

Annual meeting - 11th June 1906.

The annual meeting of the County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse Wexford, on Monday 11th June 1906.

Present :- In the Chair - Mr. M. A. Ennis (Vice Chm.) and subsequently Sir Thomas. H. G. Esmonde Bart M.P. (Chairman)

Other members :- James Codd, J. J. Kehoe, M. Hickey, E. Hore, M. Browne, J. Asple, A. C. Murphy, D. Kavanagh, M. Doyle, J. C. Mayler, D. Dempsey, A. Kinsella, J. Cummins, J. Bolger, Thaddeus Bolger, M. Codd, and C. H. Peacocke.

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the statutable half-yearly meeting, of the 15th May, and of adjourned meeting, were read and confirmed.

Election of Chairman

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Hore - Sir T. H. G. Esmonde Bart M.P. was elected Chairman for the year.

Election of Vice-Chairman

On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Asple - Mr. M. A. Ennis was elected Vice-Chairman for the year.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman signed the declarations of acceptance of office.

The following members also subscribed the declarations of acceptance of office :- Messrs J. Bolger, A. C. Murphy, and M. Hickey.

Appointment of Committees

Mr. Peacocke proposed, Mr. Hore seconded :- "That

the Proposal Committee consist of the entire Council." Passed.

Proposed by the Chairman: "That the Finance Committee consist of the following: Sir J. H. G. Esmonde Bart M. P., Edmond Hore, Michael Browne, James Donohoe, John Bolger, Alexander Kinsella, Thomas Asple, C. H. Peacocke, Matthew Doyle, J. J. Kehoe, N. C. Murphy, M. A. Ennis, James Codd, John Cummins, and J. C. Mayler." Passed.

Proposed by the Chairman: "That the Executive Committee under the Diseases of Animals Act consist of the following: Sir J. H. G. Esmonde Bart, M. P. Edmond Hore, Michael Browne, James Donohoe, John Bolger, Alexander Kinsella, Thomas Asple, C. H. Peacocke, Matthew Doyle, J. J. Kehoe, N. C. Murphy, M. A. Ennis, James Codd, James C. Mayler, and John Cummins." Passed.

State Purchase of Irish Railways.

On the motion of Mr. Hore, seconded by Mr. J. Bolger the following resolution was adopted:

"That this Council is strongly in favour of the State purchase of Irish Railways, and will do all in their power to facilitate this object." Passed.

Road Maintenance Inquiry Committee

The following report was read for the meeting:

A. Meeting of the Roads' Maintenance Inquiry Committee was held in the Courthouse, Wexford on 23rd May 1906.

Present: In the Chair - Mr. M. A. Ennis, Vice-Chairman Co. Council,

Other members: Messrs John Sinnott, C. Hore, C. H. Peacocke, M. Browne, and John Bolger.

Mr. R. W. Elgee, Solicitor, and the Secretary to the Council were also present.

The question of the right of the County Surveyor to compensation for diminution of his salary was discussed.

Mr. Elgee, gave it as his opinion that Mr. Webster was entitled to such compensation under section 12 (5) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1902.

after discussion the following was adopted.

"That this committee, having considered the claim advanced by Mr. Webster, County Surveyor, that he is entitled to compensation under section 12 sub-section 5 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1902 by reason of the proposed diminution of his salary by the County Council, recommend the County Council, in the event of Mr. Webster agreeing to accept the Council's resolutions with regard to such diminution of salary, to pay him the amount to which they are advised by their solicitor that he is legally entitled to under the above mentioned section, as compensation for such diminution."

This committee also recommend that Mr. Jones Assistant Co. Surveyor should receive similar compensation on similar conditions.

Notice of Motion - Proposed Superannuation

Mr. Doyle moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the resolution of the Council offering Mr. O'Leary a superannuation allowance of £40 per annum be rescinded, with a view to having this amount increased."

Mr. Codd seconded.

Mr. Brennan Solicitor (of Huggard & Brennan) on behalf of Mr. O'Leary, said that the latter would be satisfied to take £60 per annum, as superannuation.

On a poll being taken the following voted for the notice of motion:- Messrs Kinsella,

Cummins, M. Doyle, Kavanagh, M. Codd, Hickey. 6.
 Against:- Messrs J. Bolger, J. Bolger, M. Browne,
 Hore, Ennis, Peacocke, Murphy, J. Codd, J. J.
 Kehoe, Asple, Meyler, and the Chairman. 12.
 Mr. Dempsey did not vote.
 The motion was declared lost.

Mr. Kinsella moved the following of which he
 had given previous notice:- "That the recommend-
 ation of the Roads Committee re superannuation
 of Mr. J. P. Murphy be rescinded with a view of
 increasing the amount."

Mr. Cummins seconded.

Mr. Kinsella said - that Mr. Murphy would take
 a sum of £60 per annum, as superannuation.

On a poll being taken the following voted for
 the notice of motion:- Messrs Kinsella, Cummins
 M. Doyle, Kavanagh, Hickey. 5.

Against:- Messrs J. Bolger, J. Bolger, Browne, Hore,
 Ennis, Peacocke, Murphy, J. Codd, Kehoe, Asple,
 Meyler, M. Codd. - 12.

Did not vote:- Mr. Dempsey, and Sir J. H. S. Esmonde.
 The motion was declared lost.

Election of Chairman, Etc.; District Councils.

Mr. O. Connolly, Clerk District Council, Enniscorthy
 wrote that Mr. Thaddeus Bolger, J. P. has been elected
 as Chairman of the Council.

Mr. N. Kehoe, Clerk Wexford District Council, wrote
 that Mr. N. C. Murphy, had been elected Chairman
 of his district Council.

Mr. P. A. Pope, Clerk New Ross District Council;
 wrote that Mr. M. Hickey, had been elected as the
 representative of the New Ross District Council, on
 the County Council; the Chairman of the Council
 - Mr. John Cummins-J. P. - being elected member of
 the County Council.

Mr. R. Brighton, Clerk Gorey District Council,
 wrote:- "In reply to yours, I beg to say that a

sufficient number of councillors to form a quorum did not turn up at our annual meeting, and therefore nothing could be done."

"In a subsequent letter Mr. Brighton wrote that Mr. John Sinnott had been elected under section 8 of the Local Government Act to represent the District Council on the County Council."

Roads Inquiry Committee

The following letter (No 28,409 : 1906, Wexford County) under date 14th May 1906, from the Local Government Board, was again laid before the meeting:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland, have had before them your letter of the 11th instant, and the minutes of the Wexford County Council of the 20th ultimo, containing certain recommendations made by the Roads Committee, and adopted by the County Council, with regard to the County and Assistant Surveyors; and, in reply, the Board desire to call attention to the terms of Section 12 (5) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1902, viz:-

"If by reason of anything done in pursuance of this Section, the duties of any officer of a County or District Council are increased or diminished, the officer shall be bound to perform those duties, and shall receive such increase or diminution of remuneration, in proportion to the increase or diminution of his duties, as the Local Government Board may determine, subject, nevertheless, in the case of diminution, to such compensation as is provided by sub-section 19 of section 110 of the principal Act, and that sub-section shall apply accordingly to any such officer in like manner as it applies to existing officers affected by the principal Act."

Before expressing any definite opinion on No. 1. (the proposed reduction of the County Surveyor's salary) the Board desire to afford Mr. Webster an opportunity of submitting his views on the matter.

As regards the proposed reforms in the methods of working the County Surveyor's department, the Local Government Board have no comment to make on 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10.

With reference to recommendation No. 6, the Board would be glad to learn whether Messrs Murphy and O'Leary, have resigned their positions as Assistant Surveyors, as, if not, this question will require to be further considered by the Board. In the event of their vacating office, the question will arise as to whether those officers are qualified for superannuation, not only as regards age and length of service, but also on the question as to whether their whole time was devoted to the service of the Council. In the case of officers qualified for pension a calendar month's notice is also necessary before a resolution proposing to grant a superannuation allowance can be validly passed by the County Council.

With regard to recommendation No. 7. proposing to reduce the salary of Mr. Jones Assistant Surveyor, to £100 per annum from the 30th September next, the Board would be glad to be informed whether this proposal is in connection with the change from the quarterly to half-yearly meetings and whether Mr. Jones has assented to the change.

As regards No. 8. the Board would be glad to be furnished with further particulars respecting the proposed increase in Mr. Kehoe's salary.

With reference to recommendation No. 9, the Board desire to point out that the adoption of this proposal will of course depend upon whether Messrs Murphy and O'Leary vacate their present positions.

"The chairman moved that the question be discussed in committee."

Mr. Cummins moved: - "That the matter be discussed in public." Mr. Dempsey seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-
 For committee: - Messrs J. Bolger, J. Bolger, M. Browne, E. Hore, N. C. Murphy and the chairman - 6.
 Against: - Messrs Kinsella, Ennis, Peacocke, J. Codd, Kehoe, Cummins, M. Doyle, Kavanagh, Asple, Mayler, Dempsey, Hickey, M. Codd. - 13.

The matter was discussed in public.

The following letter from the County Surveyor to Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co. Solicitors, under date 28th May 1906 was read:-

Dear Mr. O'Connor,

With further reference to my offer to settle with the County Council. I beg to put the following facts before you. Under the Grand Jury I got £600 per annum and £50 for office expenses. I was allowed to do my own clerking so my office expenses did not amount to more than about £10 per annum. I had therefore a clear £640 per annum. Under the L. G. Act the County Council are bound to pay all my office expenses. I spend the £50 as follows:-

clerk 16/- per week £41 : 12 : 0

{ courtkeeper for cleaning office, etc., }

5 : 0 : 0
 £46 : 12 : 0

leaving a balance of £3 : 8/- which is not sufficient to pay my postage expenses.

I would, sooner than disagree with the Council, be willing to accept £640 per annum and £50 for office expenses, and pay my own postage, and devote my whole time to the County Council work.

Later on as the Co. Council see my work increasing I hope they will see their way to make my salary similar to that of other first class

Counties."

Yours very truly
Henry Webster

Mr. Ennis proposed, Mr. Peacocke seconded:-
"That in addition to the salary and allowances of the County Surveyor fixed by resolution of the Council, dated 20th April 1906, and of £32:13:4 per annum, compensation for loss of salary, under section 12 sub-section 5 of the Local Government Act of 1902 recommended by Roads Committee to be paid; that the postage &c of the Co. Surveyor be paid by the County Council in the event of the County Surveyor not agreeing to abide by this arrangement."

Mr. Cummins moved:- "That the terms offered by Mr. Webster in his letter of the 28th May 1906, be accepted and that in Mr. Ennis's resolution dealing with this matter, in the fourth line "a sum of £7:6:8. for postage be allowed" be inserted."

Mr. Ennis then withdrew his motion.

The Chairman moved:- "That in addition to the salary and allowances of the County Surveyor fixed by resolution of the Council dated 20th April 1906. viz:- Salary £600 per annum; allowances for office and clerk £50 per annum; and of £32:13:4, compensation for loss of income under section 12 sub-section 5 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1902, recommended by the Roads Committee, that the postage &c of the County Surveyor be paid by the Co. Council, in the event of the County Surveyor now agreeing to abide by this arrangement."

There voted for the Chairman's amendment:- Messrs M. A. Ennis, James Codd, J. J. Kehoe, M. Hickey, E. Howe, M. Browne, J. Asple, H. B. Murphy, M. Doyle, C. H. Peacocke,

J. E. Mayler, D. Dempsey, A. Kinsella, John Bolger, J. Bolger, M. Codd, and the Chairman. 17

Against:- Messrs Cummins, and Kavanagh. 2.

The amendment was subsequently put as the substantive motion and carried.

Mr. Webster said he was satisfied with the decision of the Council.

Mr. Ennis moved:- "That in addition to the salary of £100 per annum fixed by resolution of 20th April 06 Mr. Jones Assistant Surveyor receive a compensation allowance under the Local Government Act 1902 of £6 : 18 : 8 for loss of income."

Mr. Peacocke seconded. Passed.

Mr. Jones said he had no desire to contest the decision of the Council.

After discussion the following letters were handed in by the Deputy Surveyors Messrs Murphy and O'Leary:-

Seaview, Barntown.
11th June 1906.

To the Wexford Co. Council.
Gentlemen.

I beg to tender to the Council my resignation as Assistant Surveyor as from the 31st August 1906, said resignation being subject to the Local Government Board agreeing to the Council granting me a superannuation allowance of £40 per annum. In the event of the Local Government Board not agreeing to the superannuation, I am still to retain my office.

Yours faithfully
Patrick Leary.

Fernville, Gorey.
11th June 1906.

To the Wexford Co. Council
Gentlemen,

I beg to tender to the Council my resignation as Assistant Surveyor, as from the 31st August 1906, said resignation being subject to the Local Government Board agreeing to the Council granting me a superannuation allowance of £40 per annum.

Yours faithfully
J. P. Murphy.

With reference to the letter of the Local Government Board, the County Council desire to point out that they have come to an amicable arrangement with Mr. Webster, County Surveyor and Mr. Jones, Assistant Surveyor.

Regarding Messrs Murphy and O'Leary the County Council wish to state that these Assistant Surveyors have handed in their resignations in the terms already set out, and subject to the Local Government Board sanctioning the superannuation allowances completed at the meeting of the 7th August. The Council would be glad if the Local Government Board have any objection to this suggested arrangement, that they should furnish their views to the Council at an early date.

As Mr. John Kehoe has given four years efficient and satisfactory service as Assistant Surveyor, and as the Council now propose to appoint three new Assistant Surveyors and to thoroughly re-model the road system, they consider it only fair to place Mr. Kehoe on equal terms as regards salary, with the other Surveyors in their employment."

Assistant Surveyor Jones's salary

The following resolution was received from the New Ross Rural District Council:-

"We consider the recommendation made by a Committee of the County Council, that Mr. Jones's salary be reduced by £41 a year, should not be

adopted by the Wexford County Council, as we believe Mr. Jones performed his duties to the satisfaction of all concerned, which is proved by the fact that a complaint has never been made against him either by contractors or councillors, and we are of opinion that his work will not be reduced as the quarterly inspections and reports are still to be made."

New Ross Bridewell

Under date 7th June 1906, the following letter No. 6797 was read from the Secretary of the General Prisons Board, Dublin Castle:-

"I am directed to state, for the information of the County Council of Co. Wexford that under section 31 of the Prisons (Ireland) Act 1899, the Bridewell at New Ross which was closed by the order of the Lord Lieutenant dated 31st July 1905, will on the 31st proximo be transferred to and vest in the Co. Council, and to request that the necessary steps may be taken to have the building taken over by the Co. Council on that date from the caretaker who is at present looking after it on behalf of the Prisons Board." Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

On the motion of Mr. Hore, seconded by Mr. Ennis (Chairman) the following resolution was adopted:-
"That our Secretary attend at New Ross Bridewell on 31st July for the purpose of taking over same from the representative of the General Prisons Board."

Road Limit Expenditure - New Ross District.

The Local Government Board forwarded copies of sealed orders approving of the raising of the limit of expenditure on roads in New Ross Rural District to £6,241 : 5 : 0d for 5 years."

Dispensary Houses Act.

The Solicitor to the Board of Works notified the intention of his Board to advance to the Conniscorthy Guardians a loan of £1,200 under the Dispensary Houses Act of 1879, repayable in 35 years at an annuity percentage of 5-6-8.

Department of Agriculture & Technical
Instruction Inquiry Committee

Under date 25th May 1906 the following letter was read from Mr. J. J. Taylor, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction Inquiry Committee:-

"I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th Instant, and to state that the Committee are at present considering the question of the arrangements to be made for the examination of representatives of such of the local statutory Bodies as have been good enough to communicate their observations on the matters referred to the Committee.

The Committee will be glad to be informed, as soon as possible whether the Wexford County Council desire to offer oral evidence in support of their views, as communicated by you. If so, they will thank you to forward the names of two or three gentlemen selected for this purpose.

The appointment of a place and date at which such evidence would be taken, would form the subject of a further communication."

Mr. Apple proposed:- "That it be an instruction to the witnesses appointed by the Council to give evidence before the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction Inquiry; that their testimony be based on the lines of the recommendations adopted at the meeting of this Council, May 23rd 1906."

Mr. Doyle seconded.

Passed.

The following gentlemen were appointed to give evidence before the committee: messrs M. A. Ennis, E. Hore, James Codd, and J. Asple.

Recommendations of Finance Committee

The following recommendations of the Finance Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr. J. Bolger seconded by Mr. Asple:-

"That having considered the Bonds of Rate collectors who give security by Guarantee Society, we recommend that the bond in John Sinnott's case be reduced from £900 to £750 and that there be no ~~hardship~~ involved change in the other cases, as the committee believe there is no hardship involved, taking into account the amounts of the Bonds with the amount of warrants."

Wexford Regatta

Proposed by Mr. H. B. Murphy: "That we recommend the county council to give the use of the county council chamber to the Wexford Boat Club for their Regatta on the 5th July; the Boat Club to be responsible for any damage that may occur while the council chamber is in their charge."
Mr. Dempsey seconded. Passed.

Southern Piers

Proposed by Mr. Cummins: "That the committee appointed by resolution of Co. Council on the 23rd May '06 to visit the Southern Piers, attend at Arthurstown at 12 o'clock on Monday 26th June."
Passed.

Ballycullane Fair

Proposed by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Cummins and passed: "That the Lord Lieutenant be asked to agree to the application by the people of Ballycullane asking for a patent for the establishment of a Fair."

Fethard Harbour

Under date 1st June 1906, the Local Government

Board (letter No. 31,626-1906) wrote forwarding a copy of a letter which they had received from Mr. Geo. L. Bassett, relative to contract for clearing sand from Fethard Harbour, and asking for the observations of the County Council Secretary on the subject:-

The following is a copy of Mr. Bassett's letter:-
the Secretary,

Local Government Board, Dublin.

Sir

Kindly permit me to bring the following under the notice of the Board through you.

Last Thursday week 15th May the Wexford County Council proposal committee sat at Wexford Court house and amongst other work was considered tender for clearing sand from Fethard Harbour not to exceed £120. I tendered £90. Next to me P. O'Brien £98: 10: 0, and another for about £117.

With each tender form was to be deposited one pound (evidence of good faith) I complied with this rule and offered two good sureties well known men unquestioned solvency &c. I had not those men with me at the time, thinking that it would do, as it had done before, with myself at any rate, to bring in my sureties at any day the Council or their Secretary would name.

Well although some time ago they passed a resolution to give work to lowest tender. Without a word of a question as to ability or solvency of myself or my bail, it was proposed, seconded and passed, the work to be given to P. O'Brien.

I am not writing this in the hope or expectation of redress, but it might be possible to protect the ratepayers from having the same thing occurring again, as it was a glaring case of giving away by favour £8: 10s of the ratepayers money.

Yours with apologies

Very respectfully

Geo. L. Bassett

under date 2nd June the Secretary of the County Council, wrote as follows:-

"I beg to acknowledge your letter (No. 31,626-1906 Wexford Co) enclosing copy of letter from Mr. Geo. L. Bassett, relative to contract for clearing sand from Fethard Harbour.

Mr. Bassett was not in attendance at the meeting of the Proposal Committee at which the tenders were considered altho' the two other intending contractors and their sureties were; but so anxious were my County Council, to secure the lowest tender that the matter was adjourned to the County Council meeting. Mr. Bassett was then present but his sureties were not, and in consequence the tender of P. O'Brien was accepted - as Mr. Bassett states.

It is true that some years ago when Mr. Bassett was accepted as contractor for carrying out improvements at Slade Harbour his tender was accepted, altho' his sureties were not present, but on that occasion I informed Mr. Bassett that this was entirely irregular, and that the Council would certainly not continue the practice.

I might point out that about twelve months ago, a contract for steamrolling and maintenance of an important road in Enniscorthy District was accepted, and the successful contractor was given permission to have his bond perfected before the clerk of the Enniscorthy District Council. The man refused to sign the Bond, and as this information was not conveyed to the Co. Council offices until after the meeting of the Co. Council, no order could be made giving the work in charge of the County Surveyor, and the road remained derelict until a succeeding meeting.

In face of this, and recognising the abuses that were likely to arise by the non-attendance of sureties of contractors to have their bonds perfected in time for sealing at the meeting of

council, it was decided that tenders would not be accepted unless the sureties were in attendance. Mr. Bassett complains because he was not granted a favour that would not be given other contractors.

The work at Fethard Harbour was pressing and as the meetings of the County Council are held on the same day as the adjourned meeting of the Proposal Committee, if Mr. Bassett's securities had afterwards refused to sign the bond the work should have remained over until the December meeting of the Council.

"The Secretary having read the letter which he had sent to the Local Government Board in reply to the letter of Mr. Bassett, the action of the Secretary in this matter was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman."

Prosecution of a Road Contractor

On the motion of the Chairman, the Co. Surveyor was given directions to prosecute John Ryan Greenlake, for neglect to carry out the work of making a gullet at Harristown Big.

University Education

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Hore the Solicitor to the Council, Mr. Elgee was given instructions to take the opinion of Mr. Michael Dunn, K. C., as to the power of the County Council to strike a rate under the Technical Instruction Acts of 1889 and 1891, for the purpose of founding University scholarships.

Labourers Act

On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Asple the following resolution was adopted:-
"That our members of Parliament be requested to have introduced into the Labourers Bill at

present before the House of Commons a provision by which the rate of interest on existing loans would be revised so that Unions which loyally worked the labourers Acts in the past, would repay the instalments of their loans on the same terms as are provided in the new measure.

Main Roads Scheme.

Under date 25th May 1906, the following resolution adopted at a meeting on the 23rd May, by the New Ross Urban Council, was received from the Clerk:-

"That we, the New Ross Urban District Council, desire to protest most strongly against the abolition of the main Roads system, or scheme, by the Wexford County Council."

No order.

Foreign Beef for the Army.

The following resolution was forwarded for adoption by the Irish cattle Traders and Stockowners' Association:-

"That this meeting protests in the strongest manner against the change recently made in the army meat tender form, under which contractors can supply foreign meat killed at the port of disembarkation instead of native home bred meat which was guaranteed to be used by the late Government some years ago.

We believe the change is a violation of official promises, and most unfair and prejudicial to the agricultural interests of the Three Kingdoms. We also protest against the feeding of Army horses mainly upon foreign oats, straw, and hay, and we call upon the Secretary of State for War to reconsider his decision upon this important question in the interests of the taxpayers, ratepayers, and employers of the Three Kingdoms."

The above resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hone, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

— Importation of Horses. &c. —

The following letter (No 2730/06. V. B.) under date 7th June '06 from the Department of Agriculture was read for the meeting:-

"The Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland desire to transmit herewith, for the information of your local authority, copies of an Order made by the Department under the Diseases of Animals Acts, on the 29th ultimo, and entitled the "Importation of Horses asses and mules (Ireland) Order of 1906."

This order will come into operation on the 1st proximo; and, in connection therewith, it will, in particular, be observed that the terms of Article 4 require the Local Authority to be notified (by the person having the animal in his possession or under his charge) in every instance where a horse, ass or mule landed under the Order arrives at a place of destination within the District of the Local Authority; who, on receipt of the notification, may cause such veterinary inspection to be made of the imported horse, ass, or mule, as they may deem requisite."

— International Exhibition —

The Enniscorthy Branch of the National Council forwarded the following resolution for adoption:-

"In view of the statement contained in a report of their weekly meeting, furnished to the Press, and which appears in to day's "Freeman Journal" Friday May 18th '06; viz:- That they the promoters of the International Exhibition intend to solicit (and we presume obtain if possible) the support of the Irish county councils for their project,

and in view of the fact that this said project; the holding of an International Exhibition in Dublin next year, has been condemned by the "Ard Theis" of the Gaelic League, the General Council of the County Councils, the Irish Parliamentary Party, and the majority of Irish Public Boards, as being detrimental to Irish Trade. We respectfully request the members of the Wexford County Council both collectively and as individuals not to lend themselves to any effort, that may be made, to secure their support for the foisting of this project upon the country."

marked. "Read."

— Food & Drugs Inspectors. —

The following letter was received from Mr. F. Kelly Esq. D. J. R. J. C. Wexford, under date 8th June 1906.

"Owing to the transfer of Acting Sgt. Breardon from Killinick, and Sergeant Madden from New Ross. I request that new authorities be issued under Food and Drugs acts, appointing Sergeant Mr. Farrell for Killinick, P. S. District, and Acting Sgt. Christopher Breardon for New Ross. P. S. District."

"On the motion of Mr. Murphy the appointments were agreed to."

— Compulsory Dipping of Sheep. —

Under date 29th May 1906 the following letter (No. 11544) was read from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, relative to compulsory dipping of sheep, for the prevention and cure of sheep scab:-

"I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant enclosing copy of a resolution adopted by the County Council of the County of Wexford on the subject of the compulsory dipping of sheep, and in reply to inform you

that the police cannot act as Inspectors under the Diseases of animals Acts, but that it is proposed that they should give assistance to local authorities in connection with the compulsory dipping of sheep, and that the extent to which they can do this is at present the subject of correspondence between the Government and the Department of Agriculture."

In connection with this subject circular letter from the Department under date 22nd May 1906 (No 2499-V.B.) was read. In this communication the Department pointed out that if the County Council expressed itself in favour of the Department issuing an Order and at the same time undertakes to execute and enforce it, the Department would be prepared to issue it."

Mr. J. H. Norris. V.S. appeared before the meeting, and gave an explanation, as to the various Orders.

Mr. Hore proposed, and Mr. Murphy seconded: "That the Department of Agriculture be requested to hold a meeting of the Council of Agriculture with a view to the adoption of a general order for the compulsory dipping of sheep throughout Ireland, and that they impress upon the Government the necessity of having the services of the police utilized as certificators at sheep dipping centres. That in the event of three-fourths of the representatives of the Counties of Ireland on the Council of Agriculture agreeing to such a General Order being issued that the Department issue same.

That a Committee consisting of the following meet at the Council Chamber, Wexford, at 10.06. a.m. on 18th June to consider the drafting of regulations for compulsory dipping of sheep

said regulations to be afterwards considered at a meeting of the co. council to be held on same date: Messrs Keacocke, Browne, J. Codd, J. Bolger, Mark Codd, J. A. Doyle, John Sinnott, J. Asple, M. Hickey, P. Cleary, James Sinnott, Mr. Norris B.S. was requested to attend the meeting."

Maquire v. Cavan Co. Council.

Under date 6th June 1906 the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 31,405 Wexford County) as follows:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland, have had before them the resolution contained in the minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford Co. Council, on the 23rd ultimo., relative to the proposal to contribute towards the expenses of an appeal to the House of Lords in the case of Maquire v. Cavan County Council; and, in reply, I am to state that the Board cannot find that they have any authority to sanction the proposed course."

Tara Hill Quarry.

The following letter was read from Mr. Thomas Smith, Tara Hill, Gorey, under date 1st June:-

"Your note of yesterday to hand. In reply I beg to inform you I will accept the sum of Ten Pounds for tenant right, etc., of small field held by me, adjoining the proposed quarry at Tara Hill."

L. William Emmond

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Special meeting.- 18th June 1906.

A special meeting of the County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on Monday 18th June 1906.

Present:- Mr. M. A. Ennis (Vice-Chm.) presiding.
Other members:- Messrs James Codd, Mr. Broune, E. Hore, C. H. Peacocke, J. J. Kehoe, J. E. Mayler, John Sinnott, J. A. Doyle, Matthew Doyle, and John Cummins.

Mr. R. W. Elgee, Solicitor, Mr. Henry Webster, County Surveyor, Mr. Frizelle, Secretary to the Council, and Mr. J. H. Norris, V. S. were in attendance.

Vote of Condolence.

Proposed by Mr. Broune, seconded by Mr. Kehoe:-
"That we convey to Mrs. Davitt and family our deep sympathy in the loss she has sustained in the death of her husband, Mr. M. Davitt."

Passed.

Road Contractors.- Specifications.

Mr. John Sinnott, moved the following motion of which he had given previous notice:-
"That accepted contractors for roads and special works be furnished with a copy of the specification of each contract for which they have been accepted."

Mr. Kehoe seconded.

Passed.

Revision of Valuation

Mr. Ennis moved, Mr. Peacocke seconded:-
"That we approve of the lists of cases for revision of valuation submitted by the Secretary, being forwarded to the valuation office, and that the Commissioner of valuation be requested to have the Revisions carried out."

Passed.

Compulsory Sheep Dipping.

The following letter, No. 3120-06. under date 16th June 1906, from the Department of Agriculture, was read for the meeting:-

"With reference to your letter of the 12th Instant I am directed by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, to state that they have brought to the notice of the Irish Government that portion of the resolution in connection with the question of compulsory dipping adopted by your County Council at their meeting on the 11th Instant, which expresses the view of the Council as to the necessity of having the services of the Police utilised as certifiers at sheep dipping centres; and, when a reply in the matter has been received, the Council will be further communicated with. At present, and pending such further communication, the points on which it seems practicable to count on Police assistance in the working of a Local Authority's Sheep Dipping regulations are as follows:-

1.- Notices given by sheep owners as to the time and place of intended dipping, could be received by the Police.

2.- The police might reasonably and without great difficulty while on patrol satisfy themselves that the dipping is in progress, and report any cases of neglect or failure to carry out the regulations that may come under their notice.

3.- They could also report any illegal movements of sheep from a Sheep Dipping area that might come under their notice.

4.- They could receive declarations which under the terms of a Local Authority's regulations sheep owners might be required to furnish at the conclusion of dipping."

As regards the proposed meeting on Monday

of the committee appointed by your Council to consider the drafting of a compulsory Dipping Regulations for the County. I am to state that Mr. Norris will be instructed to attend this meeting, as desired; and, in the same connection, I am to enclose some copies of a Form which has been generally accepted as the basis of their local Regulations, by various other Co. Councils who have recently decided for compulsory dipping.

The Committee, will no doubt be interested to know that in Wicklow, and the other three Counties adjoining Wexford the Local Authorities have already agreed to put compulsory Dipping Regulations in force."

"On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Codd the following report of Special Committee to consider this matter was agreed to:-

Compulsory Sheep Dipping.

A meeting of the Committee appointed at the meeting of the County Council on the 11th June 1906, was held in the County Council Chamber on the 18th June 1906.

Present:- Messrs C. A. Peacocke, Michael Browne, James Codd, and John Sinnott.

Mr. J. H. Norris, V. S. of the Department of Agriculture, and the Secretary of the Council were also in attendance.

The following Order was adopted:-

County of Wexford.

Sheep Scab.

Compulsory Dipping of Sheep.

The County Wexford County Council being the local authority of the County of Wexford, by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred on them by the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1903, and the Sheep Scab (Local Regulations) (Ireland) Order of 1905, and of every other power enabling them in this

behalf, do hereby make the following Regulations:-
Commencement & Extent of Regulations.

1.- These Regulations shall come into operation on the 1st July 1906, and shall apply to the County of Wexford, hereinafter called "the County."

Compulsory Dipping of all Sheep in the County.

2.- (1) In each year during which these Regulations are in operation the owner of any sheep which may be in the County between the following dates, viz., 1st July and 15th September, hereinafter referred to as the "prescribed dipping period," shall cause such sheep to be treated for sheep-scab between such dates by effective dipping in an efficient sheep-dip: provided that sheep shall not be required to be dipped in pursuance of these Regulations when they are moved by railway through the District of the Local Authority, or any part thereof, from a place outside the District, to another place outside the District, without unnecessary delay and without the sheep being untrucked within the District.

(2)- If the owner of any sheep in the County fails to treat such sheep in accordance with this article, the Local Authority may at any time, without prejudice to the recovery of any penalty for such default, cause such sheep to be treated for sheep-scab by effective dipping in any efficient sheep dip, and may recover summarily the expenses of such treatment from such owner.

Notice to Local Authority of Time & Place of

Intended Dipping.

3.- (1) For the purpose of enabling the Local Authority to be represented at the Dipping whenever they think such a course desirable, the owner or person in charge of any sheep required to be dipped under the preceding article, shall give such written notice of his intention to dip his sheep as is hereinafter provided:-

The notice shall be delivered or sent to, the Sergeant in charge of R. I. C. district in which the sheep are located, three clear days, at least, before the intended time of dipping.

The notice shall state the time and place of the intended dipping, and the approximate number of sheep intended to be dipped.

(2) If for any cause the dipping of the sheep on the date specified in a notice becomes impracticable, no further notice shall be required if the sheep are dipped as soon after such date as is practicable.

Shearing before Dipping.

4.- A sheep shall not be deemed to have been dipped in accordance with the requirements of Article 2. unless it has been previously shorn prior to the dipping in the year of dipping, but this Regulation shall not apply to lambs less than twelve months old.

Declaration after Dipping.

5.- Every owner of sheep to which these Regulations apply or his authorised Agent, shall, within one week after the conclusion of the prescribed dipping period, send by post or deliver to the Clerk of the Local Authority, a Declaration in the Form A. set forth in the Schedule I. hereto, or to the like effect, of his having dipped all sheep owned by him within the county in accordance with these Regulations.

Isolation of Sheep.

6.- All sheep after having been dipped as aforesaid during "the prescribed dipping period" shall for the remainder of that period be kept isolated as far as practicable from any other sheep which have not been so dipped.

Movement to Market during Dipping Period.

7.- During the prescribed dipping period in any year no sheep shall enter or be exposed for sale in any market, fair, or saleyard within the county.

nor be moved along or across a highway for that purpose unless such sheep has been previously dipped in that year in accordance with these Regulations, or within 28 days prior to the first of July.

Cleansing of Dipping Places.

8.- The place on any farm or premises which has been used for the dipping shall without unnecessary delay be thoroughly cleansed by the occupier, and all tufts of wool shall be gathered and disinfected or destroyed by him.

Samples of Dip may be taken.

9.- Every owner or person in charge of sheep being dipped under these Regulations shall permit and give facility to an Inspector, or other authorised officer of the Local Authority to take samples of the dip used.

Certificates of Dipping.

10.- Where under these Regulations, sheep are dipped in the presence, and to the satisfaction, of an Inspector of the Local Authority or other authorised officer, he shall give the owner or person in charge of the sheep a certificate to that effect, on a form to be provided by the Local Authority.

Interpretation

11.- In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, "Efficient sheep-dip" has the same meaning as in the Sheep Scab (Ireland) Order of 1905.

"Owner" includes joint owner.

"Sheep" includes lambs.

"authorised officer" means an officer authorised by the Local Authority for the purposes of Articles 4 and 5 of the Sheep Scab (Ireland) Order of 1905, or of these Regulations.

N. J. Fuzelle

Clerk to the Local Authority

Dated at County Wexford Co. Council Offices.

this 10th day of June 1906

Notes.

Use of dipping places & apparatus provided by Local Authority

Every Owner may have the use of the dipping places and portable apparatus as well as the necessary appliances and materials in connection therewith (upon payment of the charges prescribed by the Local Authority) which have been or may hereafter be provided by the Local Authority, and a list of which are set out in Schedule "I" hereto, and upon such terms and conditions as may be laid down by the Local Authority from time to time.

Streams not to be injuriously affected.

No dipping place shall be used as aforesaid if such use will injuriously affect the water in any stream, reservoir, aqueduct, well, pond or place constructed or used for the supply of water for drinking or other domestic purposes.

Disposal of used dip material.

The liquid or material which has been used for dipping sheep must be disposed of into a pit or dealt with in some other available way so that all necessary precautions are taken to prevent any animals coming into contact with any such waste liquid or material.

Offences.

Any person not complying with any of the above Regulations is guilty of an offence against the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, s. 52, and is liable to:-

- (i) A fine not exceeding £20.
- (ii) If relating to more than 4 animals, £5 for each animal, and to imprisonment in default of payment.

Sheep Dip.

It is important that all owners of sheep should see that the dip to be used is of sufficient strength.

Schedule 1.Form A.(Article 5)Declaration as to Dipping of Sheep.No.

I. _____ of _____
do hereby certify that all sheep now in my possession
or that have been in my possession in County
Wexford, between the 1st July and 15th September
in the current year were thoroughly dipped in
an efficient sheep-dip during the prescribed
dipping period, by a thorough immersion in
a sheep-dip approved or purporting to be
approved by the Department of Agriculture
and Technical Instruction for Ireland for
sheep scab in Ireland, and that all such
sheep are described below.

(Signature) _____

Dated _____

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Description of Sheep Dipped

Description of sheep.	No Dipped	Name & description of the place & premises where they are usually kept, & Parish in which situate.
Rams		
Breeding Ewes.		
Other Sheep one year old & above		
Lambs		

The above mentioned sheep were so dipped in my presence
Signed. _____

Inspector of Local Authority

Dated this _____ day of _____ 190

Schedule II.

List of Dipping Tanks, or Dipping Places provided by the
Local Authority under Sec 3. of the Diseases of Animals Act 1903.

List of Dipping Places at which the Local Authority have made
arrangements for the dipping of sheep.

Name of Occupier	Situation of Premises.

The question of the provision of dipping apparatus to be provided by the Local Authority was referred to the Rural District Councils for their opinion; the Secretary being directed to point out that the Co. Council had adopted an order for compulsory dipping of sheep between the 1st July and 15th September, that fourteen counties had, up to this date, already adopted this Order, which was found necessary by reason of the restrictions placed on the importation of sheep in England, Scotland, and Wales, and the threat of the Board of Agriculture to prevent any sheep entering the ports of Great Britain at anytime during the year which had not been efficiently dipped. The enforcement of the compulsory Sheep Dipping Order for Ireland, is absolutely necessary if the export trade in sheep is to be allowed to continue. The Order adopted by the County Council of Wexford had been framed so as to meet the requirements of the Orders in force in Great Britain.

Unless dipping tanks are provided, owners of sheep will have on their own shoulders the entire responsibility of carrying out the order.

Non compliance with any of the provisions renders the offender liable to a fine not exceeding £20.

The District Councils are to be asked if under the circumstances they consider one portable dipper should be provided for their district-four for the county.

The clerks of the four District Councils, to be asked to give notice that this matter will be considered at the next meetings of their councils.

It was decided that the Secretary ask the County Inspector of the R. I. C. if he would be prepared to ask the police who are at present engaged in compiling statistics of tillage and stock etc., to furnish the names and addresses

of the Owners of sheep in the county, to the County Council.

The Committee recommend the appointment of one Inspector for each Rural District for the present year to carry out the compulsory dipping order which has been adopted by the Council, the amount of remuneration to be £1. per week for ten weeks; the appointment to be made at the next meeting of the Diseases of Animals Acts Committee.

That the Department of Agriculture be requested to furnish the Diseases of Animals Acts Committee for this County, with the result of investigations by their inspector from time to time as to how the work under the Order is progressing.

That the County Inspector R. J. C. be requested to allow the Police to assist the Inspectors of the Co. Council when carrying out the dipping operations, in the matter of preserving order.

Mr. J. A. Doyle moved, Mr. Sinnott seconded, and it was passed: "That if our Secretary considers it advisable that he have published in the Wexford People, Free Press, and Echo, advertisements in connection with the appointments of Inspectors under compulsory Sheep Dipping Order."

Mr. Peacocke moved, Mr. Sinnott seconded, and it was passed: "That a vote of thanks be accorded Mr. J. H. Norris, B. S. for the assistance afforded by him to the Council in reference to the adoption of the compulsory Sheep Dipping Order."

County & Assistant Surveyors.

The following letter No. 35138-1906, Wexford County, under date 16th June 1906 was read from the Local Government Board:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have

had before them, the resolutions adopted by the County Council of Wexford, at their meeting on the 11th instant, in connection with the re-arrangement of the County Surveyor's Department; and I am to state that the Board approve of the agreements made by the County Council and Mr. Webster, County Surveyor, and Mr. Jones Assistant Surveyor respecting their future salaries. The Local Government Board also assent to the increase of salary proposed to be allowed to Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor.

With regard to the proposed superannuation allowances to Messrs Leary and Murphy, the Board desire to state, for the information and guidance of the County Council, that certain statutory requirements must be fulfilled before the Local Government Board can give their consent to a proposal to superannuate a County Officer. These requirements are that the officer must have devoted his whole time to the service of the County. That if he resigns on grounds other than that of old age he must become incapable of discharging the duties of his office with efficiency, by reason of permanent infirmity of mind or body.

This should be verified by medical certificate.

If an officer resigns on ground of old age he must have completed the full age of 60 years and have served as an officer for 20 years at the least.

The Chairman gave notice that he would move at next meeting of the Council to be held after the expiration of one month from this date (8th June 1906) that a superannuation allowance of £40 per annum be granted to Messrs Murphy and Leary in accordance with the County Council's resolution of the 20th April 1906, on the ground of old age and of infirmity.

