 24045 " 0 " 0		£ 6084	£ 17961 " 0 " 0

This difference practically represents the actual benefit of the Agricultural Grant for the past year in comparison with the rates which in the Standard year. So that the net gain to the County from the Agricultural Grant which is nominally £24000, is actually 18000, in round numbers and for all practical purposes we need not reckon it at higher figure than that for the future.

Owing to the fact, that to make the case more intelligible, the valuations on which the above are based, are taken at round figures, the exact benefit of the Agricultural grant is not shown, but it can easily be ascertained by taking the amounts raised in the Standard year and last year as follows:—

	Standard year	Last Year
County Charges	10642	11231
Union "	25635	11809
District "	19330	12853
Urban "	4427	3315
	£ 60034	£ 42208
		Differences 17826
		£ 60034

The differences being made up of an increase of £3589 in County charges and a decrease of £21415 in other expenditure

Actual benefit	3589
	£ 21415
	£ 17826



But in addition, for and against the above amounts as shown to be raised for last year. the Agricultural Grant should be taken and this will give the following result

	Increase/Last year	Decrease/Last year	Agricultural Grant.	net increase	net decrease
County charges.	3589		4598	8187	
Union "		13876	11086		2740
District "		6477	8361	1884	
Urban "		1112			1112
	<u>£3589</u>	<u>£21415</u>	<u>£24045</u>	<u>£10071</u>	<u>£3852</u>

Net Increase £10071

" Decrease £3852

Actual Increase £6219.

### Reconcilement

Amount raised last year	£42708
Agricultural Grant received	<u>24045</u>
	66253
Expenditure Standard Year	<u>60034</u>
Actual Increase -	6219

You will of course see from this, that the Agricultural Grant is treated as if it had been raised by the Rate and if this had been done the amount we would have levied over the amount in the Standard Year would be £6219.

In considering this increase we find that the most serious item of increased expenditure is in the County Charges but before dealing with this it may be as well to refer to the increases or decreases in the other instances. In the Union charges account several items which were heretofore paid by the Guardians now fall on the County, this is an important point in this connection. These items include payment of fees under the Jurors and Registration of Doctors Act, Veterinary Inspectors Salaries, and contingent expenses under Contagious Diseases Animals Act, Poundage to Poor Rate Collectors, preparation of rate Books &c.

Again; portion of the Business of the Boards of Guardians has been transferred to the District Councils and it is more than probable that the District charges, which in the past dealt practically with baronial roads &c.



a few insignificant items for malicious injury compensation, have been increased to the figure shown (£1884) by this transfer. This amount, or the greater portion of it, should be put against the decrease in the Union Charges as it was incurred in administration formerly within the purview of the Boards of Guardians alone. All this would lead to the belief that the actual cost of the maintenance of workhouses would if anything show an increase for the past year.

As regards Union expenditure the County Council do not exercise the same control as over District Council Expenditure. The latter is considered by the Council at each quarter and it is within the competence of the County Council to approve, modify, or reject it.

The Union expenditure is taken without alteration from the Clerks estimates and the utmost the Council can do is to call attention to particular items for elucidation, a matter which is scarcely likely to arise, as the estimates of the Clerks have to be approved by the Local Government Board.

District Council expenditure must of necessity show a slight increase if in no other way than by the new mode of administration, the salaries voted for clerks &c. as hitherto, the road sessions and Grand jury business was managed from the office of the Secretary of the Grand jury. The decrease in the Urban Charges is not likely to recur in next years account because the amounts estimated in first demands fell short of the expenditure to which urban Districts are liable to contribute.

The question of the large increase in the County Charges is therefore the most important one for the County Council to consider inasmuch as the expenditure under this head lies absolutely within their control in so far as the Local Government Board do not interfere. It would be well for a moment to examine the particular items of this increase.

It is unnecessary to dwell upon the preliminary expenses which must attend the introduction of such a great measure as the Local Government Act.

We were obliged in this connection to grant £7672 compensation to Baronial Constables and their deputies as a solatium for depriving them of their fees.

Half of this was paid by the Government,



though it is a mistake to think, as some do, that it came as a gift from the English Treasury. It was taken from an Irish fund the <sup>Irish</sup> Local Taxation Account, the proceeds of which are distributed to the Councils annually.

The other moiety £3836 was paid from the county funds. We will however reap the benefit of this payment later on. And in this way:- Baronial Constables were paid for their collections 1/- in the £, which on the amounts levied by the Grand jury in Wexford, was roughly £1800 a year. The poundage of Poor Rate collectors for standard year would be about £750. calculated on the amount of the Union charges only making a total annual poundage of £2550. or in other words a charge on the rates for that amount. The amount paid by the county council to collectors for the year just past was £1196. or a decrease of £1354. which will be a permanent gain to the county so long as the Rates do not considerably increase

In salaries which include payments for clerical staff bowitkeepers rents &c, there is an increase of £1493. The largest item of this amount is £700 for Petty Cash appt. which has been provided for payment of Clerks salaries including the cost of the preparation of Rate Books and Receipt & Demand Note Books for the collectors for three half years, and as a special Rate had to be applied on each Electoral Division of the County for the current half year the Expense was considerably above the average

This sum also covers the salaries of the permanent staff which show the small increase of £234 per year above that paid by the Grand jury.

Then £75 was paid Capt. Pigott, for bringing the Act into operation, £290 to Veterinary Inspectors (formerly paid by Guardians) £70 for checking Rate Collectors accounts £206 portion of Secretarys Salary formerly paid by Road Contractors in fees, £80 remuneration for loss of fees previous to fixing of Secretarys Salary & £25 on appt. to Mr. Webster our County Surveyor for bringing Act into operation. The total of these items would be £1466. and taking a small balance lying to the credit of Petty Cash, it will account for the total increase under this head.

The grant for Industrial Schools shows an increase of £745-4-9 arising from the decision of



the County Council to pay for the Colbescford <sup>children</sup> in the Colbescford Industrial Schools at the Rate they were paying for Wescford children in Industrial Schools outside the County.

This is an increase which nobody will be disposed to adversely criticize.

The cost of Administration of Parliamentary Voters & Jurors Act, has apparently increased by £684. 18. 10. but this figure represents the cost of printing the Register etc for two years, and this item formerly generally ran to £500 per year. The contract taken by the Council for this printing is brought into the sum I have given and it amounts to £206. for a year. An increase of £158. 10. 3 in general printing, is easily accounted for, being for books, forms, rate-books, receipts & Demand Notes for two years.

In the Loans account there is an increase of £1037. 16. 5. which is altogether due to extensions at the Asylum, for which this Council is not responsible.

These items make £8488. 14. 0. allowing for credits on some items saved which I will not go into owing to the limited time at my disposal, but which will appear in full in the abstract, we get the £8187. I have quoted as you will see if you deduct the amounts for compensation £3836 and the increase on the Loans account £1037. or £4873, taking into acct. the amounts which come from items transferred from the Guardians to the County Council the remainder of the increase is only what we should naturally anticipate considering the circumstances of our first year of administration. It amounts to £3314 which includes the cost of the elections throughout the County, & as I have endeavoured to show, this sum also includes two years working on some items. Besides another portion of it is made up of a sum payable by road contractors who are thus saved what was a direct tax upon them, and indirectly a rate on the public.

The expenses paid for bringing the Act into operation in Co. Wescford are the lowest in Ireland and a similar observation applies to the cost of permanent staff and preparation of rates books, these are two important facts of which I trust the public will take note.

It is expected that after a little more experience of the working of the Act, the Clerical work in connection with the Rate Books will be greatly lessened. There is not for



the fact that we were obliged to revise our estimate in the second half year close on £100 would have been saved on this items. At the time we were only feeling our way, we consequently struck our first rate as low as possible, and ~~at the time~~ though we might have been able to pull through, without revision, we considered it more advisable to cut our cloth according to our measure, and as we under-estimated for the first half year we decided to raise exactly in the second what would cover our entire expenditure for the full period.

In concluding this statement let me draw attention to some charges in our account that will not occur again

Compensation to officials	£3836
Allowances to officials for	100
putting the Local Govt	
Act into operation Capt Pigott	£75.
Mr Webb	£25

Road Sessions Houses at boonycross & Crossabeg given up yearly rent	8
	£3944

Add amount saved on Collection of Rate 1354

" Cost of Elections which will not occur

• again for two years

1072

Total £6370

Which represents roughly a saving of 4<sup>d</sup> in the £. The valuation of the county being £384,485 and the produce of a tax of 1<sup>d</sup> in the £ being in round numbers £1600! on that valuation

#### Number of Attendances

The following is the number of meetings attended by each member during the year

J. J. Walsh 18.	C. H. Peacocke 17.	Edmond More 16.	Dan Dempsey 16.	Michl Browne 16.	Patk Ryan 15.	James Lodd 15.
J. E. Mayler 14.	J. Donohoe 14.	Lord Maurice Fitzgerald 14.	Owen Doyle 13.	Wm Whitty 12.	Sir Thomas Comonde 12.	11.
Bryan Bolger 11.	Jno Cummins 10.	Dan Power 10.	Capt Walker 10.	J. B. Hearn 9.	Myles Smith 8.	James Sinnott 8.
Lord Stopford 8.	M. J. Redmond 7.	M. Hickey 7.	L. Murphy 7.			



Capt Bryan 6. C. M. Doyle 6. P. O'Connor 4.

### Committees

#### Finance Committee (17 Meetings)

C. H. Peacocke 17. J. J. Walsh 14. Patk Ryan 13. Michl Browne 12.  
James Codd 9. Sir Thomas H. Grattan Esmonde 7. C. M. Doyle 7.  
Edmund Hore 7. Lord Stopford 7. J. B. Hearn 5. Jas Donohoe 4.

Three meetings were held before Messrs Browne & Codd were appointed on the Committee and 13 before the appointment of Mr Donohoe.

Lord Stopford was absent from Ireland during portion of the present year.

#### Proposals Committee (8 Meetings)

Messrs Edmond Hore 8. C. H. Peacocke 8. Lord Maurice Fitzgerald 7.  
Jas Codd 7. Owen Doyle 6. Patk Ryan 6. J. J. Walsh 6. Jno  
Cummins 6. Dan Dempsey 6. Michl Browne 5. Cap  
Walker 4. J. Sinnott 4. Wm Whitty 3. C. M. Doyle 3.  
J. B. Hearn 3. J. A. Doyle 3. J. Donohoe 3. L. Murphy 3. Sir  
Tho Esmonde 2. Capt Bryan 2. M. Smith 2. J. C.  
Mayler 2. M. J. Redmond 2. Lord Stopford 2. Bryan  
Bolger 1. Dan Power 1.

#### Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act Committee (11 Meetings)

Messrs C. H. Peacocke 11. Dan Dempsey 9. James Codd 7. J. C.  
Mayler 5. M. Hickey 4. Lord Stopford 2. Owen Doyle 0.  
J. Sinnott 0.

Payments on account were made to the guardians and District Councils according to letters received from the clerks as to the sums necessary to carry on the working of these bodies.

The Bank Book showed a balance to the credit of the Council of £4,129. 0. 3.

The Meeting then adjourned to Monday June 18<sup>th</sup> 1900



Capt<sup>n</sup> Pigott Secretary to the Council and Mr R W Elger  
Solicitor to the Council were present during the  
proceedings.

Edmund Hore.



Meeting held June 18<sup>th</sup> 1900

A Meeting of the County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House Wexford on June 18<sup>th</sup> 1900

Present In the Chair Sir Tho. A. G. Esmonde Bart. M.P.  
Other councillors Messrs E. Hore, Vice Chairman, Wm Whitty, Owen Doyle, M. J. Redmond, James Codd, Capt Walker, James C. Mayle, James A. Doyle, John Cummins, Michael Browne, C. H. Peacocke, M. J. Hickey, Daniel Dempsey, Patrick Ryan, James Donohoe, J. P. Walsh.

Capt Pigott Secretary, H. Webster County Surveyor & R. W. Elgee Solicitor to the Council were also in attendance

Circular letter No. 331-1900 from the Local Government Board with reference to the persons accepted by the Rural District Councils as sureties, was read

Small Dwellings Acquisition Act 1899.

Circular letter No. 87-M/1900.- Miscellaneous.

from the Local Government Board, forwarding copy of form of application for sanction to a loan to be advanced under the provisions of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act 1899. was read.

McGrath's Collection - Copies of letters forwarded to Mr Michael McGrath Rate Collector by the Local Government Board with respect to the closing of his collection, and the allowance of his poundage fees, were read

The Secretary said that Mr McGrath had closed his collection on the 12<sup>th</sup> inst and lodged the full amount of his warrant.

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee which had met the morning of the meeting of the County Council, on this question was adopted, on the motion of Mr Cummins, seconded by Mr Owen Doyle

"In consideration of all the circumstances we recommend the Council to request the Local Government Board to allow the Council to pay Mr McGrath his poundage fees on account of his illness which delayed the collection in his district, as he was a satisfactory collector under the New Ross Board of Guardians and as we believe the delay in closing his collection was not the result of neglect of duty"



Letter No. 30. 729. 1900 Wexford County from the Local Government Board under date 9<sup>th</sup> June, expressing sanction to the proposal to pay Mr Sullivan the balance of poundage due to him in respect of his collection of the rate. Under the circumstances set forth in the last minutes of the Council, was read. On the motion of Mr Dempsey seconded by Mr Donohoe it was decided that Mr Sullivan be paid the balance of his fees.

County & Assist. Surveyor's Salaries.

With reference to the salaries to be paid Mr Webster County Surveyor, and the Assistant Surveyors the following letter (No. 26. 257/ 1900 Wexford County) from the Secretary Local Government Board, under date 26<sup>th</sup> May 1900 was read.

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the resolution adopted by the County Council of Wexford at their meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> inst requesting the Board to reconsider their action in connection with the salaries of the County Officials, and with reference thereto I am to state that the Board regret that they are unable to alter their decision as conveyed in their letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> ultimo on the subject.

The Board desire to point out that an opportunity was given to the County Council of Wexford, as well as to every other County Council in Ireland of stating their views with regard to the salaries of their officers.

The County Council of Wexford came to no agreement with their officers in the matter and the Local Government Board had therefore no course open open to them but to fix the salaries as they were required to do by section 115 (18) of the Local Government Ireland Act 1898"

The following letter was received from Mr Webster County Surveyor "As my salary has been fixed at £800 per annum from the first of April 1899, I beg to remind you that the arrears of salary due to me to the 1<sup>st</sup> April last amounts to £200. Also the balance due of the £100 for bringing the Act of 1898 into operation amounts to £75.

The total amount due to the first April last is therefore £275. Would you be good enough to order



this amount to be paid to me"

Applications of a similar nature were read from Messrs Jones, Murphy & Leary, Assistant Surveyors.

The Chairman said that many members of the Council might remember that a deputation was appointed from the General Council of the Irish County Councils to wait on the Chief Secretary with regard to this question, and the qualification of Assistant Surveyors. He had received a letter from Mr Sweetman the Secretary to the Irish County Councils General Council enclosing a copy of a letter which he had received from the Secretary to the Chief Secretary, pointing out that in view of the full discussion which had taken place in the House of Commons on these subjects, the Chief Secretary did not think that any object could be gained by receiving the proposed deputation.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke, the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was unanimously approved—

"That we decline to comply with the demands of the Local Government Board for increased remuneration in the cases of our County Surveyor, and Assistant Surveyors, no reason having been advanced by the Local Government Board for increasing the salaries of these officers."

That the notice of the transaction received by this Council from the Local Government Board was quite insufficient, the only intimation of this proceeding being the receipt of a printed circular, which was sent to the Secretary of the County Council instead of being sent, as it should have been, to the Chairman and every member of the Council, and in the extreme pressure of business connected with putting the Act into operation, and the effort made by this Council to deal with the deluge of circulars which poured in upon them last year, the urgency of this matter escaped our notice.

"That as a simple matter of equity and ordinary courtesy the Council had a right to expect that a question of such importance, should not have been decided by the

General Council.



Local Government Board, without their taking further steps, if necessary to ascertain the views of the representatives of the ratepayers.

This consideration has been admitted to weigh with the Local Government Board in their subsequent correspondence with this Council, in which they are pleased to intimate that if they had known what the true state of the case was when they delivered their judgement, that judgement would have been different from what it was.

That we protest against the monstrous increase in the salary of our County Surveyor by £200 a year, as we consider his previous salary was fixed at a figure, which was, if anything, too high.

The case of the deputies is still more unreasonable, as it is proposed by the Local Government Board that their remuneration should be increased 87 per cent while their duties are decreased by 25 per cent.

That this Council is quite prepared to pay proper remuneration to its County Surveyor, and deputy Surveyors for any real increase of work in connection with the Local Government Act, but, for the many reasons already given in correspondence with the Local Government Board, and into which we do not now propose to go and inasmuch as there is a question of principle involved we are resolved in the interests of the ratepayers to take "whatever steps may be necessary to protect their rights in this matter".

The Chairman said that he would ask Mr Sweetman to communicate with the County Councils of Dublin, Fermanagh, and Kerry, who were in a somewhat similar position with themselves in this matter and endeavour to ascertain if these Councils would take combined action with Wexford in any steps that might be considered advisable or necessary in this contest with the Local Government Board.

Mr Ryan's Superannuation

Letter, No. 28, 915, 1900 (Wexford County) from the Local Government Board, stating that they had given instructions for the issue of their consent to a superannuation allowance of £40 a year to Mr Ryan, late Assistant County Surveyor, was read.



The Secretary said that he had since received the sealed order of the Local Government Board with reference to this matter.

Rosbercon road. A long correspondence was before the meeting with reference to alterations at Rosbercon Road New Ross, by the Dublin Wicklow and Wexford Railway Company.

Mr Peter French M.P. who had been written to on the matter wrote stating that the Dublin Wicklow & Wexford Railway Company Bill was still before the House of Lords and therefore no action could be taken.

As it appeared from the newspapers that the New Ross Urban Council had passed the following resolution the Council took no action deeming that the question was in course of settlement.

"That we accept the offer of the Directors of the Dublin, Wicklow & Wexford Railway Company as specified in their letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> June on condition that the company erect a small iron gate and make a passage from new road with steps that will leave the public right of passing on to the bank of the river, in addition to their proposal."

Compensation - Messrs Kehoe, Pope & Hopkins

Claims for compensation from Messrs Kehoe, Pope, and Hopkins clerks of Wexford New Ross and Shillelagh Unions respectively were considered.

These gentlemen had been written to be directions of the Meeting of May 21<sup>st</sup> for further particulars, and Messrs Kehoe & Pope had forwarded details.

A postcard was received by the Secretary on May 24<sup>th</sup> from Mr Hopkins, that the matter would have his attention, but no further reply had been received from him.

In connection with the claim of Mr Pope, the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was agreed to - That the Secretary write to the Local Government Board and ask them for the details which guided them in fixing Mr Pope's salary, how much of the salary is paid in respect of work done in the County Wexford, and to what does the salary of £128. fixed.



by the Local Government Board relate; also what increase does he derive from other counties, and a summary of his total salary formerly, and under the Local Government Act."

With reference to the claim of Mr Kehoe the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted "We recommend that the claim be refused, on the grounds that Mr Kehoe's own statement shows he receives an increase of £49 a year, and he is also receiving about £25 a year for checking the Rate collectors accounts, which he has not included in his return.

Pending a further reply from Mr Hopkins no action was taken with regard to his claim

Compensation of Geo Newsome

Mr George Newsom, B.S. Milloughter, Ashford, Wicklow applied for £2. 7. 9 salary for veterinary supervision over the Electoral Division of Moyacombe, transferred from the Shillelagh to the Enniscorthy Union.

This salary was based on the valuation of Moyacombe.

The Finance Committee had made the following recommendation on this question "Recommended, on the motion of Mr Browne seconded by Mr Peacocke that the amount be paid on the figures forwarded by Mr Newsom, being verified by the Secretary of the Wicklow County Council.

Appointment School Attendance Committee

Mr A Hamilton Secretary, Office of National Education Dublin, wrote stating that the Commissioners had appointed the following members of the School Attendance Committee, for the Rural District of New Ross No 1. Very Rev Canon P. M. Durlong P.P. Rev<sup>d</sup> A. Kavanagh P.P. Rev<sup>d</sup> J. Murphy P.P. Rev<sup>d</sup> L. Bolger C.C. and Rev<sup>d</sup> A. M. Kellest Rector Athard

It was decided that the Committee be summoned for the 27<sup>th</sup> inst at 12 30 pm. in the Board Room of the New Ross Workhouse.

Analysts Report. The following report from the County Analysts Sir Charles A. Cameron and Mr Ernest S. Cameron, under date May 21<sup>st</sup> was read.

"We beg to report that we have made the



following analyses during the quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 1900:-

For the Sergeants of the Royal Irish Constabulary, acting as Inspectors of food, the following articles were analysed

February 19<sup>th</sup> For Sergeant Donovan, Wexford 5 specimens of Butter were analysed. They were all of good quality.

March 1<sup>st</sup> For Sergeant P. Craughwell, Gorey, 7 specimens of milk were analysed. One was adulterated with 13 per cent of added water.

March 6<sup>th</sup> For Sergeant D. Donovan, Wexford 5 specimens of Butter were analysed. They were all free from adulteration.

January 6<sup>th</sup> - For the Guardians of Wexford Union two drugs were analysed. They were both correct.

February 9<sup>th</sup> Four drugs analysed for the guardians of Gorey Union were pure.

On the same date a specimen of water analysed for S<sup>r</sup> Pierce, Wexford, had the following composition. One Imperial gallon contained in grains -  
Total solid matters 18.200.

including, Albuminoid Ammonia 0.013 Saline Ammonia 0.004 Nitric Acid 4.500 Chlorine, 2.286 Sulphuric Acid None, Equal to Calcium Sulphate None.

February 15<sup>th</sup> For the guardians of Gorey Union 5 drugs were analysed. One of them namely, Tincture of Digitalis was slightly deficient in spirit.

February 26<sup>th</sup> For the guardians of Enniscorthy Union 3 drugs were analysed. One of them, namely Glycerin of Pepsin, only digested about one half the amount of egg albumen which the Pharmacopoeia states it should digest.

February 28<sup>th</sup> - For the guardians of Shillelagh Union two drugs were analysed. They were both correct.

March 20<sup>th</sup> Four drugs analysed for the guardians of Wexford Union were correct.

March 26<sup>th</sup> For the guardians of Enniscorthy Union four drugs were analysed. They were all of good quality.  
~~For the Enniscorthy Union four drugs were analysed~~  
Agricultural Co-Operative Society L<sup>td</sup>. a specimen of Basic Slag was analysed with the following results-



100 parts contained.

Phosphate of Lime 45.80  
Equal to Phosphoric Oxide 20.98  
@ Fineness 91.64.

(@ The percentage that passes through a sieve with 10000 holes to the square inch)

For Shillelagh Union, which is partly situated in the County of Wexford two drugs were analysed. One of them namely Pepsine only digested about one half the amount of egg albumen, which the Pharmacopoeia states it should digest.

Total analyses made for the quarter 45 "

Tender of Waste Paper.

The tender of Messrs S. Swin & Son Upper Abbey Street Dublin for waste paper £1" 10s per ton was accepted on the recommendation of the Finance Committee

Compensation - Explosive Officers.

Messrs M. O'Connor & Co Solicitors wrote asking ~~that~~ the amount that had been awarded Messrs Michael Kavanagh, James Nolan, Samuel Lee, and William M'Connell, Explosives Officers. A resolution on this subject had been passed at the meeting of May 21<sup>st</sup> and in compliance with its terms Mr Elgee Solicitor to the Council, said he found the following would be the amounts due to these officers -

Mr Nolan (for Enniscorthy) £5 " 3 " 4. do. (for Ferns) £5 " 3 " 4  
Michael Kavanagh (for Wexford) £2 " 1 " 8. do. (for Killinick) £2 " 1 " 8.  
Samuel Lee £3 " 16 " 8. W<sup>m</sup> M'Connell £2. 10 " 0

Deducting a quarter from the above, as these officers did not devote their whole time to the office, the following would be the amounts to which they were intitled -

Mr Nolan (for Enniscorthy) £3 " 17 " 6. (for Ferns) £3 " 17 " 6  
Michael Kavanagh (Wexford) £1 " 11 " 3 (for Killinick) £1 " 11 " 3  
Samuel Lee £2 " 17 " 6, and William M'Connell £1 " 17 " 6

The amount of annual salary to be paid Mr Munro New Ross, had been fixed by the Treasury at £2 " 2 " 6

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee on this matter was adopted -

"That the Treasury be asked if it be compulsory on the Council to add the proportion for the abolition of office as stated in the Treasury minute



Co. Court House Keepers Salary.

With reference to the application of Mrs Richards Court House Keeper Wexford, for increased remuneration in consequence of the increase in her duties caused by meetings of the County Councils, extra clerks during the preparation of the Rate Books etc. the Finance Committee recommended, that Mrs Richards be given an increase of £5 per year.

This recommendation was unanimously confirmed

Dog Licenses - sale of

A communication from the Register of Petty Sessions Clerks Offices, Dublin Castle, stating that the sum of £383. 0. 7 arising from the sale of Dog Licenses had been lodged with the county treasurer. was read.

Co. Surveyor - remuneration

With reference to the balance of the amount claimed by Mr Webster, County Surveyor (£75) for bringing the Act into operation, on the motion of Mr Peacocke seconded by Mr Dempsey it was decided that this matter be again referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr Webster said as the Council had declined to pay him this amount, and the arrears of salary which he had applied for, he thought it right to state, without any disrespect to the Council that he would take legal advice in the matter.

Circular Letter No 908/00, with accompanying suggestions from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, were fully considered.

Co. Wexford Technical (A) Committee

The following County Councillors were appointed as portion of the County Wexford Technical Instruction Committee - Sir Thomas H. G. Emond, Messrs C. A. Peacocke, J. Donohoe, B. Bolger, James A. Doyle, M. Hickey, Edmond Hore, vice Chairman, J. J. Walsh, P. Ryan, M. Browne, Owen Doyle, James Lodd, James C. Mayler, M. J. Redmond, Capt Walker, Capt Bryan, Lord Stopford, J. Sinnott,

The name of the most Rev. D. Browne Lord Bishop of Ferns was also added to the Committee and the co-opted members will be chosen by the above subject to the approval of the Council. On the motion of Mr Peacocke seconded by Mr Hore, Mr M. J. Frizelle Assistant Secretary to the Council,

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was appointed Hon. Sec. to the Committee.

#### Main Roads' Inquiry

With reference to the "Main Roads" Inquiry the following arrangement arrived at, during the hearing of the Inquiry was submitted for consideration

"We J. J. Healy and Michael J. O'Connor undertake to advise the Corporation, and we R. W. Elgel and Henry Webster agree to advise the County Council, to settle the "Main Roads" Dispute on the following terms, viz:-  
 "That the County Council shall allow each year to the Corporation the sum of £40 already allowed, and £117-16<sup>s</sup> making together £157-16<sup>s</sup> per annum towards the maintenance of 1578 perches of the streets calculated to be main roads in the Borough of Wexford, the agreed on price being 4/- per perch, as suggested by Mr Webster and Mr W. Barth (half the price agreed on being allowed)

The Finance Committee recommended that the Council should accept this arrangement, and the recommendation was confirmed.

#### Re-appointment of Committees.

Committees for the year were then appointed. The Finance Committee was re-appointed without any change beyond the addition of the name of McEummins.

The Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act committee was also re-appointed with the addition of the names of Messrs J. A. Doyle, and William Whitty.

It was decided that the Proposals Committee should be a Committee of the whole Council as this arrangement had been found to work well during the past year.

#### Wild Birds' Act.

A letter was read from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle stating that the Lord Lieutenant had made an order prohibiting the taking of wild birds eggs on the Salt Islands and the Keeragh Islands for five years.

Letters on the same subject were read from Lord Maurice Fitzgerald, and Mr R. J. Usher, Cappagh House, Colbaterford.

The Secretary stated that he had complied with the provisions of section 4 of the Wild Birds Act 1894. under



which the prohibition should be published in two local papers, and notices posted in conspicuous places with regard to it.

District Councils' representatives

Letters were read from the clerks of the Rural District Councils of the County notifying the appointments made to the County Council by these bodies.

Petroleum

A circular from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle as to the keeping and use of Petroleum for the purposes of light Locomotives, was read.

Under date May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1900 Mr William Fenton Court House Keeper New Ross, wrote returning thanks for the grant of an increase of remuneration of £1. per year for his trouble in connection with the quarterly meetings of the New Ross District Council.

Loan of £6000.

A communication was received from the Law Department of the Board of Works Office, stating that in addition to the sum of £9. 12/- lodged to meet expenses in connection with the loan of £6000. to the County Council for the Enniscorthy Asylum a sum of £1. 3. 6. was advanced by the Accountant to make up the stamp duty on deed and asking for a remittance for this amount.

The Finance Committee had recommended that the amount be paid and the recommendation was approved.

St. J. & W. Rly. Co. & Steamer

With reference to the placing of a steamer on the Rosslare service a letter was read from Mr Wilkinson, General Manager, of the Great Western Railway, England, stating that the subject would receive attention.

Coast fisheries

An acknowledgment of a resolution passed by the Council with reference to the Wexford coast fisheries, was read from the Secretary to the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for Ireland.

Mr French M.P. writing on the same subject stated.

"With regard to the resolution requesting the Board of Agriculture to provide a vessel for the protection of Irish



fisheries, I got a kind of promise last January that this would be done, but I am of opinion it is the Admiralty that should supply the vessel, and I intend telling the House so to day (May 25) if I get an opportunity."

Resolutions from Donegal as to the working by the County Council of that county of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, and from Larne Rural District Council as to locomotives on public roads were marked "read"

#### Heating Schools in winter

A resolution from the Dublin County Council as to the heating of schools in winter, was adopted on the motion of Mr Broune seconded by Mr Peacocke.

#### Defective postal arrangements

A resolution from the New Ross Rural District Council asking that an inquiry should be held into the question of the defective postal arrangements which existed in the barony of Shelburne, was adopted.

#### Ferry Carrig Bridge.

On the motion of Mr Whitty, it was decided that the Secretary write to the County Surveyor and request that he take steps to have a defective pile in Ferry Carrig bridge replaced at once. Also that he see that any other repairs needed to this bridge are carried out immediately.

#### Valuation Lists.

The following resolution of which he had given previous notice was adopted on the motion of the Chairman.

"Resolved - That owing to the extreme inconvenience occasioned both to officials and the public by the withdrawal of the valuation lists from the offices of blocks of Unions, the attention of the Rural District Councils in our county be called to the matter with the view that they would support the proposal to have such lists again deposited for public inspection in the blocks' offices, as well as marked copies of the ordnance maps for the respective districts, and thereby materially suit the public convenience"

#### Permanent Staff.

The following recommendations of the Finance Committee were then approved.

With reference to the question of the permanent staff it



"was decided to recommend the Council to discontinue the services of H. A. Richards from the week ending first Saturday in July 1900, and in the case of C. H. Richards, that he be retained for the ensuing twelve months at a salary of 15/- per week, he to give as many hours attendance as in the opinion of the Secretary and Assistant Secretary may be necessary."

Compensation - Edw. Somers.

Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co. wrote with reference to the claim for compensation for loss of fees received from Mr Edward Somers, Rate Collector as follows:-

"We have now heard from Mr Somers, and he says that the reason why the Council did not give him compensation was because it was stated at the meeting of the Council that he and the other collectors should have a poundage on condition that they would not be given any compensation. He says that this is not so. Under the circumstances we are going to bring the matter before the Local Government Board."

"The letter was marked read"

Salary - J. Malone vs.

Extract from minutes of the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act Committee of June 4<sup>th</sup>

"With reference to the remuneration paid to veterinary inspectors, the committee decided to call the attention of the Finance Committee to the fact that in the Gorey Union the inspectors are paid by the case, and they consider it would be more satisfactory if the remuneration of Mr James Malone, would be by way of salary instead of fees"

"It was decided that Mr Malone be paid at the rate given the other veterinary surgeons, subject to the approval of the Department of Agriculture"

Mr Malone came before the meeting of the Council, and said he had no objection to the proposed arrangement.

Petty Cash etc.

In addition to the above the following recommendations of the Finance Committee were approved -

"It was decided that a sum of £100. be granted to the Petty Cash account"



Costs - Sol<sup>r</sup>. of Co. Co.

With reference to costs of Mr R. W. Elger, Solicitor to the Council Mr Brown proposed.

That Mr J. Healy M.P. represent the Council at the taxation of Mr Elger's costs. Mr Hore seconded the resolution which was passed nem con.

Secretary's holiday

It was decided that Capt Pigott, Secretary to the Council, be granted a month's leave in July, as annual holiday.

Civil Bill process - B. Hughes

Mr Elger was instructed to defend the civil bill process issued by Mr Hughes for printing bill claimed by him.

It was decided not to send delegates to the proposed National convention.

Before the County Council meeting commenced, Messrs Redmond, and Doyle, as the representatives of the Gorey and Ennis - corty District Councils signed declarations.

July 3rd 1900.

Edmund Hore.