

Annual Meeting - 10th June 1905.

The Annual Meeting of the County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 10th June 1905.

Present :- Messrs J. E. Maylor, Marks Codd, Michael Browne, J. Bolger, J. Asple, J. Donohoe, P. Cleary, John Sinnott, D. Dempsey, A. Kinsella, J. Cummins, M. Hickey, N. C. Murphy, J. J. Kehoe, James Sinnott, J. A. Doyle, D. Kavanagh, C. H. Peacocke, and E. How.

Messrs R. W. Elgee, Solicitor, Henry Webster, County Surveyor, and N. J. Frizelle, acting Secretary, were in attendance.

Representatives of District Councils

The Clerks of the District Councils, wrote that the following Gentlemen had been appointed as the representatives of these Councils on the County Council - Enniscorthy - Mr. Thaddeus Bolger. Gorey - Mr. John Sinnott, Wexford - Mr. N. C. Murphy and New Ross - Mr. Michael Hickey.

All the Members present made their declaration of office, after which the minutes of the quarterly and half-yearly meetings of the 5th May were read and signed.

Illness of the Secretary

The following letter under date the 31st May 1905, was read from Capt Pigott, County Secretary.

"Mr. Douce informs me that he is sending a certificate to the Council, saying that I am unfit for work for another three weeks from the 1st June. I am therefore obliged to ask you for that amount of leave; and sincerely trust that it may be the last. Thanking you all very much indeed, for your kindness to me."

Mr Douse wrote: "Capt Pigott has decidedly improved in health, but is not yet able to attend to his duties. I would strongly recommend that he be granted 3 weeks further leave from the 1st June, as I quite expect that he will be sufficiently recovered by the end of that month to resume his work."

On the motion of Mr John Bolger, seconded by Mr Peacocke, the following resolution was adopted:- "That Capt. Pigott, be granted three weeks leave of absence from the 1st June, and that the duties of County Secretary be discharged by Mr Frizelle, at a remuneration of £2 per week, for that period."

Co-option of councillors.

On the motion of Mr Donohoe, seconded by Mr Aspley, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we hereby agree to co-opt under section 3, (2) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, two persons who shall be additional county councillors, during the term of office of this Council."

Mr Donohoe proposed, Mr J. Bolger, seconded "That Mr Ennis be co-opted as county councillor."

Mr Dempsey proposed:- Mr James Codd, Mayglass Mr Peacocke seconded.

Mr J. Bolger proposed:- Lord Stopford - Mr James Sinnott, seconded.

On a poll being taken the following was the result:-

For Mr Codd - Messrs Mayler, Murphy, Mr Codd, Browne, Peacocke, Kehoe, Aspley, ^{clearly} Dempsey, Kavanagh, Cummins, Hickey, and Hore - 13.

For Mr Ennis - Messrs Mayler, Browne, Bolger, Peacocke, Kehoe, Aspley, Donohoe, Cleary, John Sinnott, James Sinnott, Dempsey, Doyle, Kavanagh, Kinsella, Cummins, Hickey and Hore - 17.

For Lord Stopford - Messrs Murphy, Codd, Bolger, Donohoe

John Sinnott, James Sinnott, J. A. Doyle, and Kinsella-8.
The chairman declared Messrs Ennis, and Codd co-opted."

Election of Chairman

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Dempsey- Sir Thomas H. Grattan Esmonde Bart M.P. was elected chairman for the year.

Election of Vice-Chairman

Mr Hore proposed - Mr E. H. Peacocke, as vice chairman for the year.

Mr Peacocke, proposed that Mr E. Hore, continue to act as vice chairman, as he knew it was the wish of the members of the Council.

Mr Donohoe seconded the resolution.

Mr Kehoe seconded the appointment of Mr Peacocke as he knew that Mr Hore had ^{his mind} made up not to continue in the office of vice-chairman.

Mr Cummins asked Mr Hore to re-consider his resignation of the position, at to accept the office.

Mr Hore declined to accept the position.

Mr J. Bolger proposed, Mr Ennis, as vice chairman for the year." Mr Asple seconded.

Mr Dempsey proposed, Mr Browne, but the latter declined.

On a poll being taken the following was the result:-

For Mr Ennis:- Messrs Maylor, Codd, Browne, Bolger, Asple, Donohoe, Cleary, John Sinnott, Dempsey, Kinsella, Cummins, and Hickey.- 12.

For Mr Peacocke:- Messrs Murphy, Kehoe, John Sinnott, Doyle, Kavanagh, and Hore. 6.-(Mr Peacocke did not vote)
The chairman declared Mr Ennis, appointed vice-chairman.

Asylum Committee

The following fifteen were appointed from the County Council, as members of the asylum committee, on the motion of Mr Dempsey, seconded

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by Mr Kehoe:-

Messrs John Bolger, James Codd, D. Dempsey, M. A. Ennis, J. Bolger, M. Hickey, D. Kavanagh, A. Kinsella, J. J. Kehoe, C. H. Peacocke, James Sinnott, M. Doyle, N. C. Murphy, Marks Codd, John Sinnott, Mr Dempsey proposed - that Mr M. J. Furlong, Templecoby, and Mr Nicholas Scallan, Park Wexford, be appointed members of the Asylum Committee. Mr Kehoe, seconded.

Mr Donohoe proposed - that Mr J. Bullin, Enniscorthy, Mr Henry Roche, Enniscorthy and Canon Shill, P. P. Bree, be appointed. Mr Asple seconded.

Mr J. Bolger - proposed Mr Greene, Ferns - Mr Kavanagh seconded.

Mr Kavanagh proposed - Mr George Walsh, Wells, as a member of the Committee - Mr J. A. Doyle seconded.

Mr James Sinnott proposed - Mr Myles Sinnott, Blohamon, Mr John Sinnott seconded.

Mr Cummins proposed - Mr P. Bolger, J. P. New Ross, the nominations of the following were withdrawn - Messrs Walsh, Mr Greene, M. Connors, and P. Bolger, and the following were declared elected.

Very Rev. Canon Shill, Bree, H. J. Roche, and John Bullin, Enniscorthy, M. J. Furlong, Templecoby, and N. Scallan, Park, Wexford.

County Infirmary Committee

On the motion of Mr Dempsey seconded by Mr Donohoe, the following were elected Members of the County Infirmary Committee:-

Messrs M. A. Ennis, Edmond Hore, John Cummins, Daniel Dempsey, James Codd, John F. Walsh, Lady Maurice Fitzgerald, Dr G. E. F. Greene, P. Bolger, N. Scallan, H. J. Roche, M. J. Redmond, Dr Lawler, Rev P. Doyle, Archdeacon Latham, Mr Jeffries, John J. Kehoe, and J. P. Rossiter.

Finance Committee

On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Aspley the following members were appointed as a Finance Committee:-

Sir J. H. G. Esmonde, Messrs Browne, Hore, Peacocke, Ennis, Donohoe, J. J. Kehoe, M. Doyle, J. Aspley, N. C. Murphy, J. Bolger, J. Codd, A. Kinsella.

Proposal Committee

Mr. Donohoe, proposed, Mr. Dempsey seconded - "that the Proposal Committee, be a committee of the whole house." Passed.

Diseases of Animals Acts Committee

On the motion of Mr. John Sinnott, seconded by Mr. James Sinnott, the members of the Finance Committee, were appointed as a Committee, for the transaction of the business under the Contagious Diseases Animals Acts 1894.

County Committee of Agriculture, Etc.

Mr. Peacocke, proposed, and Mr. Kehoe, seconded that the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, be limited to 20 members; and that the following be appointed:-

Wexford. Messrs C. H. Peacocke, James Codd, J. J. Kehoe, M. A. Ennis, and Mr. Gibbon.

Enniscorthy. Messrs D. Dempsey, C. W. Lett, Rev. J. Dunne, Laurence Walsh, and James Sinnott.

New Ross. Messrs W. Thorpe, James Ahearne, J. A. Doyle, M. Hickey, and John Bloney.

Gorey. Messrs P. J. Breane, R. G. Wordsworth, A. Kinsella, John Sinnott, and Lord Stopford.

Mr. Kehoe proposed, Mr. Cummins seconded - Passed. "That four additional members be appointed - one for each Rural District." The following were appointed
Wexford. Mr. Browne. Enniscorthy. John Bolger,
New Ross. J. Cummins. Gorey. Mr. Lyons.

Co. Councillor as Surety for Road Contractors—

Under date 2nd June the following letter was read from Mr. Matthew Doyle, recently elected County Councillor for Wexford Urban County District:-

"I require to withdraw as a Security in the following cases, and the following Gentlemen have agreed to act in my place,

viz:- Mr. James Kelly, Bull Ring Wexford, will act for Mr. George Browne's contract.

Mr. George Daly, Bull Ring, Wexford, will act for Mr. Edward Brown's contract.

Mr. David Rickard, Ballydonfin, Glenbrin will act for Mr. Joseph Cullen's contract."

"On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:

"That Mr. Matthew Doyle, be at liberty to withdraw from his Road Contractors' Suretyship in the three cases named in his letter, and that the persons named therein be accepted by the Council, and that new bonds be executed in these cases."

Dredging- Courtown & Kilmore Harbours.—

Under date 1st June the Board of Works (letter No. 7060-05) wrote as follows, in reference to the hire of their No. 2 dredger.

"I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to refer to your letter of the 25th ultimo relative to the extended hire of their dredger No. 2, and I am to state that subject to the renewal of the policy to the 30th September the Board agree to extend the hiring on the existing terms.

It will be observed that the policy of insurance as it now stands is renewable only to the 1st September, and evidence should be furnished to this office that this matter has been satisfactorily decided with the Insurance Company. The Board note the contents of your telegram of this

day's date, and directions will be given for the dredger to proceed to Kilmore."

Mr Cummins proposed - "That the Board of Works Dredger be insured up to the 30th September
Mr Peacocke seconded. Passed.

— Courtown Harbour Minutes. —

The following minutes of meetings of Courtown Harbour Committee, were read for the meeting:
Meeting - 3rd June 1905.

"That we regret the action of the County Surveyor, in advising the removal of No. 2. dredger from Courtown Harbour on 5th inst., we are aware that she has already accomplished a good deal of work, but considering that a sand bar, which considerably impeades the navigation of the harbour still remains unremoved, we are of opinion it would be advisable to retain her services for a further period."

Meeting - 6th June 1905.

The Committee checked the harbour master's accounts and found them correct. Bills for the amount of £15 : 13 : 5, were submitted by the Harbour Master, were examined and found correct, and we recommend that a paying order for the amount be issued by the Finance Committee."

"A discussion took place concerning the work of the Dredger and removal of same. Mr Webster being present."

"That all correspondance and telegrams which passed between the Harbour Master, and the Council Secretary, or County Surveyor, concerning the dredger and its operations, and also its removal be produced before next Committee."

"That all correspondance and telegrams, which passed between Rev Father O'Rourke, and the County Secretary, or County Surveyor, also all correspondance which passed between the Fishermen, and the

Council Secretary, or County Surveyor, be produced before this committee."

"On the motion of Mr Kehoe seconded by Mr J. A. Doyle, the following was adopted:-

"That we consider the explanation of Mr Webster, Co. Surveyor, re Courtown Harbour satisfactory, and that if funds permit, the dredging at the end of the channel be completed."

"Mr Kehoe proposed, Mr Dempsey seconded that in view of all the circumstances, the correspondence asked for in the minutes of the Courtown Harbour committee, be not produced.
Passed.

Sheep Scab.

The following letter under date 26th May, was read from Mr George Newson, with reference to Orders 55 & 56 of the Department of Agriculture &c., dealing with outbreaks of sheep scab.

"You are no doubt aware that recently the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction has passed a new order dealing with sheep scab which confers new powers on the Local Authorities.

It will be seen that all sheep, adjoining those where scab has been found have to be inspected - notices served on the owners - the origin of all outbreaks traced as far as possible - and that affected sheep, and those that have been in contact with them, have been dipped - probably two or three times - in the presence of an Inspector.

I will be glad to know if the Council wish me to carry out all the provisions of this order - and if so what arrangements they propose to make to pay me for the extra duties, I shall have to perform in doing so."

"Referred to Finance Committee."

Courtown Harbour - Provisional Order.

Under date 1st June 1905, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No 91 M/1905) relative to Provisional

Order for Courtown Harbour; as follows:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to call the attention of the Wexford County Council, to clause 3 of the Courtown Harbour Order 1904, as confirmed by the Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Order confirmation (No 5) Act, 1904, and I am to request that the Council will be good enough to remit a Paying Order, for twelve pounds one shilling, the costs incurred by the Board in relation to the matter.

The Board have now to recoup the public funds the sums advanced for the purpose.

Proposed by Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Kavanagh
 "That as advised by our Solicitor the amount of £12: 1/- be paid the Local Government Board at the August meeting." Passed.

Main Road Scheme.

Under date 23rd May 1905 the Local Government Board wrote (Letter No. 29334) relative to main Roads declaration

"With reference to the entry contained in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 5th instant, relative to the main Roads Declaration of the Wexford County Council, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that, if the County Council wish to reconsider the present main Road Declaration, they should, after the 30th proximo, follow the procedure laid down in section 8 (3) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

A copy of the Board's order of the 1st May 1899, on the subject, is enclosed herewith, for the Council's information."

The Chairman proposed, Mr Kehoe seconded, and it was passed:- "We respectfully request the Local Government Board, to inform us, whether, at a meeting to be held after the 30th June 1905, when the Council will have power

to re-consider the present main Roads Declaration it will be within the power of the Council to declare that the main road scheme shall include only those roads which were County at large charges, prior to the passing of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898; or if the Council are empowered to declare all existing roads should be made district charges."

— Extensions of Telegraphs. —

Under date 12th May 1905, Mr. H. Pomeroy, Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, wrote that as regards the consent for way leave already received from the Wexford Co. Council for extension of public telegraphs to Ballymurran, it had been found that the route then proposed was open to Engineering objections, the consent of the Council was asked for the placing of a line along alternative route shown on tracing."

"Under date 6th June, a similar application was received from Mr. Pomeroy, in reference to telegraph line connecting, Killanne, and Gaim Post Offices."

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kehoe: "That way leave required by the post office authorities for erection of telegraph poles be granted." Passed.

— Gorey Guardians —

The Board of Works, forwarded notice of their intention to advance to the Guardians of the Gorey Union £655, for the purpose of erecting bath rooms, water closets, and operating room at the Infirmary, and a range in the Kitchen of the Workhouse." Marked. "Read."

— Public Bodies Order. —

Under date 18th May 1905, the following letter (No 29,334-1905) Wexford County. was read from the

Local Government Board:-

"With reference to the entry on the minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 5th instant, relative to a proposed variation of the provisions of Article 22 of the Public Bodies Order, 1904, so as to allow the Finance Committee to give authority from time to time for the ordering of any goods to be supplied or work to be done, the subsequent sanction of the Council to be obtained, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that they will raise no objection to this proposal which appears to be covered by article 36 (4) of the schedule to the Application of Enactments Order 1898."

Deputy Checkers of Rate Collectors' accounts

On the motion of Mr. Dempsey.
Seconded by Mr. Kavanagh; the following resolution was adopted:- "That in compliance with article 97 of the Public Bodies Order 1904, we hereby appoint as deputy checkers of the accounts of the Rate Collectors, in respect of the rate 1905-6, the following:- Enniscorthy district- Mr. Owen Connolly, Gorey District- Mr. R. Brighton, New Ross District- Mr. M. J. Finn, Wexford District- Mr. N. Kehoe;"

Ford of Ling

Under date May 15th the following was read from Rev J. Byrne, C. C. Tacumshane, Hon Sec, of the Forth Agricultural and Industrial Association:-

"At the last meeting of the above Association the following resolution was unanimously adopted - That we learn with surprise of the withdrawal of the legal action of the County Surveyor against the owners of the lands in the vicinity of the Ford of Ling. That it seems to us an extraordinary state of affairs if no redress can be obtained for the ratepayers in a grievance so serious and so long standing. Even still the public road

at this point is impassable. Hence we again earnestly appeal to the County Council to adopt the necessary measures to protect the interests of the people of the district."

"The Chairman proposed:— That in view of the impossibility of having a summons at petty sessions owing to the owner being resident outside of the jurisdiction, and that a Chancery suit according to the statement of our Solicitor, would be most expensive and success problematical, we consider that Mr. Elger should take steps to endeavour to make an amicable arrangement with the owners, to have the work done."

Mr. Kehoe seconded. Passed.

Agriculture & Technical Instruction Act.

On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Dempsey, the following resolution was adopted:—
"That we hereby delegate all our powers under the Agriculture and Technical Instruction Acts 1889, and 1899 to the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction."

Rate Collection

The acting Secretary said that he had received Form 62, from New Ross Official Checker, from which it appeared that collector Barden had not yet taken his books from the deputy checker, Mr. M. J. Finn, although the collector had been advised on the 10th May that his collecting books had been sent to Mr. Finn. On receipt of Form 62, collector Barden's attention was called to the matter, and the following letter was received from Mr. A. F. Barden, father of the collector; under date 8th June:—

"John Barden got your letter Tuesday, he will take up the books Tuesday next, if he does not resign before that date, his half-year's collection is £1,100,- Poundage would be £27. 10/-, he would have to pay £9 for

security now, then bad debts and cos., and about £6. a year for Bikes; so it is hardly worth his while to hold on; but he will do one thing or the other against the date I mention. £9 security for to collect less than £1,100. is too bad."

The Local Government Board wrote, under date 9th June 1905, (Letter No. 35,563/1905. Wexford County) as follows:-

"With reference to the Return showing the condition, to the 30th ultimo of the collection of the poor rate in the County of Wexford for the current half-year, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that the checkers of the collectors' Books should be informed that it is their duty to forward their returns regularly each fortnight, and the collectors should be warned that they should attend regularly each fortnight for the purpose of having their books checked, whether they have made any collection or not."

Proposed by Mr Dempsey :- "That collector Barden be requested to take up his collecting books and warrants by the 15th inst., otherwise that he be called on to resign forthwith."
Mr Kavanagh seconded. Passed.

Proposed by Mr Kehoe, seconded by the Chairman "That a copy of the letter of the Local Government Board, 35563, be sent to the Deputy checkers of the Rate collectors Accounts, and the Rate collectors"
Passed.

Life Boat House

Mr Elger said he had communicated with the Life Boat Institution, who had agreed to take a lease for 35 years of the Life Boat House, at Courtown.

Mr Kinseella proposed :- "That the lease be sealed"
Mr Kehoe seconded. Passed.

Irish Co. Councils, General Council

On the motion of Mr. John Sinnott, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following were appointed on the Irish Co. Councils General Council.

"Sir J. H. G. Esmonde, Messrs James Donohoe, and M. A. Ennis."

Irish Agents in English Markets

Rev. J. Byrne, C. C. Tacumshane, Hon Sec of the Forth Agricultural and Industrial Association forwarded for the consideration of the Co. Council the following resolution which was adopted at a recent meeting of the Association:-

"That we respectfully urge on the Department of Agriculture the necessity of their at once appointing agents in the principal English markets for the protection of produce imported from Ireland, as it is beyond doubt that Irish importers suffer considerably at present for want of such agents."

We trust the Department will give their earliest and most careful attention to this important matter.

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded for adoption to the County Wexford Technical Instruction Committee, and all public Boards in the County."

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kehoe. "That the resolution be adopted, and that a copy be brought before the first meeting of the Co. Committee of Agriculture, &c." Passed.

Notice of Motion

Mr. Cummins gave notice that he would move at the next meeting of the Council, that the Co. Council Meetings be held at a fixed hour."

Whit Monday

On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Cummins, it was decided that the Co. Council

offices, be closed for whit Monday."

— Analyst's Report —

The Analyst's report for the Quarter ending 31st March 1905, was read.

— Next meeting —

It was decided that a meeting of the Council be held on Saturday 24th June to consider list of cases in which applications were made for revisions of valuations of property.

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Special Meeting- 24th June 1905

A special meeting of the County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 24th June 1905.

Present :- Sir Thomas H. Grattan Esmonde Bart M.P. Chairman, (presiding)

also present :- Messrs M. A. Ennis, C. H. Peacocke, Edmond Hore, Thomas Asple, Matthew Doyle, Marks Codd, M. Browne, A. C. Murphy, and James Codd.

Mr. Elger Solicitor, and Mr. A. J. Frizelli, Assistant Secretary, were in attendance.

Illness of Secretary

Capt Pigott Secretary wrote, that he expected to be at the meeting that day, but was prevented owing to sudden illness. He forwarded certificate from Dr. Douse, - that Capt Pigott was suffering from an attack of gastric irritability.

Revision of Valuation

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Ennis the following resolution in reference to lists of cases received for revision of valuation of property in the County was adopted :-

"That the cases for revision of valuation as submitted by the Assistant Secretary, be allowed and forwarded to the valuation office."

New Ross Urban Demand.

The Chairman moved :- "That we request the New Ross Urban District Council to lodge as soon as convenient, the first quarterly instalment of the demand, which, according to the Public Bodies Order, should have been lodged before the

first of June."

Passed.

State of Rate Collection

The Chairman proposed: "That the state of the Rate Collection, be laid before the next meeting of the Finance Committee for their consideration, and they are hereby authorized to take whatever steps they may deem necessary, to secure the collection being properly made." Passed.

Resignation of Rate collector Barden.

The following Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of the 19th June, were laid before the meeting:-

"The following letter under date 12th June, was read from Mr John Barden, Rate collector:-

"I beg to resign my position as Rate collector for No. 21. district. Thanking the County Council for their past kindness to me."

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Bodd the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we hereby on behalf of the County Council accept the resignation of Mr John Barden as Rate collector. That we approve of the draft advertisement submitted to us, by the acting Secretary, and invite applications for the position. That we send forward this advertisement to the County Council for sanction, at the meeting to be held on 24th June."

The following is a copy of the advertisement.

Wexford County Council

Appointment of Poor Rate collector for No. 21. collection District.

Notice is hereby given that the Wexford Co. Council will at their meeting to be held on receive and consider applications for the position of Poor Rate collector for No. 21 collection District, vacant by the resignation of Mr John Barden.

The district comprises the Electoral Divisions of Ballyhack, Fethard, Killesk, Rathroe, and Templeton.

The person appointed must offer the security (in the sum of £900) of a Guarantee Society, which must be approved by the Local Government Board; and we receive as remuneration poundage at the rate of 6^d in the £, and statutory fees under the Parliamentary voters and jurors acts.

By the Standing Orders of the County Council of Wexford, candidates for the office are obliged to forward their testimonials to the Secretary of the County Council, at least six days before the date of Election, to allow of their inspection by members of the Council.

Applications will be received at the Offices of the Co. Council, up to 10 a.m. on the day of the above-mentioned meeting.

The Council do not bind themselves to appoint any candidate.

The successful candidate will be appointed subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board."

M^r Peacocke proposed, M^r Ennis seconded and it was passed:— "That we approve of the draft advertisement for Rate collector, for No 21. Collection District, appearing in the minutes of the Finance Committee of the 19th June, and order our Secretary to have same published."

Sureties of Collectors.

The following letter from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co. Solicitors, under date 26th January 1905 and which had been postponed for the election of the new Council, was laid before the meeting:

"We are acting for the following five Rate collectors, — John Barden, Corsu, Fethard; Francis Blake, Coddstown; Andrew Lennon, Edenvale, John Mullett, Bree; and John Sinnott, Ballyland Davidstown; all of these are bound in a bond of £900, except Mullett, whose bond is £600.

Heretofore they have been paying at the rate of

6s in the £100; to Guarantee Societies, for this Bond; that is £2 : 14s for the £900 and £1 : 16s for the £600. Now the Guarantee Societies, have increased their rates of charges from 6s in the £100 to 15s in the £100; so that the £900 would be chargeable with £6 : 15s and the £600 with £4 : 10s. Our clients feel that this is a very heavy burden upon them, and would be glad if the Council could see its way not to press for its continuance.

Each of the Gentlemen above mentioned is satisfied to give excellent private security in lieu of the bond; and they would be glad if the Council would accept this.

If on the other hand the Council still insist on the bond being taken out, they would ask that the Council, defray the expenses of the bond, or increase their poundage by 2^d in the £, so as to defray the extra expense. Will you kindly lay this before your Council at the next meeting, and if necessary we shall attend when the matter is being considered."

Mr Peacocke proposed :- "That subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board, the Rate collectors who have given the security of a Guarantee Society be paid the difference between the rate at which they agreed in the first instance with the Guarantee Societies, 6s per cent in the £100, and 15s per cent the premium charged now."

Mr Doyle seconded.

A show of hands was taken - Two voted in favor of the resolution and eight against.

The resolution was declared lost.

Main Roads.

Under date 23rd June 1905 (No 37,415/1905 Wexford Co) the Local Government Board wrote:-

"With reference to the entry contained in the minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 10th instant, relative to the main roads

in the county, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that the county council, upon the report of the county surveyor, may, after the 30th instant, reconsider the present declaration, and make a new declaration declaring that the roads which were mail car roads, before the passing of the Local Government (Ireland) act, 1898 shall be main roads, or they may make a declaration to the effect that no roads in the county shall be main roads.

I am, however, to point out that the procedure prescribed by the Board's Order of the 1st May 1899, must be strictly followed, and that the county council can only re-consider and make a new declaration upon the report of the co. surveyor at a half yearly meeting of the council.

Such declaration can be only a provisional declaration, and cannot be finally adopted until the next half-yearly meeting of the council, after the procedure prescribed in the Order, has been carried out."

Steam rolling

Mr. Peacocke proposed, Mr. Hore seconded: - That for the purpose of obtaining information on the question of steam-rolling, a committee of the co. council be appointed to visit Tipperary, and Dublin counties, and any other county they consider necessary, and that they lay a report before the county council.

On a poll being taken the following voted for the resolution: - Messrs Browne, Ennis, Hore Peacocke, Mark Todd, J. Asple, M. Doyle, and the chairman.

against: - Messrs Murphy, and James Todd.

The chairman declared the resolution carried; and the following committee were appointed: - Messrs.

Ennis, Browne, Peacocke, Asple, with the Co. Surveyor and the Assistant Secretary."

Death of Rate Collector's Surety

Under date 21st June, Mr. P. Redmond, Rate Collector, wrote: - "Mr James Brien of Innaberna, who has acted as surety for me is dead. I submit in his place Mr Patrick Browley, of Ballymurtha Enniscorthy, for the approval of the Council."

The Chairman proposed: - "That this matter be referred to Mr Elgee, for his opinion at the next meeting of the County Council" Mr Ennis seconded.
Passed.

Sheep Scab.

The following circular letter under date 21st June 1905, (No 3393/05 V. B) was read from the Department of Agriculture, &c.,

"The Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, desire to invite attention to their circular, No. 1670/05, of the 31st March last, and its enclosures on the subject of Sheep Scab. In that circular the importance of the adoption by Local Authorities of energetic measures for the eradication of Sheep Scab in Ireland, was strongly urged, and the Department will be glad to be informed of any action since taken by your Local Authority as regards:-

- (1) the strict enforcement of the Sheep Scab (Ireland) Order of 1905.
- (2) the making of regulations governing the movement of sheep.
- (3) the provision of portable tanks to facilitate dipping of sheep.

Very wide powers with respect to the matters referred to at paragraphs (2) and (3) have been conferred upon Local Authorities in Ireland by the Sheep Scab (Local Regulations) (Ireland) Order of 1905; and as was pointed out in the circular above referred to, it is for the Local Authority

to determine to what extent these powers can be advantageously exercised in their district with a view to the attainment of the important objects aimed at, viz: the extirpation of the disease from the flocks of this country, and the preservation of an unrestricted export trade in sheep.

The Department will feel obliged by being favoured with the reply of the Local Authority at an early date. They presume that the Local Authority of each administrative county has, as required by the provisions of the Fourth Schedule of the Diseases of Animals acts 1894, a duly constituted committee, which meets regularly for the transaction of business arising under the Diseases of Animals acts 1894 to 1903."

The chairman proposed: "That this matter be referred to the next meeting of the Diseases of animals acts committee" Passed.

Co. Committee of Agriculture

M^r James Sinnott, J. P. Bolinrush Ballyroebuck, Farns, wrote declining to act on the county committee of agriculture, &c.,

Proposed by the chairman: "That M^r James Sinnott be asked to suggest a name to represent the Newtownbarry Division on the county committee of agriculture, in his stead." Passed.

Election Expenses

Under date 20th June 1905, M^r N. J. Frizelli, Returning Officer, for county council, and District Council Elections, wrote:-

"I enclose election account as provided by section 6 (4) of the application of Enactments Order 1898.

I hereby give you notice that the vouchers in connection with this account can be seen at

the Courthouse, Wexford, during ordinary office hours, and any person acting by directions of your Council can inspect, and take copies of these vouchers.

Should your Council object to any of the items the should, under section 6 of the above mentioned Order, sub-section 6 apply to the County Court for a taxation of the account."

M^r Hore proposed; and M^r Browne seconded :-
"That Messrs Peacocke, and Ennis, be appointed a Committee to examine the accounts of Election expenses, and report to the next meeting of the County Council".
Passed.

— Motor Car Act 1903. —

Proposed by M^r Hore, seconded by M^r Ennis and passed :- "That the County Council adopt as a general identification mark, under the motor car act 1903, the indecor letters of the County M.I. with the letters of the alphabet issued consecutively to each dealer as he applies for general identification mark. That the fee to be charged each person applying for general identification mark be the sum of £3. per annum. Plates white lettering red."

— Prosecuting a Contractor —

The Chairman proposed :- "That M^r Webster, Co. Surveyor, be given permission to prosecute Thomas J. Ryan, Coolnaboy, Cylegate, and his sureties for neglecting to carry out his contract, for the maintenance of the Deep Bridge; should M^r Webster find it necessary so to do."

Passed.

M^r Ennis

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