

Annual Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> June 1902.

The annual meeting of the County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wexford, on June 16<sup>th</sup> 1902.

Present:- Sir Thomas H. G. Esmonde Bart. M.P. Messrs Edmund Horu, Daniel Dempsey, James E. Mayler, Michael Browne, James Donohoe, John Cummins, Alexander Kinsella, Michael John Durlong, Robert King, Denis Kavanagh, James B. Hearn, James Sinnott, James A. Doyle, C. H. Peacocke, James Ahearne, John J. Walsh, Patrick Ryan, Thaddeus Bolger, James Codd, Michael Hickey, J. D. Doyle, Messrs R. W. Elger, Sol<sup>r</sup> H. Webster County Surveyor, and the County Secretary were present.

All councillors present subscribed the declaration of office.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Dempsey, Sir Thomas H. G. Esmonde Bart. M.P. acted as temporary Chairman of the Meeting.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr Hearn proposed - "That we co-opt two additional members of the Council"

Mr J. D. Doyle seconded. - "Passed"

Mr Browne proposed, that Capt Walker D.L. be co-opted as councillor Mr Dempsey seconded.

Mr Hearn proposed, and Mr Donohoe seconded the selection of Mr M. A. Ennis.

Mr Donohoe proposed the name of Lord Stopford - Mr Sinnott seconded

Mr Cummins proposed and Mr Ahearne seconded the selection of the name of Mr Peter J. French M.P.

A poll was taken with the following result.

For Mr Ennis:- Messrs Codd, Ryan, Browne, Durlong, Dempsey, King, Donohoe, Hearn, Kinsella, J. A. Doyle, Cummins and the Chairman, - 12.

For Lord Stopford:- Messrs Walsh, Peacocke, Donohoe, Hearn, Kinsella, J. D. Doyle, Sinnott, Ahearne, Hickey, Bolger, and the Chairman - 11

For Mr French - Messrs Codd, Horu, Peacocke, J. D. Doyle, Sinnott, Cummins, Ahearne, Hickey and Bolger - 9

For Capt Walker:- Messrs Ryan, Browne, Durlong, Walsh, Horu, Dempsey, King, and James A. Doyle 8

The Chairman declared Mr Ennis and Lord Stopford elected.



Election of Chairman

Mr Peacocke proposed and Mr Dempsey seconded the re-election of Sir Thomas Esmonde as chairman of the Council for the ensuing year. "Passed"

Election of Vice Chairman

Mr Donohoe proposed and Mr Hearn seconded the re-election of Mr Edmund Hore as vice chairman. "Passed"

The chairman and vice chairman having subscribed the Declarations of office returned thanks for their election.

On the motion of the chairman, the following statement was ordered to be inserted on the minutes.

Financial Statement for Year 1902.

The Financial Statement of the Council read at the last annual meeting concluded with the following words:-  
"The County Council have been as economical with the rates as if they were dealing with their own money, and those who are now grumbling loudest will see in the course of another year that their representatives on the premier county body consulted in their actions as county councillors the true interests of the Ratepayers, and are able to render a good account of their stewardship."

This prediction has been verified in a striking manner by the result of the recent Elections. Of nineteen directly elected county councillors, ten retiring councillors were returned unopposed. Messrs Whitty O'Connor Power, Smyth, and Murphy, did not seek re-election and their places were filled by new men.

Of the four outgoing county councillors who sought seats on the Board the electors by large majorities in every instance gave eloquent testimony that they had been "good and faithful servants" of the ratepayers.

The preparation of a county council financial statement which can be understood by the ordinary individual is a task which is almost impossible. Expenditure for the county at large for Union and for District purposes is so interwoven that considerable familiarity with the accounts is necessary to offer intelligent criticism. The rough and ready mode of the average ratepayer is confined to a comparison of rates. So long as his rates is lower he is certain



that expenditure can not be increasing and he is content with this.

It is not proposed in the forthcoming statement to touch any items of Union or District Expenditure. The function of the County Council as regards these matters is restricted to a request for information and payment of the demands made by the Guardians and District Councils.

But items which are described as County-at-Large charges are dealt with by the County Council direct and on these the County Council should possess the fullest information. They have in the consideration of an annual budget for them, to review every item and it is their business to see that every item is properly dealt with.

The following table will enable people to institute a comparison between the expenditure this year and last.

	1901			1902			Increase			Decrease				
Asylum	146	47	17	4	149	60	19	4	313	2				
Roads	36	77	2	9	47	65	19	9	1088	17				
Printing & advertising	27	5	19	9	29	6	11	2	20	11	7			
Loans	17	9	5		11	9	10	10			59	15		
Industrial schools	7	51	1	8	8	37	7	2	86	5	6			
Valuation	20	3	14		20	1	15				1	19		
Infirmaries	10	00			10	00								
Salaries, Rents, etc	36	78	6	7	47	09	3	3	1030	16	8			
Superannuation	16	1	10		15	0	6	11			11	3	1	
Wexford mail coach roads	10										10			
Elections					20	1	15		20	1	15			
Weights & Measures, } Food & Drugs Acts etc }	14	8	18	6	19	1	19		43		6			
Voters and jurors	10	48	15	9	11	92	2	11	145	17	2			
Law costs	5	16		5	5	77	15	8	61	15	3			
Diseases of Animals Acts	20		5	6	10		7	6			9	18		
Collectors' Poundage	14	38	18	6	13	04	9	10			13	4	8	8
Totals	277	57	15	9	305	20	2	6	2990		6	227	3	9

Taking the accounts as they appear in the above table it is of importance that the items of increase should be dealt with. In the asylum there is apparently an increase but this



arises through a new procedure formulated by the Local Government Board in dealing with this account. Heretofore the net expenditure for the asylum was the <sup>amount of</sup> money supplied on demand by the county council less the amount received from paying patients and casual receipts. It was ascertained in practice that this was a cumbrous method of dealing with the accounts and directions were given by the Local Government Board that for the future only the amount supplied on demand was to be considered, the items for paying patients and casual receipts being dealt with in the asylum account alone. The amount received for paying patients up to March last was £227:15:10 while the casual receipts were £121:2:8. - Total £348:18:6. This is £35:16:6 more than the increase to be accounted for and goes to show that the expenditure of the asylum as compared with last year has not increased.

Roads. - There is at first glance a very substantial increase found here, but these figures do not mean that the cost of our roads have increased during the past year by the amount stated. In the last financial statement there was only three quarters of a year's expenditure on main roads taken into consideration as the Main Road Declaration of the Council did not become operative until after June 1900. The increased expenditure on the county in this instance really means a shifting of the burden in this proportion from the District Accounts to the County-at-Large Charges. There is no increase of taxation discernible. The following will explain the account for printing and advertising:

	General Printing			Printing Contract			Advertising			Total		
1901	32	11	10	130	10	5	113	17	6	275	19	9
1902	33	10	2	83	1		180			296	11	2
Increase		18	4				67	2	6	68		10
Decrease				47	9	5				47	9	5

The number of our advertisements are increasing daily, and the Council when considering the question of advertising should bear in mind that the very many public announcements under the Technical Instruction Acts are inserted as







It is only necessary to institute a comparison between continuing charges. Items of abnormal expenditure will occur from time to time. It will be observed from the above that the Surveyors owing to the order of the Local Government Board have received an increase of £301:18:4 (inclusive of a small amount paid to Mr John Kehoe for arrears). The arrears of salary paid the County Surveyor and the other Deputies, and interest on the accounts of Mr Webster and Mr Murphy amount to £964:14:9 a total increase for the Surveyors over last year of £1266:13:1 This sum has been provided for in a past estimate of rate

The small increase in the salaries of the Veterinary Surgeons mainly arises through an allowance to Mr Dobbyn and Mr Taylor for the inspection of fairs in their district under the sheep scab order and the natural variation in the amount paid Messrs J Malone and J. R. Webster as fees. At the last meeting of the Council it was decided to pay Mr Malone an annual salary of £70 instead of fees, so that Mr J. R. Webster is now the only official of the Council paid by results.

With reference to the decrease in the Petty Cash Account and the increase for the clerical staff, one of these items should be set against the other as the staff of the Council were formerly paid out of the Petty Cash Account.

The cost of the preparation of the Rate Books shows an increase of £12:8:7 but it must be remembered that on the last occasion the Rates were apportioned for the year instead of half yearly as before. I anticipate that we will save over £50 per annum by the new procedure.

The decrease for checking the rate collectors accounts can be accounted for by the fact that in 1901 two years working was paid for.

The remaining items do not call for comment.

Superannuation. In 1901 when it was decided at the Assizes that the Explosive Officers were only entitled to superannuation on the Civil Service scale and not to compensation we were obliged to pay these officers the arrears from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 1899 the "appointed day". Last quarter Patrick Kegan, Ex-Warder was added by the Treasury as a pensioner on the County



in respect of service in Wexford prison, the annual amount payable to him being £18 : 1 : 0. Mr<sup>rs</sup> Murphy one of the former Wexford Prison officials who was in receipt of a superannuation allowance of £20 : 5 : 0 died recently so that this account should show a small reduction in future. The following will explain how the superannuation account was disbursed:-

	Jail Officials			Explosive Officers			Assistant Surveyors			Total		
1901	89	7	.	35	9	8	36	13	4	161	10	.
1902.	92	12	3	17	14	8	40	.	.	150	6	11
Increase	3	5	3				3	6	8			
Decrease.				17	15	.						

Elections. This item is accounted for by an advance of £200 under section 6. (3) of the Local Government Act 1898 to the Returning Officer. The balance is the printer's bills for printing the scales of election expenses.

Weights & Measures etc. This Act and the Acts in connection with the conveyance of Prisoners and Food & Drugs are carried out by the Constabulary. There is an increase of £34 : 5 : 5 in the conveyance of Prisoners account, and of £24 : 18 : 11 under the heading of Food & Drugs. But there is a decrease of £16 : 3 : 10 in the Weights & Measures account which gives a net increase of £43 : 0 : 6.

Voters and jurors. These fees are fixed by Statute at so much per 100 names. It is but natural to expect a variation from time to time and accounts from Rate collectors are sometimes included in the following half year owing to the necessity of checking names etc.

The following will explain the apportionment of the law costs:-

	Miscellaneous			Malicious Injury Cases			Local Government Cases and Inquiries		
1901	140	.	2	50	4	4	280	4	1
1902.	259	8	6	30	16	6	266	6	.

  

	Loans			Explosive Officers			Total		
1901	1	3	6	44	8	4	516	.	5
1902	21	4	8				577	15	8



of course all these costs were not paid to the solicitor of the Council; the claims of the Surveyor's solicitors and solicitors to the Local Government Board were met out of this account. The decrease in the expenditure for the Diseases Animals account which is spent solely for the burial of carcasses happens because there was less work to do. The "slump" in Collectors Poundage is caused by the lower rates.

I shall be happy to afford councillors any further information they may desire with respect to any of the items alluded to in this statement

H. J. Trizelle

Assist Secy Co. Council

### Appointment of committees

On the motion of the Chairman the following were appointed a Finance Committee - The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Messrs M. Browne, C. H. Peacocke, John J. Walsh, P. Ryan, James Codd, Lord Stopford, James Donohoe, M. J. Durlong, A. Kinella, and M. A. Ennis.

On the motion of the Chairman, it was decided that the Proposals Committee, be a Committee of the whole house.

On the motion of the Chairman, the following members were appointed on the Diseases (Animals) Act Committee James E. Mayler, M. J. Hickey, James Codd, Daniel Dempsey, James A. Doyle, C. H. Peacocke, Lord Viscount Stopford, James Sinnott, Sir Thomas Esmonde, Edmund Hore, and M. J. Durlong, J. J. Walsh.

On the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Mr Dempsey, Sir Thomas Esmonde, and Mr C. H. Peacocke, were appointed representatives of the County Council on the Council of Agriculture.

On the motion of Mr Dempsey, seconded by Mr Cummins, the Chairman (Sir Thomas Esmonde) Messrs Browne, and Donohoe, were appointed representatives of the Council on the Irish County Councils General Council.

On the motion of the Chairman the following were



appointed a County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction:- (Old Members).

D<sup>r</sup> Browne, Lord Bishop of Ferns. D. Dempsey, C. H. Peacocke, H. A. Lett, M. Browne, C. Lett, J. E. Mayler, Rev<sup>d</sup> J. Dunne, Capt<sup>t</sup> Bryan, E. Hore, J. J. Walsh, James Codd, J. Donohoe, P. Ryan, J. Deathe, J. A. Doyle, M. Hickey, J. Bolger, P. J. Creane, Sir Thomas Esmonde, E. Nevill, C. M. Doyne, Capt<sup>t</sup> Walker, Lord Stopford, R. G. Wordsworth, Archdeacon Latham, E. Webster.

(New Members)

John Bloney, Old Ross. L. J. Lacey Yolestown James Lynch Templecoby, James Hennessy, Philip Redmond Tirraheen L. Murphy Ballykeuroque, R. Ryce, Ballygarvan, B. H. Roice, J. P. Churchtown, Frank Whelan, Graigumore, E. A. Gibbon, Sludagh and J. D. Doyle, Barnadown

The following were recommended to the County Committee for selection as members of the Technical Instruction sub-committee -

M. Browne, C. H. Peacocke, J. Donohoe, J. Bolger, D<sup>r</sup> Gibbon, Edmund Doyle, J. E. Mayler, J. Cummins, A. H. Tyndall, Sir Thomas H. G. Esmonde, Rev<sup>d</sup> J. Dunne, Rev<sup>d</sup> D. Bolger, J. Budgeon, D. Dempsey, E. Hore, P. J. Creane, Capt<sup>t</sup> Bryan, Rev<sup>d</sup> W. Arnold, Venerable Archdeacon Latham, J. B. Hearn, J. J. Walsh, John O'Connor, James Hennessy, Edward O'Farrell, Lord Stopford, Thaddaeus Bolger

(New Members)

James Ryan, Yolestown J. E. Deane Drake, Stokistown House New Ross, P. Doyle, Killystown Adamstown, James O'Connor, Old Court Adamstown, J. Whelan, J. P. Graigumore, Rev<sup>d</sup> Brother adolphus, Ramsgrange Monastery, and Nicholas Howlett, Ramsgrange

The following names were recommended as members of the Live Stock Committee:- C. H. Peacocke, W<sup>m</sup> Thorpe H. A. Lett, Capt<sup>t</sup> Bryan, J. Jeffares, E. Hore, James Codd, J. Bolger, W. Armstrong, C. M. Doyne, R. G. Wordsworth, Lord Stopford, M. Hickey, D<sup>r</sup> Gibbon R. A. Latta, Capt<sup>t</sup> Walker.

(New Members)

Thomas Shannon, Newhaun, C. Furlong, Kilcloggan, J. E. Mayler, Ballymitty, Rev<sup>d</sup> Brother adolphus Ramsgrange Monastery, James Hennessy Kilcannon, James Lynch, Templecoby, B. H. Roice, J. P. Francis Whelan, Graigumore J. D. Doyle, County Councillor



The following were selected as members of the Asylum Committee of Management:-

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| (1) John Bolger Hotel Ferns           | (7) M. J. Durlong, Templecooly Enniscorthy |
| (2) D. Dempsey, Killelan Screen       | (8) Lord Viscount Stopford Marlfield Gorey |
| (3) J. Donohoe, J.P. Enniscorthy      | (9) M. A. Ennis, J.P. Ardaraugh Wexford    |
| (4) J. J. Walsh Crescent Quay Wexford | (10) Pat <sup>r</sup> Ryan, Westgate "     |
| (5) G. H. Peacocke Belmont "          | (11) J. B. Hearn, Chilcomb New Ross        |
| (6) D. Kavanagh Killincooleybeg       | (12) A. Kinsella Merchant Gorey            |
- County Councillors

In connection with four other members of the Committee, the names of Mr John Cullin, J.P. Enniscorthy, and Revd J. Dunne, Adm. were selected without discussion. For the two other vacancies the following propositions were made: Proposed by Mr Peacocke seconded by Mr Ryan "That the Mayor of Wexford for the time being be a member of the Asylum Committee". Mr Donohoe proposed and Mr Hearn seconded the name of Mr H. J. Roche Enniscorthy. Mr Aharne proposed and Mr Hickey seconded that Mr Nevill, Bawnmore, be appointed a member of the Asylum Committee.

Mr Dempsey proposed and the Chairman seconded that the name of Canon Sheill P. P. Bree be added to the Asylum Committee.

A vote was taken with the following result- For the Mayor of Wexford- Messrs Codd, Ryan, Browne, Kavanagh, Walsh, Hore, Peacocke, J. D. Doyle, Mayler and the Chairman- 10

For Canon Sheill- Messrs Ryan, Browne, Kavanagh, Durlong, Walsh, Hore, Peacocke, Dempsey, King, Donohoe, Mayler, J. D. Doyle, Jas. Sinnott, Cummins, J. A. Doyle, Aharne, Hickey, J. Bolger, and the Chairman- 19.

For Mr Roche- Messrs Durlong, Dempsey, King, Donohoe, Hearn, J. A. Doyle, Sinnott, J. Bolger. 8.

The Chairman declared Canon Sheill and Ald. Blancy elected for the two vacancies.

#### County Infirmary.

The following were appointed members of the County Infirmary without discussion:- The Lord Bishop of Ferns, Messrs M. A. Ennis, G. Hore, John Cummins, D. Dempsey, James Codd, John J. Walsh, Patrick Ryan, Lady Maurice



Sitzgerald, Dr. G. E. J. Greene, P. Bolger, J. P. NewRoss, N. Scallan, C. B. Slaney Hill, H. J. Roche, Enniscorthy, E. Nevill, M. J. Redmond, Dr. W. C. Lawler, The Chase, Newtownbarry, Rev P. Doyle Adm Wexford, and archdeacon Latham Wexford.

### Analyst's report

The following report of Sir Chas. Cameron, Analyst for the Quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1902 was read.  
To the County Council of the County of Wexford.  
Mr Chairman and Gentlemen

I beg to report that I have made the following analyses during the quarter ended on 31<sup>st</sup> March 1902.

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

Article	Number
Butter	31
Whiskey	"
Milk	5
Buttermilk	3
Margarine	2
Rum	2
Linseed Meal	1
Total	<u>55</u>

Of the specimens of whiskey one was 31.5 degrees under proof and was therefore adulterated with 8.13 per cent of added water.

One of the specimens of buttermilk was adulterated with 52 per cent of added water exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes.

The remaining articles were of good quality. From the Guardians of NewRoss union thirteen drugs were received ten were correct. The remaining three are in process of analysis.

For NewRoss Urban District Council seventeen specimens of water were analysed. They had the following compositions. One imperial gallon contained in grains.



	<u>No 1</u>	<u>No 2</u>	<u>No. 3</u>	<u>No 4</u>
Total solid matters	22.400	7.700	41.300	11.200
Including				
albuminoid ammonia	0.007	0.010	0.010	0.007
Saline ammonia	0.0035	0.0035	0.006	0.007
Nitric acid	3.000	0.500	4.000	0.690
Chlorine	3.002	1.093	6.958	1.491
Sulphuric acid	2.8824	1.4412	5.7648	none
Equal to calcium sulphate	4.0000	2.0000	8.0000	none

	<u>No 5</u>	<u>No 6</u>	<u>No 7</u>	<u>No 8</u>
Total solid matters	150.400	11.900	109.900	25.900
Including				0.
albuminoid ammonia	0.008	0.008	0.014	0.010
Saline ammonia	0.004	0.004	0.010	0.014
Nitric acid	9.440	2.570	23.100	3.780
Chlorine	8.548	2.087	30.016	2.683
Sulphuric acid	8.6472	1.4412	12.9708	2.8824
Equal to calcium sulphate	12.0000	2.0000	18.00000	4.00000

Number 7 and 8 were very inferior waters, the others good or tolerably good.

	<u>No 9</u>	<u>No 10</u>	<u>No 11</u>	<u>No 12</u>
Total solid matters	21.700	21.700	27.800	49.700
Including				
albuminoid ammonia	0.007	0.008	0.005	0.007
Saline ammonia	0.009	0.0035	0.050	0.009
Nitric Acid	4.000	4.370	0.500	4.700
Chlorine	2.982	2.882	2.983	4.274
Sulphuric Acid	2.8824	2.8824	2.8824	4.3236
Equal to Calcium sulphate	4.0000	4.0000	4.00000	6.0000

Number 11 was polluted. The others were tolerably good ones.

	<u>No 13</u>	<u>No 14</u>	<u>No 15</u>	<u>No 16</u>	<u>No 17</u>
Total solid matters	23.800	26.600	12.600	28.700	11.200
Including	0.007				
Albuminoid ammonia	0.004	0.010	0.007	0.007	0.007
Saline ammonia	3.780	0.007	0.007	0.014	0.005
Nitric Acid	13.180	4.200	1.370	4.620	Trace
Chlorine	14.236	3.578	1.491	3.379	1.391
Sulphuric Acid		7.206	2.882	.	1.441
Equal to Calcium sulphate	6.000	10.000	4.000		2.000

Number 16 was an inferior water, the others were good or



fairly good.

For the Guardians of the Enniscorthy Union twelve drugs and four specimens of tea were analysed. one of the drugs namely concentrated solution of Senaga was low in extract. The specimen of tea was of good quality.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union nine drugs were analysed. The were correct.

a specimen of water analysed for Gorey Rural District Council had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains

Total solid matters 18.2000

Including

Albuminoid Ammonia 0.010

Saline Ammonia 0.017

Nitric Acid 3.220

Chlorine 3.081

Sulphuric Acid 4.323

Equal to Calcium Sulphate 6.000

a slightly polluted water

For J. Donohoe Esq Enniscorthy three specimens of water were analysed. They had the following compositions. One imperial gallon contained in grains

	<u>No 1.</u>	<u>No 2.</u>	<u>No 3.</u>
Total solid matters	10.500	7.700	7.000
Including			
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.007	0.006	0.004
Saline Ammonia	0.004	0.004	0.004
Nitric Acid	0.450	0.450	0.450
Chlorine	1.491	1.491	1.391
Sulphuric Acid	1.440	1.440	1.440
Equal to calcium sulphate	2.000	2.000	2.000

all good waters

For Shillelagh union which is partly situated in the County of Wexford nine drugs and a specimen of water were analysed.

The drugs were correct.

The specimen of water had the following composition. One imperial gallon contained in grains.



Total solid matters 6.600  
 Including  
 Albuminoid ammonia 0.007  
 Saline ammonia 0.007  
 Nitric acid Trace  
 Chlorine 0.994  
 Sulphuric Acid None  
 Equal to Calcium Sulphate None  
 a tolerably good water.

I have only given an outline of the composition of the waters referred to in the report but in the original reports full details were given.

Total analyses - 124

I am

Gentlemen

Your Obedient Servant

Charles A. Cameron

Public Analyst.

17. Castle Street

Dublin

May 9<sup>th</sup> 1902.

### Mr. J. Malone. V.S. Salary

With reference to the decision of the Council to pay Mr. James Malone. V.S. Gorey an annual salary of £ 70 instead of remuneration by fees, the Department of Agriculture under date 14<sup>th</sup> May 1902 (letter no 1980/02 Veterinary Branch) wrote that they would offer no objection to this arrangement which Mr. Malone has stated he agreed to. marked "Read"

### Road at Ballycullane

The Secretary of the Fishguard and Rosslare Railways & Harbours, wrote under date 21<sup>st</sup> May 1902 that he would place the resolution of the Council asking the Company to construct a road at Ballycullane to replace one closed up under their plans, before the next meeting of the Board.

### Damaged Roads - F. & R. Rly Co.

With reference to the damage done to roads by the traction engines of Railways, Mr. Webster County Surveyor reported that he had written as directed to the Secretary of the Fishguard and Rosslare Railway Co. and enclosed a list



of the roads in the Wexford Rural District in which damage had been done, leaving over those in New Ross District for the future because up to that time the roads there had not been badly injured. On the same day he wrote to the contractors. The Secretary of the company wrote that his letter would receive attention. In a second communication they pointed out that the contractors for the construction of the Railway were liable for any damage done to the roads by reason of the construction of the railway.

The contractors were bound under their contract to indemnify the company against any liability of this kind. The Railway contractors received a copy of this letter and they wrote that their waggons and engines were built according to regulations, any damage done to the roads must be due to their defective condition. Further they only possessed one engine and some of the roads mentioned in the list of the County Surveyor were very seldom used by their engine. They were always willing to give some help to road contractors in exceptional cases in which they considered the damage had been caused by their engine but they must disclaim any liability for the general upkeep of the roads. Continuing Mr. Webster said that the roads referred to in his list were in good order before the railway traction engines were used on them. They might own only one engine but they were certainly using three engines over these roads.

Mr. Elgu said the County Council had nothing to say to the contractors. Under the section of the act which he read on a previous occasion it was the company they should look to. A resolution had been passed by the County Council that if the company did not do what Mr. Webster required that the matter be handed to him (Mr. Elgu). The Chairman moved - "Having heard Mr. Webster's report, our solicitor be directed to take whatever steps he considers necessary in this matter against the Fishguard and Rosslare Railway Co. - 'Passed'."



Mr. Hearn asked if Mr. Webster would investigate the action of the Dublin, Wicklow & Wexford Railway Co. at Rosbercon (in New Ross Urban District) by which they had substituted an unsubstantial wooden paling in place of the walls which existed before the diversion of the public road. The Chairman said if he received the details he would submit them to the railway company at once. Mr. Hearn said he would request the Urban Council of New Ross to write him on the matter.

Complaint against Col. N. O. H. Walsh.

Mr. Frank King, Ballycrown, Screen, wrote under date May 27<sup>th</sup> 1902 as follows - "For future guidance I shall feel obliged by your informing me if Poor Rate collectors are justified in leaving a demand note and a six days notice at the same time and if it is not their duty to call for the rate where the demand note is left. I make this inquiry because collector Walsh left a demand note and a six days notice at the same time with my caretaker at Dardystown, and though a cheque for the amount of the rate was in the hands of the caretaker within four days after the notice was left, it was never called for and a summons was issued, which I being ill at the time was unable to defend, and was mulcted in 10/6 costs in consequence. Please lay the matter before the County Council."

Mr. N. O. H. Walsh Rate collector, appeared and said if Mr. King had paid the money within reasonable time he would not have issued a summons. On a previous occasion Mr. King told him he would not pay him till the 31<sup>st</sup> of March and as regards the occasion complained of, he had waited for a fortnight for an answer from Mr. King before taking out a summons.

Mr. Hearn moved, Mr. Donohoe seconded and it was passed, "That collector Walsh and the other rate collectors be informed that they cannot under any circumstances serve the Poor Rate demand note and the six days notice at the same time."

Store License

Messrs Brand & Son, Rosslare Piers Extension works applied for a license to store explosives. They would not require more than 100 lbs at any time.



County Inspector Talbot forwarded a report regarding the site of the proposed store. It was situate within twenty two and one third yards of a road or footpath leading to the beach by which the farmers on the estates of Mr Thomas Sandwith and Mr. Sinnott have a right of way and use it for conveyance of seaweed from the beach to their farms. The local fishermen have also a right of way thereby. He understood however that the general public had no right to its use and that notices a posted warning trespassers that they will be prosecuted. Under order in Council no store must be within 25 yards of any highway or public footpath, but in his opinion the path or road in this case was not a highway as it could not be utilised by the general public. In all other respects the store appears to be constructed as required. County Inspector Talbot also forwarded a detailed report of inspection by Sergeant Mahony R.I.C. Zagat.

On the motion of the Chairman it was decided that the license required be issued to Messrs Brand & Son, provided they take the responsibility for accidents and that a fee of 5/- be charged for the license said amount to be lodged to the credit of the County Council.

#### Collector Barville's Bond

Mr John Barville, Rate Collector, Horetown North wrote submitting as one of his sureties the name of Stephen Martin Ballyclomock Newbawn vice Mr William Dillon accidentally killed

on the motion of Mr Ahearne seconded by Mr Hickey the name of Mr S. Martin was accepted as surety for Mr Barville, vice William Dillon deceased.

#### Checker's report

Mr M. J. Dinn official checker of Rate collectors account for New Ross district, wrote under date 3<sup>rd</sup> June that collectors Barville and Doyle, did not present their Books for checking while Collector Barden had not taken his book yet.

In reply to a letter from the Secretary Mr Barville wrote that as he only took his book from Mr Dinn on Saturday May 29<sup>th</sup> he did not consider it necessary for him to present his book for checking on the following Tuesday, no demand notes having been served or rates.



collected. The other collectors did not reply up to the present. Ordered:- "That the Secretary again communicate with Rate collectors Barden and Doyle, and request an immediate explanation as to why they are not making better progress with their collections."

#### Collector Blake's Security

The General Accident Assurance Corporation Ltd under date 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1902 wrote that it was not their intention to renew the bond of collector Francis Blake which fell due for renewal on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August and their liability would therefore expire on that date.

The Secretary said that about twelve months ago Mr Blake was anxious to change his bond to another company, but there was reasons why at that time the Council did not consider it desirable. A copy of this letter had been forwarded Mr Blake who wrote under date June 12<sup>th</sup> that he was making arrangements with the Equitable Fire and Accident Assurance Corporation for a new bond and would have it completed as soon as possible.

Ordered:- "That the Secretary again bring this matter under the notice of the Council at the August meeting."

#### Election Expenses Committee

The following were appointed a Committee to examine the election expenses account and assist Returning Officer in reference thereto:- Messrs Hore, Peacocke, Walsh, Browne, and Donohoe.

#### Loan £1200

Under date 7<sup>th</sup> June the Solicitor to the Board of Works (Mr W. M. Lane) wrote that through a clerical error the rate of Interest on the loan of £1200 for additions to Ennisceorthy Asylum was stated in the Deed to be £3:5:0 per cent per annum while the rate of Interest fixed by the Treasury for loans payable for a term payable for 35 years was fixed at £3:10:0 per cent. He had an endorsement put on the Deed correcting the error and submitted same for execution by the Council.

On the motion of the Chairman it was agreed that the endorsement on the Deed be sealed and signed as requested by the Solicitor to the Board of Works, Mr Elger having explained that it was evident that a clerical error had occurred in the matter.



In connection with a road contract given Michael Staunton the Council had referred to the Gorey District Council the question of the solvency of Patrick Byrne one of the sureties. When the Bond was about being executed Patrick Byrne appeared instead of James Byrne, whose name was in the tender and the Council had no information before them as to the solvency of Patrick.

Under date May 16<sup>th</sup> Mr. Brighton Clerk of Gorey District Council, wrote that his Council considered Patrick Byrne sufficient surety for the contract.

It was decided that the tender be accepted and the bond sealed.

### Deed of Mortgage

The Board of Works forwarded abstracts of deeds of Mortgages in the cases of the Enniscorthy District Council for loan of £105. 0. 0 under the Labourers' (Ireland) Act and New Ross Guardians for loan of £460 under the Poor Relief (Ireland) Acts. The rate of interest in the former was £3. 15. 0 per cent per annum, the loan being repayable in 50 years, and £3. 5. 0 per cent in the latter case, the loan being repayable in 40 years. Marked "read"

In connection with the appointment of the County Committee of Agriculture, Circular letter from the Department of Agriculture No 12566/02 under date 4<sup>th</sup> June was read pointing out the manner in which the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction should be appointed.

In a letter under date 11<sup>th</sup> June (No 12872/02) to the Hon Secretary of the County Committee, the Department wrote that from the experience of the past three years the Department are inclined to the opinion that the business of these Committees is likely to be transacted with greater despatch where the Committees consist of not more than ten or twelve members.

Both these documents were read previous to the appointment of the County Committee.

Proposed by the Chairman, and passed. That we delegate our powers



under the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act 1899 to the County Committee of Agriculture."

A resolution was received from the Limerick County Council condemning the standard of moisture in butter as highly detrimental to the interests of the farming community and expressing the opinion that unless an immediate alteration be made in the order of the Board of Agriculture the results to the people would be ruinous.

On the motion of the Chairman the above resolution was adopted.

### Income Tax

Mr. Elger reported that the Surveyor of Taxes had assessed Income Tax on the County Council interest of £159 : 15 : 6 at £9 : 6 : 2. Last year the Council had appealed and appeared before the appeal commissioners in September but it appeared no decision had been given yet.

The Chairman moved that the Council appeal against this assessment. Passed.

### Costs to be taxed

Proposed by Sir Thomas Esmonde, (Chairman) seconded by Mr. Walsh and passed: "That the costs of Mr. R. W. Elger Solicitor for this half year be referred for taxation, that a requisition to tax same be sealed and that Mr. J. J. Healy Solicitor be appointed to attend on taxation."

### Advertisements "Echo"

Mr. Donohoe moved: "That the Echo Newspaper published in Enniscorthy receive the County Council advertisements on the same terms as the other Local Newspapers"

Mr. Sinnott seconded.

In this connection Mr. William Sears Manager, "the Echo" wrote under date 14<sup>th</sup> June 1902 applying for the advertisements of the County Council in the terms of Mr. Donohoe's motion.

Mr. Peacocke raised the point that this resolution could not be legally acted upon if passed. The matter should come before the Proposals Committee first and be dealt with in the regular way.

Mr. Elger upheld Mr. Peacocke's view.

Mr. Donohoe said he would take the opinion of the meeting of the point as to whether the Echo should get the advertisements and let the matter be dealt with after -



wards as suggested by Mr. Elger.

At the suggestion of Mr. Hearn, Mr. Donohoe altered his motion and made it read

"That the 'Echo' newspaper published in Enniscorthy is worthy of the bounty council advertisements on the same terms as the other local newspapers."

Mr. Sinnott said he was satisfied to second the resolution in its amended form.

The following was the result of the motion:-

For:- Messrs Furlong, King, Donohoe, Hearn, Kinsella, J. D. Doyle, Sinnott, Bolger, Kavanagh, Ahern, and the Chairman - 11.

Against:- Messrs Bodd, Meyler, Browne, Ryan, Walsh, Hore, Peacocke, Dempsey, J. A. Doyle, Cummins, & Hickey - 11.

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the motion which was declared carried.

### Change in Specification

Mr. Donohoe moved the following Notice of Motion:-

That the following words be added to Clause 6 of the Specification of road repairs after the word "supplied" "provided the contractor has not complied with clause 8."

That clause 8 be amended by adding after the word "spread" "The contractor having complied with this clause shall receive a certificate to that effect from the Surveyor or his Deputy and shall not be required to provide more than the specified quantity of stones."

"That these conditions apply as regards existing contracts"

"That each contractor be provided with a copy of the specification of his contract."

Mr. Hearn asked Mr. Donohoe to add to his motion the following:- "That Mr. Webster be instructed to secure that the Road Contractors in future when applying road metalling shall do so as far as possible and without any additional expense to themselves, so that the form of the road may be gradually improved whilst maintaining the roads in proper order."

Mr. Donohoe consented and proposed his motion with this addition.

Mr. Hearn seconded.

The Chairman proposed as an amendment:-

"That this matter be referred to the



Finance Committee and that the County Surveyor and Mr. Elger Solicitor be requested to attend."

Mr. Donohoe and Mr. Hearn said they would be satisfied to accept this amendment which was accordingly adopted.

On the subject of the repair of Kilmore Pier, the following tender was received

Kilmore Pier

Dock Yard, Wexford.

14<sup>th</sup> June 1902.

To the Secretary County Council

Wexford

re Proposed Harbour Works at Kilmore.

Sir,

I propose to carry out the building of sea wall, repairs to existing breakwater, and the dredging of the Harbour at Kilmore, according to the plans, specifications, and to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor for the sum of one thousand pounds (£1000) subject to the following conditions

1. The County Council to secure for me the services of the Board of Works suction Dredger. The full costs and expenses of the Dredger to be paid by me.
2. The County Council to guarantee me the right to quarry free of charge the reef of rock lying within the harbour.
3. This proposal is subject to the Kilmore Drainage Board ratifying the permission already obtained from Mr. Rutledge of Coolbawn, Enniscorthy, as to the removal of the stones already quarried from both Banks of the canal.

I name as my securities: Mr. A. Ennis Esq, J. P. Wexford, and James J. Stafford Esq Shipowner, Wexford I remain,

Your obedient servant,

Francis Jasper Walsh

P.S. as there may be some delay and difficulty in securing the Dredger I am prepared to proceed at once with the repairs and building of the wall for the sum of £800. (Eight hundred pounds) if the County Council should wish this work to be done promptly.

Francis J. Walsh

A second tender for this work was received but it only arrived on Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> 1902, while the advertisement



for the work stated that tenders should be lodged on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> Inst. at or before 11 o'clock p.m. "It was decided not to consider the late tender." The Secretary to the Board of Works under date 8<sup>th</sup> May wrote acknowledging the letter of the Secretary forwarding statement of the present position of the question of the repairs of Kilmore Harbour with a copy of the correspondence between the county council and the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.

On the same subject the Department of Agriculture wrote under date 12<sup>th</sup> May 1902. letter No. 1551/02. that before taking any further action in the matter they awaited the receipt of the tenders invited by the county council.

Piers

The following resolution was received from the Enniscorthy District Council.

Proposed by Mr Hennessy, seconded by Mr Dempsey - Resolved "That we the Enniscorthy Rural District Council hereby record our urgent and emphatic protest against the resolution of the county council in imposing on this District the expenses of the proposed work on Duncannon and Kilmore Piers in as much as our District receives no benefit or advantage whatever from the existence of these piers and harbours and we call on the representatives of North Wexford on the county council to take the necessary steps to have such resolution rescinded by the county council on an early date. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of the county council, and clerk of the Enniscorthy Urban District Council requesting the co-operation of these bodies in resisting the imposition of this unjust tax which is probably only the beginning of a large expenditure over which the District Councils on North Wexford will have no immediate or effective control"

The Gorey District Council wrote expressing their concurrence in the resolution of the Enniscorthy District Council on this matter

Mr Donohoe proposed:- "That the tender of Mr F. J. Walsh for the repair and maintenance of Kilmore Pier be postponed until the area of charge be considered."

Mr Durlong seconded.



Mr Brown proposed - "That the tender of Mr J. J. Walsh, for repair and maintenance of Kilmore Pier be accepted subject to the sanction of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction"

Mr Hore seconded.

The Chairman said, that Mr Donohoe's motion was properly the amendment and he would take a vote on it.

The poll resulted as follows.

For Mr Donohoe's motion - Messrs Furlong, King, Donohoe, Hearn, Kinsella, J. D. Doyle, Sinnott, Kavanagh, J. Bolger, and the Chairman - 10.

Against - Messrs Codd, Mayler, Brown, Ryan, Walsh, Hore, Peacocke, J. A. Doyle, Cummins, Ahearne, Hickey - 11

Mr Dempsey declined voting.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

Mr Donohoe proposed - "That the tender be rejected on the grounds that the plan is opposed to the opinion of a qualified marine engineer"

The Chairman said he could not accept this amendment. It would be reopening without notice a question which had been already decided by the Council. It was open to Mr Donohoe to give notice of motion for next meeting that the Department of Agriculture be requested not to sanction the acceptance of the tender.

A vote was then taken on Mr Brown's motion as to accepting the tender with the following result.

For - Messrs Codd, Mayler, Brown, Ryan, Walsh, Hore, Peacocke, James A. Doyle, Cummins, Ahearne, & Hickey - 11.

Against - Messrs Furlong, King, Donohoe, Hearn, Kinsella, J. D. Doyle, Sinnott, Kavanagh, Bolger, and the Chairman - 10

The Chairman declared the motion carried

### List of Attendances

The following is a list of the attendances of County Council Finance Committee, Proposals Committee, and Diseases (animals) Acts Committee meetings from June 13<sup>th</sup> 1901 to May 6<sup>th</sup> 1902.

#### County Council (ten meetings)

Edmond Hore 10. Mr Brown 10. G. H. Peacocke 10. J. J. Walsh 10.  
James Codd 9. William Whitty 9. Patrick Ryan 9. Jas.  
Donohoe 9. W. Dempsey 9. M. Hickey 7. M. J. Redmond 7



James Sinnott 7. John Cummins 7. John Bolger 7. J. E. Mayler 7.  
 Lord Stopford 6. Thaddus Bolger 6. Capt Barrett Hamilton 5.  
 Capt L. A. Bryan 5. Laurence Murphy 5. James A. Doyle 5.  
 Sir Thomas Esmonde 4. Capt Walker 5. Daniel Power 4.  
 J. B. Hearn 3. Patrick O'Connor 2. C. M. Doyle 1. M. Smyth 0.

Proposals Committee (eight meetings)

Edmond Hore 8. M. Browne 8. C. H. Peacocke 8. Daniel  
 Dempsey 7. William Whitty 7. James Codd 6. Patrick  
 Ryan 5. James Donohoe 5. James Mayler 4. Jas Sinnott 4.  
 James A. Doyle 4. M. J. Redmond 4. John Bolger 3.  
 Laurence Murphy 3. Lord Stopford 3. Capt Walker 3.  
 Capt Barrett-Hamilton 3. Patrick O'Connor 2. John J.  
 Walsh 2. Capt Bryan 2. Sir Thomas Esmonde 1. John  
 Cummins 1. J. B. Hearn 1. M. Hickey 1. Thaddus Bolger 1. C.  
 M. Doyle 0. Daniel Power 0. Myles Smyth 0.

Finance Committee. (24 meeting)

C. H. Peacocke 23. Edmond Hore 17. John J. Walsh 17. Patrick  
 Ryan 17. M. Browne 12. James Codd 11. James Donohoe 8.  
 Lord Stopford 4. Sir Thomas Esmonde 3. J. B. Hearn 3.  
 C. M. Doyle 1. John Cummins, 0.

Diseases (Animals) Acts Committee Meetings

(Four meetings)

William Whitty 4. C. H. Peacocke 4. John J. Walsh 3. James  
 Codd 3. Daniel Dempsey 2. Edmund Hore 1. Michael  
 Hickey 1. Sir Thomas Esmonde 0. James E. Mayler 0. Jas  
 Sinnott 0. James A. Doyle 0. Lord Viscount Stopford 0.

The Financial Statement Books of Receipt and Expenditure,  
 Register of Separate Charges and Mortgages, Register of  
 Applications and Proposals and Rate collectors Lodgments  
 were produced by the Secretary written up to date.  
 The first two named books were signed by the Chairman



Special Meeting - June 30<sup>th</sup> 1902.

A special meeting of the County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on Monday June 30<sup>th</sup> 1902 to consider the following circular received from the General Valuation Office:-

Sir/

I beg to call your attention to the fact that under section 4 of the act 17 vic cap 8. it is necessary for you when sending me the lists of Tenements or Acreditaments in the County of Wexford in which revision of the Rateable valuations is required, to forward the opinion of your Council as to whether such revision is necessary on account of changes and alterations

In connection with this I would bring under your notice the judgment of the Court of King's Bench in the case of *McBusher v. The Commissioners of Valuation* on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 1902, when it was laid down that it was the duty of every Secretary of a County Council to put before his Council the lists for Revision, and when forwarding them to me, to send the opinion of the Council as to the necessity for such revision.

I am,

Sir/

Your Obedient Servant

John G. Barton

The Commissioner of Valuation

23<sup>rd</sup> June 1902.

- There were present:- Messrs C. H. Peacocke, John F. Walsh, James Bodd, Patrick Ryan, M. J. Furlong, Robert King, M. A. Ennis, and John Bolger.

Declaration of Office The two last named Councillors subscribed the usual declaration of office, this being the first meeting they attended since their election on the motion of Mr. Ryan seconded by Mr. Bodd the Chair was taken by Mr. Peacocke. Mr. Bolger proposed, Mr. Furlong seconded and it was passed "That the various cases as initialed by our Chairman be sent up to the valuation office for revision of valuation, save that in the application of the Dublin Wicklow and Wexford Railway Company, it does not sum to the Council that any revision is required.



In the case of Mr John Bolger, Terns. "store to be valued" we understand that this building only replaces one which was taken down and which was included in Mr Bolger's valuation up to the present.

Edmund Gore