Annual meeting - 12th June 1912.

The annual meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber Courthouse, Wexford, on Wednesday, 12th June 1912.

Present :- Mr. John Bolger, Chairman, presided.

Other Members :- Messrs R. A. Rice, J. J. Stafford O'Neill, Kearn, Peacocke, Lynch, Rossiter, Asple, M. Doyle Jr., M. Cloney, J. Todd, P. Kinsella, J. A. Doyle, M. Hickey, J. J. Mayler, M. Toad, J. O'Connor, D. Sinnott, M. Doyle Sr., J. L. Esmonde, M. Gough.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, Mr. R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council; J. Barker Wells, National Health Insurance Commission and Dr. Browne, Local Government Inspector were in attendance.

Vote of Condolence.

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

"That we offer our Colleague - Mr. John O'Connor - our expression of sincere regret and heartfelt sympathy in the loss sustained by him through the death of his wife."

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. O'Connor."

The Chairmanship.

On the motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. David Sinnott :- Mr. John Bolger was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the

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Council for the ensuing year."

"Mr. Bolger returned thanks, and subscribed the usual declaration of office."

Vice-Chairmanship.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Lynch, - Mr C. N. Peacocke, was unanimously re elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

"Mr. Peacocke returned thanks, and subscribed the usual declaration of office."

Committees.

On the motion of Mr. Rossiter, seconded by Mr. Kinsella, the full Council was appointed the Proposal Committee.

Diseases of animals acts Committee.

On the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Rice, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the business of the Diseases of animals acts Committee be carried out by the Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction."

Finance Committee & Roads Committee.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Stafford, the following were appointed a Finance & Roads Committee:-

Messrs John Bolger, C. N. Peacocke, J. S. Hearn, W. Doyle Jr., J. J. Stafford, James Lynch, P. Rossiter, M. Hickey, Sir T. Esmonde, T. Doyle, M. Cloney, J. J. Mayler, P. O'Neill, James Todd, J. O'Connor, T. L. Esmonde, R. A. Rice, A. Kinsella,

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P. J. Fanning, and Lord Stopford."

Chairmen &c., of Rural District Councils.

The Secretary stated he had received communications from the Clerks of the Rural District Councils, that representatives on the Co. Council had been appointed as follows:-

Enniscorthy	Mr. James Lynch.
Gorey.	Mr. P. J. Fanning.
New Ross.	Mr. M. Hickey
Wexford.	Mr. P. Rossiter.

"Messrs Lynch, Hickey, and Rossiter attended and signed the usual declarations of office."

Co-option of member of Council.

With reference to the casual vacancy in Bridgetown County Division of the Council caused by the resignation of Mr. M. Browne, a report of a public meeting held at Kilmore recommending the Co. Council to appoint Mr. Michael Gough, Ballyharty; was read:-

Mr. James J. Whelan, Hon Sec; United Irish League Branch, Taghmon; wrote forwarding resolution asking the Co. Council to co-opt Mr. Peter J. Bogan.

A memorial from a number of District Councillors in the County Division of Bridgetown in favour of the selection of Mr. Bogan was also received.

Mr. Peacocke proposed the co-option of Mr. Bogan, Mr. Rice seconded.

Mr. M. Doyle Jr., proposed Mr. Gough, Mr. Mayler seconded.

A poll was taken with the following

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result :-
For Mr. Gough :- Messrs O'Connor, M. Codd, Mayler, Kinsella, Stafford, Lynch, O'Neill, M. Doyle Jr., Cloney, J. N. Doyle, Sinnott, and the Chairman :- 12.
For Mr. Bogan :- Messrs Rice, Hearn, Peacocke, Rossiter, Doyle, James Codd, Esmonde, Hickey, M. Doyle Sr. 9.

The Chairman declared Mr. Gough elected.

Mr. Gough subsequently attended and signed the usual declaration of office.

Election of Senior assistant Surveyor.

The following report in connection with the appointment of Senior Assistant Surveyor, was read from Mr. Barry, Co. Surveyor :-

"At your meeting on the 12th inst, the appointment of a Senior assistant Surveyor will take place, and I beg to report on the matter as follows :-

There are 51 applications which I have tabulated in alphabetical order for purpose of reference, showing the training and practical experience of each candidate.

The training is of two kinds, i. e., 1st Degree or Diploma from a College or Engineering School, and 2nd Pupilage with an Engineer or Surveyor.

Besides this a number of candidates have the qualification of belonging to an Engineering Society.

The practical experience is very varied, comprising every branch of Engineering and in nearly all parts of the world.

The table I have prepared will show

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at a glance each candidates qualification for the position.

In making a selection from amongst such a large number of applicants, the Council must be guided by several considerations if the most suitable man is to be appointed.

First in order I place personality, which must be judged largely by the Council when interviewing the candidates.

A good assistant must have tact and strength of character.

The second consideration should be practical experience of work under an Irish Co. Council, this I believe to be essential for an efficient officer, unless a great deal of time be wasted by the Co. Surveyor, in teaching the assistant his duties.

In this connection I consider that the candidates should be able to point to good results rather than of service.

Practical experience of Road machinery and a good knowledge of materials and quarries is of the utmost importance.

Regarding age, I am more or less doubtful of an applicant with many years experience looking for this appointment, but no doubt too young a man may lack in capacity to control and direct the contractors and the other assistants who should be under his authority subject to the County Surveyor.

The preliminary training of the applicant is of importance and he should be capable of Surveying, Leveling, and Drawing and mapping, and making calculations. In this section the man with the degree may rank highly, but a pupilage in a reputable office should be equally good.

Good theoretical training without practical experience would not give as suitable a

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man as the all round practical experience without college training.

I shall be prepared to deal further with the subject as the Council may wish and shall give what assistance I can in the selection of the most suitable candidate."

The following candidates were in attendance Messrs. M. Hassett, Bridgetown; J. Paddle main St., Gorey; J. O'Sullivan, Newport; Limerick C. A. Hall, Town Hall, Naas; John Bowes, market Sq. Castlebar; and J. Treanor, Liscarney, Swann's Cross, Co. Monaghan.

Mr. Peacocke proposed the appointment of Mr. Hassett, as Senior Assistant Surveyor at a salary of £ 200 per annum to cover all locomotion and other expences, exclusive of postage, the appointment to be determined at any time by three month's notice at either side.

Mr. Mayler seconded.

Mr. O'Neill proposed, and Mr. Hearn seconded the appointment of Mr. Treanor.

Mr. Kinsella proposed, and Mr. Sinnott seconded the appointment of Mr. Paddle.

None of the other candidates were proposed.

A poll was taken with the following result:
For Mr. Hassett :- Messrs Mayler, Peacocke, Lynch, Cloney, James Todd, Gough, Hickey - 7.

For Mr. Treanor :- Messrs O'Connor, M. Todd, Stafford, O'Neill, Hearn, Rossiter, Doyle, Esmonde, J. A. Doyle, W. Doyle Jr., R. A. Rice, and the Chairman :- 12.

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For Mr. Paddle :- Messrs Kinsella, and Sinnott - 2.

Mr. M. Doyle Jr did not vote.

Mr. Treanor having a clear majority of those present and voting, was declared elected.

Finance Act 1911 & National Insurance Act 1911.

Circular letter from the Local Government Board dealing with the Parliamentary Grant for Sanatorium purposes was read. The Local Government Board pointed out that a sum of £1,500,000 was appropriated by Section 16 of the Finance Act 1911, for the purposes of providing, or making Grants in aid of Sanatoria and other institutions for the treatment of tuberculosis etc., and Section 64 of the National Insurance Act 1911 provided that the sum should be apportioned between the several parts of the united Kingdom in proportion to their population. The Irish share amounting to £145,000 was to be distributed by the Local Government Board for Ireland with the consent of the Treasury. If County Councils make adequate and proper provision for the care of persons suffering from tuberculosis, not only would they receive a large contribution from the Grant towards the establishment of the Dispensaries and Sanatoria, but they could recover the bulk of the cost of maintenance and management in the form of per capita allowances in respect of patients treated for the Insurance Committee. In this way the annual charge falling on the County Councils and voluntary associations would be reduced to a minimum.

The Local Government Board recommended the establishment of a tuberculosis dispensary

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one for each County and County Borough, and they estimated that if they ear marked from £20,000 to £25,000 for this purpose, together with the necessary beds which should be attached to these Dispensaries for keeping patients under close observation for short periods it would go a long way towards the initial establishment cost whilst the annual charge for maintenance and staff should, in many of the Counties, be wholly met by the Capitation allowances from the Insurance Committees in respect of insured persons.

With regard to Sanatoria the Local Government Board stated they would favour the establishment of a limited number of these Institutions for large areas under combinations of County Councils and County Borough Councils. So far as it was possible to form an opinion at present, it seemed probable that at least 300 further beds in addition to the accommodation already available in public Sanatoria would be required for the immediate needs of early cases, but a much larger provision would be needed for late cases.

The Local Government Board suggested for the consideration of the Co. Councils that each Co. Council should appoint a Sub-Committee to prepare and submit schemes for :-

(a) The establishment of Dispensaries within their own County.

(b) The combination with other Counties or County Boroughs for establishment of Sanatoria.

In connection with the apportionment of the Grant the Local Government Board pointed out that no portion of it could be applied towards defraying annual charges for the maintenance of dispensaries or sanatoria.

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under date 29th may, Lady aberdeen wrote forwarding memorandum etc., embodying a Scheme which the Women's National Health Association of Ireland desired to submit to the County Councils for their favourable consideration.

The following are extracts from the letter of Her Excellency:-

"It will perhaps be of interest to your Council to observe that as stated on Page 7., the Health Conference of Local Authorities which was held in Dublin on Friday last, unanimously passed a Resolution recommending acceptance of the Women's National Health Association's offer to supply provisionally the equipment for dealing with Tuberculosis cases recommended by the County Insurance Committees; in other words, that the Women's National Health Association should act as the agents of the County Councils in providing the actual machinery for administrating the desired treatment until the Co. Councils have had time to complete their own arrangements for that purpose.

Should your County Council, or any Committee that they appoint, desire to confer with a representative of the Women's National Health Association with regard to the Scheme submitted, we shall be very glad to make arrangements to that effect.

Let me again say that this offer is only made with the desire to be of assistance to Co. Councils in dealing with the cases of tuberculosis which will be recommended for treatment under the Insurance Act by the Insurance Committees immediately after the Insurance Act comes into force on July 15th."

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The Scheme submitted by the Women's National Health association for the purpose of making effective the Sanatoria & Tuberculosis benefits available for insured persons under the National Health Insurance act was read for the meeting.

Under date 13th May 1912, the Assistant Secretary to the National Health Insurance Commission, Ireland; wrote acknowledging receipt of the certified copies of the Scheme and additional rules adopted by the Wexford Co. Council in connection with the proposed establishment of a County Society for the purposes of the National Insurance act 1911.

The Secretary to the National Health Insurance Commission, Ireland; writing under date 22nd May, asked the County Council to submit before the 7th June the names of six persons from the County in which members of the Co. Wexford Insurance Society are resident, with a view to the preparation of a list from which the Commissioners may select the necessary number of representatives of insured persons on each Insurance Committee.

The Secretary stated that he had submitted this letter to the meeting of the Finance Committee of the Council on 29th May, and they had selected the following:- Messrs John Bolger, C. H. Peacocke, M. Doyle Jr., James Todd, James. J. Stafford, and J. Aspell.

"On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, Seconded by Mr. Esmonde, the recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed

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under date 23rd May, the following letter was read from Mr. E. N. Wynne, Secretary, Wicklow Co. Council :-

"The County Council of this County directed me, at its Quarterly meeting, to write to the Co. Councils of Wexford, Carlow, and Kildare, and to ask would these Councils join with the Wicklow Co. Council in forming a joint County Friendly Society under the National Health Insurance Act.

As you are perfectly aware the benefits to be obtained under the Act will, unless the particular Friendly Society applying for approval has a considerable membership, be of a very limited nature, especially as these County Societies will be chiefly to benefit that class of employed person who, through delicate health or infirmity, may not be likely to be accepted by the general Friendly Societies, and will therefore have to fall back on the Deposit Insurance at the Post office.

My Council considers it therefore advisable, and of advantage to each of the Counties who may join, to amalgamate several Counties into one such County Friendly Society, in order that they may reap the benefit of co-operation.

Kindly let me hear from you when you have obtained the opinion of your Council."

"Adjourned to next meeting."

under date 17th May, the following letter was read from Mr. J. W. M. Fuge, Divisional Officer, Labour Exchanges, Dublin :-

"In connection with the provisions of Part II of the National Insurance Act (Unemployment Insurance), the Board of Trade are desirous that directions to employers and

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workpeople in the Insured Trades should be made as widely known as possible. As you are aware the act is compulsory and, after 15th July 1912, no employer in the Insured Trades can engage an insurable workman without his being in possession of an Unemployment Book which, during the course of his employment, has to be stamped whenever wages are paid.

With a view of making this publicly known throughout the united Kingdom, posters have been designed, and it is in this connection that I would ask that you would be so good as to obtain the sanction of your Council for the display of one or more of these notices in some public position in your centre. I enclose a specimen copy, and should you desire others, a further supply will be dispatched to you at your request.

I am to add that the Board of Trade would much appreciate any help you can render in this direction, in order that the provisions of the act may be known to everyone affected.

Under date 6th June, the following letter No 35 M was read from the National Health Insurance Commission:-

"adverting to previous correspondence on the subject of the Provisional Insurance Committee to be appointed under the National Insurance Act 1911, for the County Wexford.

I am directed by the National Health Insurance Commissioners for Ireland to request that you will be good enough to ascertain for their information whether the Council would be willing to grant

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facilities for the first meeting of the Provisional Insurance Committee by allowing them the use of their offices, and possibly by lending the services of some of their office staff for the initial stages of the proceedings.

The Commissioners trust that the Council will generously respond to the call that is thus made upon them; and as the matter is one of extreme urgency, I am to request the favour of a reply at as early a date as possible."

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke.

Seconded by Mr. Rossiter, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the question of ascertaining the particulars of the various employed of the Council who must be insured under Part I. and under Part II of the National Insurance Act 1911, be referred to Mr. Elgee with instructions to prepare a list of these officials."

The following letter under date 17th May 1912, was read from Mrs Boyan, Railway Hotel, Gorey; who has been appointed a member of the Insurance Committee for the County Wexford :-

"I thank you for acquainting me that the Co. Council has nominated me as a member of the Insurance Co. Committee. Please convey to them my acknowledgments. May I suggest that you send the members a copy of the act which they are expected to have a share in administering. I think this would be advisable on the part of the Council".

On the motion of the Chairman

Seconded by Mr. Stafford, the following

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resolution was adopted :-

"That the National Health Insurance Commission be requested to issue for the information of members of Insurance Committees a leaflet giving particulars of their duties, etc."

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

"That messrs M. Doyle Sr., P. Rossiter, M. Hickey, P. O'Neill, T. L. Esmonde, J. J. Stafford, J. S. Hearn, A. Kinsella, Sir T. H. G. Esmonde Bt. and the Chairman, and Vice-Chairman be appointed a Committee to draft a scheme on the terms of the Circular letter of the Local Government Board re Parliamentary Grant for Sanatorium purposes etc., this Committee to meet on Tuesday 20th June, at 2.30 p.m., and report to a special meeting of the Co. Council to be held as soon as possible thereafter.

That the Scheme submitted by the Women's National Health association be referred to the above Committee."

In connection with the establishment of the proposed Co. Society. Mr. Kinsella proposed, Mr. Stafford seconded :-

"That each member of the Co. Council appoint Organisers for his own particular County division, the organisers to be paid at the rate of 6d per head per insured person. That the Secretary furnish cards of application for admission to the Society to the Organisers."

As an amendment, Mr. Peacocke proposed that this work be carried out by the rate

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collectors at the same rate."

Mr. Lynch seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:- For the amendment :- Messrs M. Codd, E. N. Peacocke, Lynch, and Sinnott :- 4.
against :- Messrs Mayler, Kinsella, Rice, Stafford, Rossiter, Asple, M. Doyle Jr., M. Cloney, J. Codd, Esmonde, J. N. Doyle, M. Hickey, M. Doyle Sr., M. Gough, and the Chairman. 15.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The original motion was then put and carried.

On the motion of Mr. Kinsella, seconded by Mr. Rice the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the Co. Council have no objection to the first meeting of the County Insurance Committee being held in the Co. Council Chamber Courthouse, Wexford.

That we request our Secretary to assist the Committee as per the letter from the National Health Insurance Commissioners."

Rate Collector John Mullett.

under date 10th May 1912, the following letter No. 19271 - 1912 Wexford County, was read from the Local Government Board :-

"with reference to the entry in the minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford Co. Council at their meeting held on the 11th ultimo, relative to the manner in which Mr. John Mullett, Collector of Poor Rate, discharges his duties, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that in deference to the wishes of the Co. Council, they will not insist upon his immediate removal from office.

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It must, however, be clearly understood and duly impressed upon Mr. Mullett that, he must make substantial fortnightly lodgments, and that his account must be closed within the prescribed time, and that any failure on his part in this or any other respect to comply with the regulations will necessitate his removal from office."

"On the motion of the Chairman, the Secretary was directed to forward a copy of the above letter to Mr. John Mullett, Rate Collector."

Rate Collection.

On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted :-

"That Rate Collector Mullett, and Sinnott be requested to furnish fidelity Guarantee bonds within the next fortnight."

Rate Collector J. L. Doyle

under date 20th May the following letter No. 19271-1912, Wexford County, was read from the Local Government Board :-

"With reference to the entry in the minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford Co. Council at their meeting held on the 11th ultimo, relative to the manner in which Mr. J. L. Doyle Poor Rate Collector, discharges his duties, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they learn that the Finance Committee propose to continue this Collector with personal securities for the present,- he having undertaken to give satisfaction in future.

The Board will be prepared to accept

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to this Collector being allowed to hold office for a further period of one year, but he must understand that he must make substantial fortnightly lodgments, and in other respects comply fully with the regulations governing his appointment. At the close of that period the question of his further retention in office will be considered.

"On the motion of the Chairman the above letter was marked. "approved."

Motor Car Act.

Under date 17th May the following Circular Letter of the Local Government Board (No 21660) was read :-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to forward, for the information of the County or County Borough Council the accompanying copies of an Order made by the Board in pursuance of the powers vested in them by article 1 (2) of the Motor Car (International Circulation) Order 1910, authorising the Irish Automobile Club and the Automobile Association and Motor Union to perform for a further period of twelve months from the 26th May 1912, the duties as regards Ireland specified in article 1 (1) of that Order in connection with the examination of motor cars and drivers travelling in foreign countries, and the issue of travelling passes."

Marked "Read"

Rates on Buildings.

Under date 14th May, the following letter No. 19271 from the Local Government Board was

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read :-

"with reference to former correspondence on the subject of the assessment of poor rate in the County of Wexford and in particular to the copy of letter of Mr. R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Co. Council, which appears on the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 11th April last, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that it appears to them that in writing his opinion Mr. Elgee may have inadvertently overlooked several matters which he might like to have an opportunity of reconsidering.

He considers that the procedure which has hitherto been adopted by the Council is correct, viz :-

"where Buildings and Land were
"included in the one Demand Note
"and the Buildings were unoccupied
"during the whole period for which
"the rate was struck to strike off
"the Rate on the Buildings and
"receive it on the Land, or if the
"Buildings were only occupied for
"portion of the period to accept a
"proportion of the rate on such
"Buildings to cover the portion
"during which they were occupied
"and to strike off the balance, the
"rate on the Land being of course also
"paid."

It would appear to the Board, however, that under the NewRoss judgment this procedure could not result in the making of a valid rate upon a holding which comprises both Land and Buildings in case the latter be unoccupied at the time of making the rate. In the NewRoss case

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it was laid down that where the two denominations were rated together, the land being at the time in occupation and the buildings vacant, the result of rating the unoccupied portion rendered the whole rate on the holding bad and irrecoverable. This subject is fully dealt with in the last paragraph of the Board's letter of 26th February last.

Mr. Elgee states that if the word "Empty" were inserted in the Rate Book in the column for occupier there would be no means of collecting the rate if the house subsequently became occupied during the currency of the rate. It appears to the Board, however, that this point is fully covered by Section 12 of the Poor Relief (Ireland) act, 1862 (25 & 26 Vic c 83), which makes the buildings though described as "Empty" to be rated as fully and effectually as if it has been occupied at the time the rate was made, and goes on to provide that if the premises become subsequently occupied during the currency of the rate the occupier or the immediate lessor, as the case may be, is liable to pay the proper proportionate amount and it can be recovered from him in the same manner as if he had been originally rated for the buildings.

Mr. Elgee further states that should the views of the Board be carried out there would be no one in whose favour a determination could be given under Section 2 of 53 & 54 Vic, c. 30., and he considers that the only feasible way out of the difficulty would be for the Co. Council to make the determination provided for by that Section in all cases of unoccupied buildings but if closely examined it will be seen that the Section

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applies only in the case of rateable property for which a person is rated in the Rate Book, and does not apply in the case of unoccupied buildings described as "Empty" under 25 & 26 Vic., C 83."

marked "Read.".

Sheep Dipping Order.

under date 14th May, the following letter from the Veterinary Branch of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction was read:-

"The Department having received the intimation in your letter of 9th instant, as to the decision of your Local Authority not to appoint Sheep Dipping Inspectors this year will be glad if you will kindly say what were the grounds on which the Local Authority considered it unnecessary to make the appointments."

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

"That the Department be informed that the Co. Council decided not to appoint sheep dipping Inspectors as they considered these appointments unnecessary and a waste of Public money."

Ballyhack Harbour.

under date 11th May 1912, the Fisheries Branch of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote:-

"With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the protection of the fishing boats at Ballyhack, I have to

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state that the Department would feel obliged if you would kindly let them know whether the Wexford Co. Council are yet in a position to say if they are prepared to accept the offer contained in my letter of the 17th November 1910."

The following report was read from Mr. Barry, County Surveyor, in connection with the matter :-

"On the 11th may last in company of Mr. Cloney, M. C. C., and the Secretary, I made an inspection of this Pier and Boat Slip.

From information locally obtained and from my own observation I am of opinion that work has been done under the Grand jury of such nature as to come within Section 68 of the Grand jury (Ireland) act 1836, and that the Boat Slip is a Pier within the meaning of Section 67 of same act, and consequently it is repairable by the Co. Council under Section 18 (2) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898.

Before any extension work be undertaken if the Co. Council so decide, I would wish to have a consultation with the Department's Engineer as to the extent and nature of such work, when I shall place a plan and estimate before the County Council."

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

"That Messrs Doyle, M. Doyle Jr., Esmonde, Gough, Rice, Stafford, Cloney, the Chairman & Vice-Chairman, with the County Surveyor be appointed a Committee to visit Ballyhack Harbour and Duncannon Fluck, and report to the next meeting of the Co. Council.

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That the committee meet at Ballyhack on 24th June at 1.30 p.m."

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

"That owing to the impossibility of the members from the North of the County returning by train on the night of the inspection on account of unsatisfactory train arrangements, the committee be empowered to hire a motor car at Wexford for the convenience of the members from the North of the County."

Roads Committee meeting.

The following report of the meeting of the Roads Committee held on 29th May, was submitted to the meeting :-

"A meeting of the Roads Committee was held on 29th May 1912, in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford.
Present :- Mr. C. N. Peacocke, Vice-Chairman Co. Council, presided.
also Present :- Messrs James J. Stafford, M. Doyle Jr., James Todd, P. Rossiter, and T. C. Esmonde.

The Secretary and County Surveyor were also in attendance.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from Mr. John Bolger, Chairman of the Co. Council, and Mr. J. S. Kearn.

The Co. Surveyor presented the following report :-

"As this is the first meeting of the re-organised Committee I think it would be well to offer my suggestions for your approval as to procedure at future meetings,

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as follows :-

At each meeting the County Surveyor should submit a Report dealing in general terms with his work during the interval since the previous meeting, and in particular regarding all matters of importance.

The Senior assistant (when appointed) should submit a detailed diary of his work during the month; the form of this diary has yet to be drawn up. The Senior assistant should be in attendance at all Roads Committee meetings.

The Bi-monthly Report from the several assistant Surveyors (form attached) should be submitted by the Co. Surveyor with his remarks on same. Also the Detailed Report Books kept by Assistant Surveyors (form attached) should be before the Committee for examination.

Lists of defaulting Contractors should be submitted by the County Surveyor, and the Roads Committee should decide regarding legal proceedings etc., and the "Black Listing" of bad contractors.

Pay sheets for wages and general accounts should be considered and approved or otherwise. In general it is advisable that payments for works in the County Surveyor's charge or taken up under Section 64, as also Sudden Damage Orders, should be considered only at the meeting previous to the Quarterly meeting of the County Council, and Roads and Finance Committee at their monthly meeting should approve of passing accounts only.

On the 30th April in company of the Secretary I inspected Blackwater Harbour with regard to the proposed Pier, and on the 9th May also with the Secretary I inspected

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Ballyhack Pier.

These matters will be fully reported on at the Co. Council meeting.

On the 10th instant, I inspected the Deeps Bridge in company of the Committee appointed by the County Council :- Messrs Rossiter, J. A. Doyle, Doyle, were present. The Bridge is now closed for traffic except foot passengers.

On the 11th instant, Mr. deBesian, the Secretary, and myself inspected this Bridge, and I gave Mr. deBesian particulars so as to get an approximate estimate for the new bridge. I submit correspondence regarding the rebuilding.

On the 18th instant, I inspected Mountgarrett Bridge, New Ross; in company of the Kilkenny Co. Surveyor, and have arranged for its repair. The former repair work of this Bridge compares favourably with other similar work, but no doubt it also must be re-constructed within the next few years.

Mr. Pimm, the Resident Engineer in charge at Ferrycarrig Bridge, has now left the employment of the Co. Council, and before leaving he went through the accounts and other matters in connection with it. On the 24th instant at my request, Mr. Cochrun and his Engineer attended at my office to meet Mr. Pimm. We went fully into all matters in dispute and I submit a separate report on this.

By permission of the Co. Council I was absent in Monaghan from the 13th to the 16th instant, making a tour of inspection with the Monaghan Roads Committee. It may be advisable to have

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an inspection here at a later date.

I submit the assistant Surveyors Bi-monthly Reports (except that of Mr. Howlin, not yet to hand) but I have not asked for their detailed report books to be produced as they are only a short time in hand."

The Committee approved of the bi-monthly report forms and detailed Report book forms submitted by the County Surveyor.

Letter was read from Mr. Howlin, assistant Surveyor, stating that in consequence of having to help the Secretary to the Fair, he had overlooked sending bi-monthly report form on 30th inst., but he promised it would reach the County Surveyor on the 31st.

Mr. Barry explained that he had already written twice to Mr. Howlin for this report.

The following resolution was adopted:-
"That our Secretary inform Mr. Howlin, that in view of his failure to furnish his bi-monthly report in proper time to the County Surveyor, the Roads Committee will request the Council to take serious notice of any further neglect of duty on the part of Mr. Howlin with reference to sending in his reports or otherwise. That Mr. Howlin be directed to furnish his second report for the month of May to the County Surveyor at once."

Mr. Barry mentioned that sometime ago he had received a complaint from Canon Meehan, Ballindaggin; as to the condition of the road leading to Ballindaggin Catholic Church. The matter had been referred to Mr. Howlin who now reported that the

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defects complained of had been remedied immediately on receipt of report. a statement had however, been made recently that nothing had been done in the matter.

The following resolution was adopted:-
"That Mr. Howlin be instructed to furnish Mr. Barry with the date at which the repairs to road leading to Ballindaggin Catholic Church were carried out, and that Mr. Barry communicate with Canon Meehan as to these repairs."

With reference to Road No. 92 Enniscorthy district, and which had been taken up from the Contractor- John Kenny- by the County Surveyor; Mr. Barry read a letter from Kenny to Mr. Howlin, Assistant Surveyor; in which the former stated he declined to surrender the road.

The following resolution was adopted:-
"That Mr. Barry lay this matter before Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, and that Mr. Elgee be instructed to take any proceedings against Kenny which he considers may be necessary to sustain the action of the Co. Surveyor or to defend any proceedings which may be taken by Kenny to interfere with the decision of Mr. Barry in taking up the road."

Letter was read from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, with reference to road of Thomas Parle, Toberlamina, (Road No. 168 Gorey) stating that he could not do anything in the matter except to institute proceedings against the sureties- John Parle, Toberlamina, and Walter Dooley, Gurranon, Blackwater; to perform

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their obligations under the contract. He thought, however, the best course to pursue in view of the division of the contract, was for the Co. Surveyor to take up the road under the 54th Section of the Grand Jury act."

"It was decided that the matter be left in the hands of the County Surveyor."

Letter was read from Mr. Paddle, relative to repairs of Gorey Courthouse.

"The matter was referred to the Co. Surveyor to arrange for the repairs."

In connection with the report of the County Surveyor dealing with the Deeps Bridge, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the County Council be recommended to take steps as soon as possible to have the bridge at the Deeps reconstructed in ferro-concrete of an approved system. That Mr. Barry obtain particulars of the various systems and submit his opinion thereon to the County Council at next meeting. That the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co., be requested to contribute towards the erection of the new bridge as the structure will be of considerable advantage to their service."

The Committee having heard from Mr. Barry a statement as to an interview he had with Mr. Colhoun, Contractor for Ferrycarrig Bridge, and having discussed the matter fully adopted the following resolution :-

"That having heard Mr. Barry's statement

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in connection with the claim of Mr. Colhoun Contractor for Terrycarrig Bridge, we recommend the County Council to give Mr. Barry power to negociate with Mr. Colhoun, with a view to settlement of his claim for extras in connection with the contract and the claim of the Council against Mr. Colhoun for delay in finishing the work within the specified time, and of salary to Mr. Pimm Resident Engineer, caused by such delay."

Patrick Morris, Ballyconran, Crossford, Gorey; Contractor for Roads No. 113 & 121 Gorey (Slievebawn Quarry) wrote that he could not put out the specified tonnage on these roads owing to the price charged for material at the quarry, which was not opened at the time he entered into these contracts.

"The matter was referred to Mr Barry."

In connection with traction engine traffic on roads it was recommended to the Co. Council that in cases in which the Council own or hire engines for haulage purposes the Council should make good by Sudden Damage Order any injury done by the engines to the roads traversed by them.

Thomas Breen, Ballygoman, Barntown; whose father the late John Breen was contractor for road No. 31. Wexford wrote that about 80 feet of coping of the wall of this contract had been thrown down about the 1st January last, and asked the County Council to make good the damage.

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Ordered :- "That the County Surveyor inform the Contractor that the damage was largely owing to previous inattention and neglect, and that the County Surveyor be authorised to assist the representatives of the late Contractor to a reasonable extent by Sudden Damage Order."

"That in cases of this description the County Surveyor be authorised to consult with the Solicitor to the County Council as to the advisability of making a claim for criminal injury to the County Court Judge with a view to having the cost of repair levied off a small area."

In connection with the proposal to erect new bridge at the Deeps, the following letter was read from the Secretary Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co:-

"I submitted your letter of 30th May to my Directors at their meeting yesterday, and was instructed to state in reply that the Company have no funds available for the purpose of a special contribution towards the cost of reconstructing the bridge at "The Deeps". Meantime, I am to remind you that the Company are large ratepayers in the district which, will no doubt be charged with the cost of the work, and in that way will make a substantial contribution."

Capt Walker, Sykeillen, Wexford; wrote under date 10th June, as follows, with reference to the Deeps Bridge :-

"I have been asked by several of my neighbours to request you to bring before the Co. Council the great inconvenience that has been caused to us by the closing

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of the Bridge of the Deeps for vehicular traffic that however, I conclude cannot now be helped; owing to the manner in which the persons who have had the contracts for keeping the Bridge in proper repair, have been allowed to neglect their duties. But what we do ask your Council to do is, in the event of this bridge being closed <u>altogether</u> to make provision for a temporary footbridge in order to enable those living on the Kyle side of the Bridge to have access to the Railway Station. many persons on the Kyle side of this Bridge attend Divine Service at the villages of Glynn and Killurin, and the school children- the schools on <u>either</u> side. So if there is no provision made for a footbridge it means the gravest injury to the public."

"On the motion of the Chairman, the minutes of the Roads Committee were adopted."

The following report, signed by messrs Thomas Asple, Patrick Rossiter, and J. A. Doyle, was read :-

"We inspected the Deeps Bridge on the 10th May with the County Surveyor, and made a thorough examination as far as possible of the timbers, piles, etc.

The repair work done in recent years has been unsatisfactory and we consider that the present condition of the Bridge is such that it would be inadvisable to spend any money on repairs. We recommend that steps be taken to have a new bridge built, and, in the meantime, the old Bridge should be closed to all but foot passenger traffic, and, if possible, light

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traffic should also be allowed."

"On the motion of the Chairman, the foregoing report was adopted."

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Lynch the following resolution was adopted:-
"That in the event of a new bridge being built at the Deeps, the County Surveyor be instructed to take steps to have the old bridge used as a temporary structure for foot passengers or otherwise provide a ferry for the use of the residents in the locality.
That the question of the erection of the Deeps Bridge be considered at the nextspecial meeting of the Co. Council"

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Rossiter the following resolution was adopted:-
"That Mr Barry, County Surveyor, be authorised to have the necessary borings carried out and a survey of the site made at the Deeps without delay, with a view to the erection of a newbridge."

Application for Increase of Salary.

Under date 2nd May the following letter was read from Mr. Howlin, Assistant Surveyor:-
"As I am now two years appointed as Assistant Surveyor, I beg to apply to you for my second increment of salary, viz: £5. an hope you will give same your favourable consideration, as during my two years service I have always done my work to the best of my ability, and always with the object of giving you entire satisfaction.
Trusting you will give this application

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favourable consideration, and thanking you in anticipation."

"On the motion of Mr. Esmonde, seconded by Mr. Rossiter, it was decided that the consideration of Mr. Howlin's application be adjourned for six months."

Payment for Works in charge of Co. Surveyor.

The following report was read from Mr. Barry, County Surveyor:-

"I beg to report that a difficulty has arisen in dealing with payments of labourers &c., for small jobs in connection with these works; as the Finance Committee only meet monthly. I would suggest that an account should be opened in the name of the Secretary to allow of such payments being made in the interval between Finance Committee meetings."

On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:-
"That the Local Government Board be requested to agree to the Co. Council opening an account for the County Surveyor to deal with weekly payments to meet cases such as those raised in the foregoing Report of the County Surveyor."

Loss of Receipt & Demand Note Book.

At the meeting of the Finance Committee on the 8th May the following report was read from Mr. C. A. Richards of the Co. Council office:-

"I respectfully beg to inform you that

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the Receipt & Demand Note Book for the Electoral Division of Kilscoran has been lost.

This was discovered yesterday (6th May 1913) when checking books in Wexford Rural District for comparing, and it was only then that one of the temporary clerks. (Mr Philip J. Doyle) informed me that he had been working on this particular book on the morning of Saturday the 20th April, and left same on Reporter's desk in the Criminal Court when going to dinner, but that when he returned it had disappeared and he continued working on another division. He did not report this matter to me until yesterday.

I may mention that on the above date the Temporary Staff worked in the Criminal Court, owing to a District Council Meeting being held in the Council Chamber.

The Finance Committee had made the following recommendation :-

"That different arrangements be made in future as to the supervision of the Rate Clerks.

That Mr. C. N. Richards be called upon to replace the missing Receipt & Demand Note Book of Kilscoran."

In connection with this matter the following letter under date 5th June was read from messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors :-

"Mr. C. N. Richards has called on us and informs us that he considers that a recommendation made by the Finance Committee with regard to the loss of a Receipt & Demand Note Book, is not quite

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fair to him, and wishes to have an opportunity of explaining the matter before the Co. Council. We would feel very much obliged if you would place it on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council."

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Esmonde the following recommendations passed at the meeting of the Finance Committee on the 12th June were confirmed :-

"That Mr. Brennan, Solicitor, be not allowed to appear on behalf of Mr. Richards and that we deal with this matter ourselves."

"That Mr. Richards be informed that if he wishes to hold his position, he must submit to the orders of Mr. Frizelle."

Revision of valuation.

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the 25th June be fixed as the date of meeting for consideration of applications for Revision of valuation."

County Legal Proceedings.

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

"That general authority be given to our County Surveyor to consult with Mr. Elgee our Solicitor, on all matters in connection with County Works and report relative to same to succeeding meeting of the Roads Committee."

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Claim for Payment of Extra Police.

In connection with the claim of the Constabulary authorities for payment of £2848 : 3 : 10, for the services of extra constabulary employed in Wexford during the recent labour dispute; answers to Parliamentary questions raised by Sir Thomas Esmonde and Mr. Peter French M.P., were read for the meeting. From the answers it was apparent that the Irish Government declined to give any reason as to why they had selected the County at Large as the contributory area for the payment of the extra force from the depot.

"Postponed to next meeting."

Irish Public Bodies Insurance.

under date 8th May 1912, the following letter No. 5538 was read from the Lord Lieutenant

"I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to advert to your letter of the 15th instant, forwarding copy of a resolution adopted by the Wexford Co. Council relative to a suggested Irish Public Bodies Insurance Scheme, a copy of which has also been received from you.

I am to state that having been in communication with the Local Government Board, His Excellency desires me to make the following observations with respect to several proposals embodied in the Scheme.

1.- The Scheme in effect contemplates the establishment of a Public Bodies Insurance Company, to be controlled and managed by the Local Government Board on behalf of the various authorities throughout

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Ireland. As submitted, the Scheme does not indicate how the expenses of management are to be met or from what fund; apparently it is intended that the cost of management should fall on the State.

2.- It is proposed that the fund out of which possible losses are to be met should be provided in one of four ways:-

(a) By a Treasury Grant. The Treasury have no insurable interest in the premises proposed to be protected from Fire losses, and His Excellency apprehends that the Treasury would not entertain an application to provide a grant for this special purpose.

(b) By annual deductions from existing Treasury Grants. Such Grants are already hypothecated to a considerable extent by reason of existing guarantees charges thereto and it is not clear that they could undertake further liability.

(c) By direct contribution from the rates. This appears to be the only feasible course for the establishment of the proposed fund and will be dealt with more fully later on.

(d) By allowing the amounts now contributed from the rates for insuring labourer's cottages to accumulate at compound interest. Labourers cottages are the property of Rural District Councils. The expense of insuring the cottages falls entirely on the rate for Rural District charges and in His Excellency's opinion it would be unreasonable to utilise the funds so provided to indemnify against fire losses local authorities who are non-contributory, such as Co. Councils, Urban District Councils, and Board of Guardians.

3.- As regards the proposal at (c) above

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referred to. It is to be observed that a very substantial nucleus of the proposed fund should be accumulated before imposing upon it any risk of loss. There are no data available to enable even an approximate estimate of the amount of the accumulation to be formed, but in view of the fact that the Corporations of Dublin and Belfast are jointly paying fire insurance premiums in respect of property valued at nearly £3,000,000 an initial fund for the whole of Ireland of less than £300,000 would appear to be inadequate. This sum would involve a compulsory assessment of close on 0d. in the £ on the rateable valuation of Ireland in the first year. An impost of such extent would probably provoke considerable hostility, especially when it is borne in mind that the cost of insuring the Corporation property in Dublin and Belfast through Companies does not amount to more than one-sixth of a penny in the £ on the respective valuations of the two cities.

4.- It is proposed that the whole body of ratepayers in Ireland should be the ultimate security for the payment of claims. To make the security effective it would be necessary that power should be taken in the suggested Bill to impose from time to time, when found necessary, a compulsory levy on all the local authorities throughout the country similar to that by which money is at present raised for the purposes of the General Cattle Diseases Fund.

5.- It is further proposed that all payments out of the Central Fund for fire losses should be charged against the country as a whole and not against the

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particular localities where the fires have occurred. It does not appear to His Excellency that this is an equitable proposition. Apart from other considerations such a course would tend to confer a premium for inefficiency on local authorities who fail to provide and maintain in effective condition fire brigades and other suitable fire extinguishing appliances. If the scheme in this respect were to be adopted at all it should be on the basis that each local authority drawing from the fund a sum in excess of its proper share of the Fund should, within a limited period, make up the deficit by increased yearly contributions until its share in the fund has been restored to the normal condition.

6.- If a Central Fund be established it should embrace all Public Bodies in Ireland whose accounts are subject to audit by Auditors of the Local Government Board, and not include such buildings only as are controlled by Guardians and District Councils.

7.- The scheme provides that the existing value of the buildings to be insured should be ascertained by a Valuer appointed by the Local Government Board, and that the amount of the damage by fire should be assessed in like manner. These proposals would impose a considerable burden of responsibility and expense on the Board and are open to the further objection that they would tend to bring the Board into acute conflict with local authorities in respect to the amounts to be paid to them

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out of the fund in recoupment of the damages by fire.

8.- The suggestion that local authorities should become their own insurers against fire is not new. In November, 1905, the Belfast Corporation through their then Town Clerk, Sir Samuel Black, consulted the Board on the subject. He made reference to the fact that the Worcester County Council had decided to become their own insurers for a large proportion of their property; but also pointed out that the proposal had been referred to the English Local Government Board, who replied that :-

> "any contract on the lines suggested
> "would be very inexpedient and that
> "as they considered the County Council
> "to be in the position of Trustees of
> "public property the Council should
> "not neglect the usual proper precaut-
> "ions of insuring. There appears to
> "be no statutory authority empowering
> "the County Council to create and
> "administer a fund for the purpose
> "and the Board doubted the Council's
> "power."

The Local Government Board for Ireland replying on the 18th November, 1905, stated that they concurred with the views on this subject as expressed by the Local Government Board in London, and suggested that the Belfast Corporation should obtain legal advice as to their obligations and powers in the matter.

In the year 1909 the Local Government Board for Ireland were approached by a Rural District Council who proposed to become their own insurers of labourers cottages against fire losses. In view of the fact that these

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cottages are for the most part detached houses and situated in country districts, the Council were informed that the Board would not raise objection subject to proper precautions. Regulations to be observed by such Rural District Councils as proposed to become their own insurers were accordingly drawn up and have been recently adopted by the Local Government Board (See copy annexed).

9.- any scheme designed to effect the objects in view, financed from local rates, would doubtless be opposed by Fire Insurance Companies of the United Kingdom, many of which act under Parliamentary sanction.

In conclusion I am to state that His Excellency is of opinion that it would not be practicable to establish any scheme of the character mentioned which contemplates a charge on State funds."

Under date 31st May 1912, a letter was read from Capt R. G. Carew, Ballinded, Waterford, stating that not one of the objections put forward, all of which were quite familiar to him, affected the main principles of the Scheme which had been admitted by all competent experts for many years past to be thoroughly sound and quite easily workable in practice, as had been clearly demonstrated by experience elsewhere.

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

"That Capt Carew be requested to furnish the Co. Council with his observations on the letter from Dublin Castle."

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Waterford Bridge.

Under date 23rd May 1912, the following letter No. 25189-1912, Wexford County, was read from the Local Government Board :-

"With reference to your letter of the 10th inst., relative to the issue of the final instalment of the loan of £11,000 sanctioned to the County Council of Wexford for the purpose of defraying their proportion of the cost of erecting a new bridge over the River Suir at Waterford, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that it would appear that £9,000 has been authorised for issue, and that a sum of £7987 : 10/- was paid to the Bridge Committee up to the 10th instant, which would leave a balance in hand of £1012 : 10/-

as the quarterly instalment on the 30th instant is £1331 : 0/- it would appear that a present issue of £500 will be sufficient pending a further inspection of the works, and the Board accordingly sanction the raising of same.

I am, at the same time, to inform the Council that it appears from a statement furnished by the Secretary to the Bridge Committee and dated the 10th instant, that there was on that date a balance to credit of Committee with their Treasurer of £7481 : 2 : 8, and that the Waterford County Borough Council paid to the Committee a sum of only £4,000, on a basis of 25%, their proportion of the cost of the undertaking."

The following Schedule received from Mr. J. J. Tully, Secretary joint Committee, and showing the amounts paid by the various

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contributing bodies to date was submitted to the meeting :-

Waterford	County Borough.	£4000 : 0 : 0
"	" Council	7987 : 10 : 0
Tipperary (S.R.)	"	"	7989 : 10 : 0
Wexford	"	"	7987 : 10 : 0
Kilkenny	"	"	9762 : 10 : 0
Carlow	"	"	1597 : 0 : 0
Queen's	"	"	1597 : 0 : 0
Tipperary (N.R.)	"	"	1065 : 0 : 0

Proposed by Mr. Stafford
Seconded by Mr. Lynch :-

"That, in pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Board for Ireland dated 23rd day of January 1911, to the raising by the Council of a Loan of £11,000 for the purpose of defraying the share of the Council of the costs of erection of the New Ross Bridge over the River Suir at Waterford. It is hereby resolved that the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to a Deed of mortgage to secure the sum of £500 advanced by the National Bank Ltd. to the Council being a fourth instalment of the said sum of £11,000 to be raised by the Council for the said purpose."

On the motion of the Chairman,
Seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the Secretary of the joint Bridge Committee be informed that when the Wexford Co. Council have information from the Treasurer of the joint Committee that Waterford Borough has paid £13312 : 10/- their proper share of the contribution agreed to by the Bridge Committee, the

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instalment due by the Wexford Co. Council on 30th may will be transferred to the Treasurer of the joint Committee."

Courtown Harbour.

under date 20th may, Sir J. N. G. Esmonde Bt. M.P., wrote forwarding the following letter from Mr. Le Fanu, of the Irish office, London:-

"In reply to your letter of the 26th april, Mr. Birell desires me to send you the enclosed plan of Courtown Harbour showing the extension of 150 feet referred to in the Board of Works' letter of 14th June 1911, copy of which has already been sent to you. No detailed drawings have been prepared."

In connection with this matter the following letter from the Secretary of the Board of Works to the under Secretary, Dublin Castle, was read:-

"I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to refer to your letter of the 15th april (7075) on the subject of improvement works at Courtown Harbour, and to state for the information of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, that if there is to be any expenditure of public money at Courtown, the Board suggest that it should be upon a strong open work extension of the existing south pier, of a minimum length of 100 feet, at an estimated cost of £10,000. An extension of 150 feet, which would be of greater advantage, could be made for £15,000. The Board, however, are of opinion that the advantage to be gained by either work would not be commensurate with the expenditure.

The Board, in their letter of the 24th

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December last, with reference to the proposal to build a pier at Breanoge Head, mentioned that it is their eoperience that an artificial projection in the nature of a pier on the sandy coasts of Wicklow and Wexford forms a trap for the sea borne sand, and that the silting in that case would have been very rapid, as there were no natural means, such as a river, which might help to counteract it. The open construction now proposed in extension of the Courtown Pier would permit of the free travel of sand. The extension itself would enable boats to enter or leave the Harbour in weather when it would otherwise be difficult to do so."

under date 28th May the following report was read from Mr. Scapleton, Harbour master, Courtown :-

"I beg to inform you that the dredger finished here on yesterday and left the bar in a fairly good condition in fact he could do no more as he dredged in between the pier heads till stopped by some large stones in the bottom; but a couple of sluices will put whatever stuff is inside out into the deep water; and unless some exceptional weather sets in it ought to remain fairly good for the Summer.

I may add that it was very hard to make any progress when near the piers, as the dredger met with nothing but very coarse gravel and stones, and got blocked several times and had to stop to remove the obstruction, but he pulled up as far as possible as he worked till 10 p.m in some days."

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"adjourned to next meeting."

Dates of Half-yearly meetings of councils.

On the motion of the Chairman.
Seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the following dates for half yearly meetings of Rural District councils and County councils were agreed to :-

Enniscorthy R. D. C.	monday	4th November at 11 a.m.
Gorey	" Thursday.	31st October at 11.30 a.m.
New Ross.	" Tuesday	5th November at 11. a.m.
Wexford	" Saturday	2nd November at 10.30 a.m.
Co. Council.	Wednesday	7th august at 10.30 am
" "	"	4th December at 10.30 a.m.

Passed.

Tara Hill Quarry.

The following signed by the Employees of the Co. Council at Tara Hill Quarry, was read:-

"We the employees at the quarries of Tara Hill again ask you for the allowance of letting us off at 3 o'clock on Saturday evenings. We applied to you before for the same grant but did not get it, hoping you will not refuse us on this occasion."

"Postponed to next meeting."

Pump at Bolacreen Cross.

under date 6th May, Mr. Alfred Haughton, Rockspring, Ferns; wrote asking permission to erect a pump five feet deep near Bolacreen crossroads. At present in the Winter, Mr. Haughton wrote, all the surface water runs off the road and into the well filling it with mud.

On the motion of Mr. Rossiter, seconded

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by Mr. Lynch the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the Co. Council have no objection to Mr. Haughton carrying out this work provided the Co. Surveyor take no action in the matter."

Courthouse etc., at Raghmon.

The following under date 3rd June was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors :-

"Mr. Mark Browne, J. P., Raghmon, purchased in fee simple some years ago in the Land Judges Court amongst other property in Raghmon, the Pound and Courthouse and obtained a conveyance for same. On the Schedule to the deed which we have sent to Mr. Elger, it appears that the Co. Council holds these premises under a yearly tenancy from year to year at the yearly rent of £10. Mr. Browne wants to take up possession of this holding mainly for the purpose of preserving his title, and he does not want to take any hostile proceedings against the Co. Council if they can possibly be avoided. Accordingly in order to preserve the Court House and Pound at the same rent as at present, if the Council surrendered these premises to him he would re-let them again at the same rent, and if they think well, under a Lease. Mr. Browne has been advised by Counsel that it would be necessary for him to do this, and we shall thank you to bring the matter before the next meeting of the Council for further consideration.

Of course Counsel has advised that this would be the best and most friendly

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way of carrying out the business, namely that Mr. Browne should accept a Surrender from the County Council and then he could re-let them again, or if preferable, he could let them another yard instead of the Pound and another House instead of the Courthouse at the same rent, Viz- £10, although the house would be a better one than the present one. Counsel has advised that if this cannot be done, the only other course is for him to serve notice to Quit.

We think it right, as the matter is one of a legal character to send a copy of this letter with the original deed to Mr. Edge so that he may be ready to advise Council.

of course you are aware there is a new court-house ready to be let by Mr. Browne and which has been approved of, at the same rent as the present one, although it is a much better building."

"On the motion of the Chairman :- "The matter was referred to County Surveyor to report to next meeting."

Resignation of Mr. Pimm.- Resident Engineer.

Under date 10th May, the following was read from Mr. Pimm, Resident Engineer, Ferrycarrig Bridge :-

"I beg to give notice of my intention to terminate my engagement as Resident Engineer at Ferrycarrig Bridge upon Saturday May 25th I have notified Mr. Barry and am in communication with the Contractor with a view to settling the amount due to him, and other matters, before I leave."

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"The Secretary said that this matter was before the Finance Committee, when the Co. Surveyor having stated that all the ferro concrete work of the Bridge was finished, it was decided that no new appointment be made."

On the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Peacocke the following resolution was adopted:-
"That Mr. Barry, Co. Surveyor be empowered to employ a Clerk of Works in connection with the erection of the bascule of Ferrycarrig Bridge; salary not to exceed £3 per week."

Mental Deficiency Bill.

Under date 3rd June the following resolution was read from the Medico-Psychological Association of Great Britain & Ireland.
Resolved:- "That we, the members of the Irish Division of the Medico Psychological Association of Great Britain and Ireland at a Special Meeting held at the Royal College of Physicians, Dublin, on June 1st 1912, are unanimously of opinion that legislation for the care of the mentally Deficient is urgently required, and they urge the necessity of this matter being dealt with by modifications to the Government Bill now before Parliament, so that its provisions may be extended to Ireland."

"Postponed."

The Pay & Prospects of the R. I. C.,

The following resolution was read from the Londonderry Co. Council:-
Resolved:- That, in view of the increase of salary now being granted to the various

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police forces in Great Britain, and to the increased cost of living in all parts of the United Kingdom, we consider that an immediate and impartial inquiry, at the same time as the inquiry is held into the condition of the Dublin metropolitan Police, in the interests of the taxpayers and of the efficiency of the force, should be held into the pay and prospects of the rank and file of the Royal Irish Constabulary, with a view to the reorganisation of the force, the reduction of the cost of command, and the granting of a living wage to the general body of men, and that this inquiry should be held by independent public men of business experience.

Marked "Read."

Irish Education act 1892.- NewRoss. R. District.

under date 18th may the Secretary, office of National Education, wrote that the Commissioners of National Education had appointed the following as their representatives on NewRoss Rural District School attendance Committee for three years from 1st May 1912:-

Rev W. J. Wilkinson, M. A., Adamstown.
Rev E. Doyle C. C., Gusserane.
Rev W. J. Harpur, C. C., Ballykelly.
Rev J. Somers C. C., Campile, and
Rev M. Hickey P. P., Clongeen.

marked "Read."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

applications for licences under Poisons & Pharmacy act were received from Mr. Wm. H. McGuire, Commercial Quay, Wexford; and Mr. James Fleming; North St. NewRoss.

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Mr. Edmond Doyle, Broadway; applied for renewal of his license.

The above applications were granted on the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by the Chairman."

Analyst's Report.

City Laboratory,
17 Castle St. Dublin.
25th May. 1912.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C.B., M.D., Public analyst, for the County Wexford on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 31st March 1912.

42 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows....

Article	Number.
Butter	13.
Buttermilk	11.
milk	10
whiskey	7
Port wine	1
Total	42.

Two certificates were sent to Sergeant Kelly, Gorey; for specimens of milk adulterated with at least 8.9 and 18 per cent of added water respectively and one certificate for specimen of buttermilk adulterated with at least 17 per cent of added water exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes.

Two certificates were sent to Sergeant Scully Wexford., for specimens of buttermilk adulterated with at least 27 and 38 per cent of added water respectively, exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes.

For the Guardians of Gorey union twelve

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drugs and two specimens of water were analysed. The drugs were correct. The specimens of water did not contain any typhoid bacilli.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union twelve drugs and twelve specimens of port wine were analysed. The drugs were correct. The Specimens of port wine were examined to determine which was best for use in the workhouse.

One specimen of water analysed for the Enniscorthy urban District Council had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains..

Total solid matters	18.200
Including	
albuminoid ammonia	0.003
Saline ammonia	0.000
Nitric acid	4.750
Chlorine	3.470
Colour	Colourless.

A remarkably pure water.

For the Ballycanew Co. operative Society, Ballycanew five fertilizers were analysed.

For Shillelagh Union, which is partly situated in the Co. Wexford, twelve drugs were analysed. Two were incorrect.

In the original report on the water above referred to, full details, chemical & microscopical, were given, but in the foregoing only the more important points are given.

Total analyses.	98.
adulterated & defective articles	7.

C. A. Cameron.

marked "Read.

John Bolger

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Special meeting- 25th June 1912.

A special meeting of the Wexford Co. Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 25th. June 1912.

Present :- Mr. John Bolger, (Chairman) presiding.

Other members :- Sir T. N. G. Esmonde, Bart., M.P., Messrs C. N. Peacocke, M. Gough, M. Doyle Senr., D. Sinnott, P. O'Neill, J. J. Stafford, P. Rossiter, James Todd.

The Secretary and Mr. R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, were in attendance.

Revision of valuation.

On the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, seconded by Mr. Stafford, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That we agree to the Revisions of valuation being carried out in the several cases submitted to this meeting, by our Secretary."

The Insurance act.

Under date 18th June, the following letter No. 1150-12. was read from the National Health Commission :-

"The National Health Insurance Commission (Ireland) have had under consideration the scheme submitted by the County Wexford Co. Council for the establishment for the purposes of the National Insurance act 1911, of a County Society for the County of Wexford, and I am to request that the various alterations

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and amendments specified in the attached statement should be made therein.

Four further copies of the rules printed in uniform type and amended as requested should be furnished to the Commission <u>with the utmost despatch</u>."

The several amendments suggested by the Commissioners were approved on the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, seconded by Mr. Peacocke.

In connection with the printing of 8000 leaflets etc., dealing with the establishment of Co. Council Insurance Society the following tenders were received:-

English & Co.,	£4 : 4 : 0
The People	4 : 17 : 6
Free Press.	4 : 6 : 0
W. Hanrahan	5 : 5 : 0

"On the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde seconded by Mr. Rossiter the lowest tender was accepted."

For printing 4,000 copies of rules of the County Society the following tenders were received :-

W. Hanrahan	£12 : 19 : 6
Free Press	18 : 3 : 0
People	14 : 5 : 6
English & Co.	16 : 1 : 0

"On the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, seconded by Mr. Rossiter the tender of Mr. Hanrahan was accepted."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the Secretary was instructed to obtain tenders for printing Insurance Cards, and to accept the lowest should he consider

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the work can be satisfactorily carried out."

Cinematograph Act.

Mr. Thomas P. Marshall, Ardmaunt, Rosslare, applied for a licence under the Cinematograph Act.

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Sir Thomas Esmonde, it was decided that the license be granted provided a satisfactory report as to the suitability of the premises be received from the County Surveyor."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Mr. James J. Stafford, Stonebridge, Wexford, applied for a licence under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act for premises situate at Baldwinstown.

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

"That a licence be granted Mr. James J. Stafford, for premises at Baldwinstown provided the R. I. C., report that the premises are suitable and that proper provision for the storage of the scheduled poisons has been made."

Co. Council Employees & Insurance.

Mr. Elger, Solicitor; submitted a list of the officials and employees of the Co. Council who must be insured under part 1 of the National Insurance act.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Peacocke it was agreed that the Secretary take the necessary steps to have the various persons named in the

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list insured."

"It was also decided that the Co. Council do not make application to the Insurance Commissioners for the exception of any class of their employees from compulsory insurance."

John Bolger

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