

ANNUAL MEETING.- 16th JUNE 1916.

The Annual Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 16th June 1916.

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

Also:- Messrs Michael Doyle, Philip Keating, Alexander Kinsella, James J. Stafford, Richard Scallan, James Lynch, Michael Cloney, James A. Doyle, James Codd.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, and Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor, were in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Election of Chairman.

On the motion of Mr Kinsella,

Seconded by Mr Lynch,

the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr John Bolger, be elected Chairman of the Wexford County Council for year 1916-7."

The motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr Bolger returned thanks for his election, and then subscribed the usual declaration of office.

Election of Vice-Chairman.

On the motion of the Chairman,

Seconded by Mr J. Codd, Mr C. H. Peacocke, was elected Vice-Chairman.

Chairmen of District Councils, etc.,

The Secretary reported that Messrs N. J. Cowman, and James Lynch, had been elected Chairmen of the Rural District Councils of Wexford, and Enniscorthy, respectively, Lord Courtown was elected under section 3 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, as the representative of the Gorey Rural District Council on the County Council, as the Chairman of that District Council was already elected member of the County Council. Mr Michael Hickey was elected under Section 3 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, as the representative of New Ross Rural District Council on the County Council.



The Late Midshipman J. H. Grattan Esmonde.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That we offer our esteemed colleague-Sir Thomas H. G. Esmonde, Bart. M. P., our most heartfelt sympathy in the loss of his son, -Midshipman J.H. Grattan Esmonde, -a most promising officer, and who went down with his ship, "The Invincible" in the Naval Battle off Jutland.

That a copy of this resolution be furnished Sir Thomas Esmonde."

Caretaker, Etc., Duncannon Harbour.

Applications for the position of Caretaker and lamplighter at Duncannon Harbour, were received from Christopher Lawler, Laurence Monahan, and Richard Doyle, Duncannon, at a salary of £12 per annum.

Mr Lawler produced testimonials, etc., from Very Rev Canon Sheridan, P. P. Ramsgrange, Rev D. Murphy, C. C., Duncannon, E. Reid, Hotel, Duncannon, D. B. Ivor, Master "Duncannon S. S. " A. J. Stephens, Duncannon, and P. G. Forrestal, Duncannon, J. B. Wallis, C. P S., Arthurstown.

Mr Monahan was recommended by Mr Laurence Heery, Duncannon, J. Gunnett, Duncannon, and Thomas Stokes, Duncannon.

Mr Richard Doyle, withdrew his application.

On the motion of Mr Cloney,

Seconded by Mr Stafford,

the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Laurence Monahan, Duncannon, be appointed caretaker etc., Duncannon Harbour at a salary of £12 and according to the terms and conditions set out in advertisement relating to the position. That Mr Monahan enter on his duties when directed by the County Surveyor."

Mr Christopher Lawler was not proposed.

Local Government Emergency Provisions Act 1916.

Under date 5th June 1916, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 25688-1916, Miscellaneous) forwarding copy of Local Government (Emergency Provisions) Act 1916, Part 1 legalises and regulates the action of local authorities, viz:- any person or body of persons who receive or expend the proceeds of any local rate, and any other public body which the Local Government Board may determine-in granting leave of absence and making allowances to their officers and servants who had joined H. M. Forces. Part 2 made various administrative provision with a view to



economy both in money and labour during the War."

"No Order."

Naval & Military War Pensions Etc., Act 1915.

Under date 1st June 1916, the Secretary, War Pensions Etc., Statutory Committee, wrote suggesting that the County Council should communicate with the various bodies suitable to recommend Members for the Local Committee and should convene the first Meeting. They further suggested that if possible, the Clerk to the County Council should act as Clerk to the Local Committee.

The Secretary stated he could not afford time to act as Clerk to the Local Committee. He pointed out that according to Circular No.3 (Financial Relations) issued by the Statutory Committee the latter expressed the hope that all Local Authorities would endeavour to provide for the administration expenses which will be required.

Under Section 2 of the Naval and Military War Pensions (Expenses) Act 1916, Local Authorities were given statutory power to pay out of the rates the amount of the administrative expenses of the Committee, and according to Section 13 of the Local Government (Emergency Provisions) Act the amount allocated by a Local Authority under this head should receive the sanction of the Local Government Board.

The following recommendation from Finance & Roads Committee of 16th June, was confirmed on the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Scallan::

"That our Secretary communicate with the various public bodies named in the Scheme, and ask them to appoint their representatives on the Local Committee.

That the County Council be recommended to appoint their representatives at their annual meeting to be held this date. When the Committee is fully formed, that the Secretary convene the first meeting after consultation with the Chairman of the Co Council as to date."

The following as representatives of the County Council were appointed Members of the Committee:-

The Earl of Courtown, Messrs A. Kinsella, R. Scallan, Sir Thomas Esmonde, John Bolger, James Lynch, <sup>Joseph</sup> Patrick Redmond, Patrick O'Neill, J. S. Hearn, J. A. Doyle, M. Cloney, J. J. O'Byrne, James Codd, N J. Cowman, J.J. Kehoe, and P. Keating."



Enniscorthy R. D. School Attendance Committee.

Under date 29th May, the Secretary, Office of National Education, Dublin, wrote the following had been constituted as the School Attendance Committee for Enniscorthy Rural District for the period of three years from 1st June 1916.

Appointed by Local Authority:-

L. Harte, Clonroche, Thomas Cleary, Ballyvake, Edermine, Thomas Hayes, Court St., Enniscorthy, P. J. Bowe, Kiltaly, Enniscorthy, J. Hall, Boolavogue, Monamolin.

Appointed by the Commissioners of National Education:-

Rev Canon Macbeth, L.L.D., Killegney, Enniscorthy, Rev J. W. O'Byrne, C.C., Boolavogue, Ferns, Rev S. J. Cullen, C.C., Caim, Enniscorthy, Rev J. Maher, P.P., Oulart, and Rev R. E. Fitzhenry C. C., Marshallstown, Enniscorthy."

Gorey R. D. School Attendance Committee.

Under date 13th May 1916, the following resolution was submitted from the Gorey Rural District School Attendance Committee:-

Proposed by Rev J. Ashton, seconded by Mr J. Sheehan, and adopted::

"That the Clerk to the Committee write to the County Council asking them to place £10 in his hands, to defray the expenses of the Committee for prosecutions, etc.,"

The Finance & Roads Committee had made the following recommendation in the matter:-

"That subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board, a sum of £10 be advanced to the Secretary of the Gorey R. D. School Attendance Committee to pay the costs of prosecutions."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Lynch."

Vacancy on Asylum Committee.

Under date 8th June, Rev Robert Fitzhenry P. P., Lady's Island, wrote resigning Membership of the Asylum Committee, owing to his transfer from Enniscorthy to Lady's Island.

On the motion of Mr Scallan,

Seconded by Mr Lynch, the following resolution was adopted--

"That Rev James Rossiter, Adm., Enniscorthy, be appointed a member of the Enniscorthy Lunatic Asylum Committee, vice Father Fitzhenry resigned."



Vacancy on County Infirmary Committee.

Under date 8th June 1916, Rev R. Fitzhenry P. P., Lady's Island, wrote asking that his thanks should be conveyed to the County Council for having elected him as a Member of the County Wexford Infirmary. He regretted that he could not act on the Committee.

On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Scallan, Mr Michael Doyle, Cottage, Tagoat, was appointed a Member of the Co Infirmary Committee.

University Scholarships.

Applications for award of University Scholarships were considered from the following for the purpose of ascertaining the eligibility of the Candidates to compete for Scholarships:-

- 1.- Annie Josephine Bookey, Ferns.
- 2.- William Leo Doyle, Broadway.
- 3.- Johanna Fortune, Kereight, Kyle.
- 4.- Herbert Hall, Castletown, Inch, Gorey.
- 5.- Anna C. Kehoe, The Moor, Bridgetown.
- 6.- Mary J. Kehoe, do., do.,
- 7.- Mabel M. Lyne, Dubross, Quay, Wexford.
- 8.- James O'Connor, Common Quay Street, Wexford.
- 9.- John Travers, 38 Main Street, Gorey.

"It was decided the matter be adjourned to the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee following the publication of the results of the Intermediate Examinations."

All Ireland Munitions & Government Supplies Committee.

The Secretary, Dublin Industrial Development Committee, wrote, that various Government Departments, such as the Ministry of Munitions, War Office and Admiralty, are large buyers of a multitude of articles, many varieties of which are produced in Ireland, while a large number of Irish producers have not, so far, availed themselves of this outlet for their wares. The All Ireland Munitions and Government Supplies Committee had requested the Development Association to procure and tabulate this information for them, and with this object in view they were now preparing a complete return of all the Industries carried on in Ireland.

They asked the Co Council to co-operate with them in this connection by supplying the Association with as full details as possible of all Industries carried on in the district by collectively and individually



bringing this matter to the attention of the local producers, and advising them, if willing to undertake orders for Government supplies, to communicate with the Association without delay.

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

"That the matter be left in the hands of the Secretary to deal with it."

#### Wheelagower Lane.

The following memorial was submitted by ratepayers of Rossard district electoral division:-

"We the undersigned Ratepayers of Rossard E. D., most earnestly request that the County Council will endeavour to have Wheelagower Lane put into contract. After spending so much money to have it put in repair, this money would be thrown away unless the County Council put it under contract system."

The following recommendation from Finance & Roads Committee, was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Lynch:-

"That Mr Justin Sutton, Wheelagower, be informed that the maintenance of this lane is in the hands of the County Surveyor, and will be attended to in due course."

#### Closing of Roads.

The following recommendation from Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Kinsella:-

"That our Secretary communicate with the Clerk to the Enniscorthy Rural District Council, as to their action in closing three roads at their last meeting, without taking the proper legal steps for this purpose or informing the County Council."

#### Recommendations-Finance & Roads Committee.

The following recommendation was submitted from meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 17th May:-

**Wagons for Haulage Purposes:-** "That the matter of purchase of wagons be adjourned to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee, and in the meantime the County Surveyor inspect new and second-hand wagons at Carlow offered for sale by Messrs Thompson & Co., That he bring before next meeting all quotations which he may have received for wagons."



At the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 7th June, the County Surveyor submitted tenders for wagons, as follows:-

Aveling £85, Harris (Fowler) £106. 3. 7d, Thompson Bros., Wexford, £85, Thompson & Son, Carlow £72. 10/- Robey £106, and Fleming £90.

The Finance & Roads Committee submitted the following recommendation-

"That the tender of Messrs Thompson & Son, Carlow, for two wagons at £72. 10/- each, be accepted. That the County Surveyor be instructed to communicate with Mr Samuel Warren, Whitechurch, New Ross, and ascertain his price for making new wagon for haulage purposes."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Scallan."

**Steam Engine for Haulage:-** From the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 17th May, the following recommendation was submitted:-

"That the County Surveyor communicate with the Manufacturers of portable steam engines, and submit quotations from them to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

At the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee of 7th June, the County Surveyor submitted the following tenders for new portable 8 H. P. steam engine:-

Thompson Bros, Wexford, (Ransome's) £226. 5/-, Morgan (Marshall) £273, do., (Aveling) £273, Aveling £226 5/-, Robey £226. 5/-, and Marshall £226. 5/-"

The following recommendation was submitted by the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That the tender of Messrs Thompson Bros., Wexford, for 8 H, P., portable steam engine (Ransome's) be accepted."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Kinsella."

#### Tool House at Ferrycarrig Bridge.

Under date 5th June 1916, Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, wrote that they had been asked by Mr John J. McDonald, Ferrycarrig, to bring before the County Council correspondence between Mr McDonald and the County Surveyor relative to the letting of tool house at Ferrycarrig Bridge.

Under date 19th May 1916, Mr McDonald wrote to the Co Surveyor stating that he had been informed that the Co Council had let the tool-house for trade purposes. This house was built on his property, and the site had been given by his people a great many years ago for the



purpose of erecting a shed to store machinery and appliances used in connection with the bridge. He protested against the letting of the shed for any other purpose by the County Council, and held that public property had no right to be used for the purposes of trading.

Under date 26th May, Mr McDonald wrote, that he had locked the gate near the shed and would not allow anyone through without permission.

In reply to these letters the County Surveyor writing under date 31st May, stated that the agreement to let the house to Mrs Murphy was resolved by the County Council, and that his action in the matter was under the direction of the Council, to whom Mr McDonald should apply if he had any cause of complaint."

The following recommendation was submitted from the Finance & Roads Committee of 7th June:-

"That we recommend the County Council to take no further action in this matter."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Scallan."

**Courtown Harbour:-** The Courtown Harbour Committee at their Meeting of 2nd May, recommended that the Harbour Master should obtain what timber he required for the repair of boats at a cost not exceeding £2. 10/-"

The matter was considered by the Finance & Roads Committee of 7th June, when the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That the Harbour Master, Courtown Harbour, be empowered to purchase timber necessary for the repair of boats at a cost not exceeding £2. 10/-"

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Lynch."

**Sheep Dipping:-** At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of 7th June, correspondence was submitted from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, re sheep dipping.

Under date 25th May 1916, (1403-16 V. B.) the Department wrote asking for the extent of the response to the advertisement issued by the Council for names and addresses of persons who had erected swim baths for sheep and who were prepared to carry out dipping for a fixed fee.

Under date 31st May 1916, the Department wrote (letter No. 1503-16 V. B.,) approving of the appointment of Messrs James Murphy and George Brett, as Sheep Dipping Inspectors, at a remuneration of £26 in each case to cover



both dipping periods. The Department also wished to be informed as to whether the Council proposed to make regulations under the Sheep Dipping (Local Regulations) (Ireland) Order of 1916, allowing of notices being served on owners by the Inspectors fixing the times, places, and conditions of dipping.

The Finance & Roads Committee had made the following recommendation--

"That the Department be informed that at present the Finance & Roads Committee do not consider it necessary to put the provisions of the Sheep Dipping (Local Regulations) (Ireland) Order of 1916, as to appointment of times, places, and conditions of dipping, into effect. Later on, if they ascertain that such a step is necessary in order to secure a proper compliance with the Sheep Dipping Order, they will be prepared to go into the question.

R That the County Council be recommended to inform Messrs M. Laffan, R. A. Byron, and Michael Corcoran, that the Council will be prepared to fix a fee for their swim baths for sheep at 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d per sheep, sheep owners giving the labour where possible, owners of baths to supply any labour over and above that provided by sheepowners and which may be requisite to have sheep efficiently dipped."

Byron The Secretary mentioned that he had received a letter from Mr R. A. Byron, Orristown, agreeing to dip sheep at 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d per head.

Messrs P. Cooney, Oulart, and L. Dwyer, Heathpark, New Ross, wrote that they would allow their swim baths to be used at a fee of 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d per sheep.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Lynch:-

"That the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee re sheep dipping be confirmed and that we agree to the offer of Messrs R. A. Byron, Orristown, P. Cooney, Oulart, and L. Dwyer, Heathpark, New Ross, to dip sheep at their swim baths at a fixed fee of 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d per sheep."

**Road 155G:-** The following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee, was confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Scallan:-

"That the County Surveyor be authorised to serve notice under the 54th Section of the Grand Jury Act on the Contractor for Road No. 155G-David Doyle, Cookstown, Killenagh."

**Kilmore Pier:+** On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr J. A. Doyle,



the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee Meeting of 16th June 1916, was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to draw up a specification for repair of Kilmore Pier (a) for wedging, (b) for dumping of boulders, on the terms of Mr Delap's report and advertise the work in sections (a) and (b)."

**Boyce's Bay:-** On the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Cloney, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the question of dealing with prosecution of Contractor re Boyce's Bay be adjourned to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

**Road Machinery:-** On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Kinsella, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted:-

"That the County Council be recommended not to entertain the offer of Mr Kavanagh for sale of his stonebreakers for the present."

**Road Material Wexford Corporation:-** The following recommendation from the Finance & Roads Committee, was confirmed on the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Cloney:-

"That we inform the Wexford Corporation that the Wexford County Council regret they are not in a position at present to comply with the request of the Corporation, as they find the greatest difficulty in filling their own requirements for road material."

#### Rate Collection.

In connection with the Orders of the County Council that Collectors Doyle and Mullett, should lodge 20 per cent of their collections within the first month after receipt of their warrants and 40 per cent at the end of the first three months, letters were read from the Collectors in question that they would comply with the instructions of the Council.

"No. Order"

#### Road Contractors Applications.

At the meeting of the County Council on 17th May, an application was read from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford, on behalf of certain Road Contractors in Gorey Rural District, and from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, on behalf of certain Road Contractors in Wexford Rural District. These contractors had entered into their contracts before the War, and found they were very hard hit owing to the scarcity of labour and increase in cost of materials.

The applicants considered that the County Surveyor should be given



discretion to pay them a reasonable sum for the work they had carried out, and also that the tonnage on these roads should be reduced.

"The Council had referred the matter to the Finance & Roads Committee."

Under date 7th June 1916, the following letter from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, had been considered by the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"On behalf of the Gorey Road Contractors' Association we would like to lay before you the following specific cases in support of which documentary evidence can be offered:-

Contract 65G was taken from 30th June 1914, to 31st March 1919. The Specification for this contract orders 72 Cubic Yards of stones and 8 yards of screenings to be annually put on the roads, together with, of course, the usual cleaning of gries, etc., 72 cubic yards of stones roughly amount to 80 tons. There might be a small variation according to the quality of the stone. The price per ton since the contract was taken has advanced 1/- and wages for horse-labour and cartage has increased 9d per ton. It, therefore, costs the contractor in material and cartage 1/9 per ton more, so that on this small contract the extra cost is £7, exclusive of the cost of manual labour in spreading stones and other necessary works upon the road. The total contract is £33 so that the actual cost of getting material, independent of labour is £21. 2% more than at the time the contract was taken out. We annex hereto a list of similar figures in connection with other contracts in the district, and all of which can be vouched. As to the other contracts in the Gorey District, the material being got from privately-owned quarries, it is impossible to give specific statistics, but we think the Council may safely assume that there has been a corresponding increase in the cost in all contracts, and it will undoubtedly have come before the notice of some of your Councillors that the Wicklow County Council, at a recent meeting of that Body, realised that their Road Contractors had a grievance in respect of the matters similar to that of which the Gorey body of Contractors now complain. We trust that from the figures now supplied the Council will see that our Clients, under the circumstances deserve sympathetic consideration."

"Adjourned to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee. The Secretary was instructed to specially mention on the agenda paper that this would be the special business of the Committee Meeting."



Duncannon Hulk.

At the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee on 17th May, the following recommendation was adopted-

"That Messrs M.Cloney, J.J. Stafford, J. S. Hearn, A. Kinsella, and the Chairman, be appointed a Committee with the County Surveyor to confer with representatives of Waterford Harbour Board as to replacing Duncannon Hulk on her station, and as to account furnished for salvage.

A report was presented by the Committee giving particulars of their Conference with the Waterford Harbour Board on 29th May 1916. It was then found that the account for salvage of hulk representing actual wages or out of pocket expenses incurred by the Harbour Board amounted to £508. 17. 10d, and that the account for salvage of barges representing actual wages and out of pocket expenses amounted to £176. 15. 4d. For Hire of Plant the Commissioners forwarded a claim for £98. 0. 6d. The various items in this account were gone into very carefully at the Conference with the result that they agreed to make reductions in various items amounting to £51. 6. 6d leaving net amount under this head £46. 14/- The total amount due the Harbour Board was £732. 7. 2d.

In connection with the work of replacing the hulk of Duncannon on her station, it was decided at the Conference that the County Council Committee should meet representatives of the Waterford Harbour Board at Duncannon and go into the matter on 1st June.

The result of this meeting was reported by the County Council Committee.

It was then decided that the Waterford Harbour Commissioners be asked to bring the hulk and staging to Waterford, repair and replace same at the expense and risk of the County Council. It was further decided that the Harbour Commissioners get offers for the Insurance of hulk while being conveyed to Waterford and back, and that the County Surveyor have the outside of hulk scraped and coated with bitumenous mastic while in Waterford.

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

"That the reports of Committee re Duncannon Hulk of 29th May and 1st June 1916, be received and adopted."

Road 30R New Ross Rural District

At the Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 17th May, the



following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That the Clerk of the New Ross Rural District Council be requested to furnish copy of resolution of his Council empowering John Rowe, Connagh, Fethard, to use seagravel instead of material from Haggard Quarry on Road No. 30R., as no statement to this effect was ever received by the County Council, and the proposal of the Contractor to use seagravel was deleted from his tender when before the Rural District Council Meeting."

Under date 20th May 1916, the Clerk New Ross Rural District Council, wrote that he was unable to trace any resolution of the District Council empowering John Rowe, Contractor for Road No. 30R to use seagravel instead of stones from Haggard Quarry on said road.

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

"That the Secretary request the Clerks of Rural District Councils when any change has been made in a specification for maintenance of a road as to material etc., to notify the County Council of same, so that the information will be before the County Council when the question of the acceptance of Contractors is under consideration."

Confirmation Minutes Tuberculosis Committee.

The following resolutions of Tuberculosis Management Committee were submitted for confirmation:-

"That the Bill of Costs of Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, amounting to £10. 12/- in respect of preparation of lease of plot of ground on which Wexford Tuberculosis Dispensary has been erected, be paid from the funds under the control of the Tuberculosis Committee."

"That our Secretary take steps to have Wexford Tuberculosis Dispensary insured against loss by fire."

"That in order to secure the harmonious and efficient working of a properly devised County Scheme for the prevention of Tuberculosis, this Committee considers that immediate steps should be taken for the amalgamation of Tuberculosis Committee and County Insurance Committee. At present the administrative work of these Committees costs nearly £200 per annum, with amalgamation we are convinced this work could be carried out for a considerable less sum. We are also of opinion from our experience of the working of Tuberculosis Committee that the benefits of the Scheme



would be afforded to those suffering from Tuberculosis more expeditiously and carefully by one Committee than obtains with the present arrangements. We feel that the existing system of working through two Committees, with dual control produces the maximum of inefficiency, and so overloads and overlaps administration as to make the Scheme almost unworkable. We further call attention to the great waste of time caused by meetings of two bodies dealing with the work which could be more efficiently and economically performed by one Committee."

"That the County Insurance Committee be informed that as the Local Government Board are pressing the Tuberculosis Committee to induce the County Insurance Committee to pay their Contribution towards the salaries and expenses of Tuberculosis Officer and Nurse, we request the Insurance Committee to deal with this matter at the earliest date possible. Taking this contribution as from May 1913 to 28th February 1916, (during which period the County Insurance Committee had made themselves responsible for the treatment of insured and exempt persons and their dependants) as one-third, and from 28th February 1916 to 31st March 1916, (during which period the County Insurance Committee were responsible for the treatment of insured and exempt persons only) as one-fifth, the total due by the Insurance Committee is £562. 17. 6d."

"That Mr N. J. Frizelle be appointed as Secretary to the Tuberculosis Committee for a period of twelve months as from 15th February 1916, at a salary of £52 per annum."

"That we request the Wexford Corporation to take into consideration the advisability of adopting the Tuberculosis (Conditions of Notification-Ireland) Order of 1909, as such adoption would greatly facilitate the work of grappling with this fell disease. That we instruct our Tuberculosis Officer to attend the meeting of the Corporation at which this matter will be considered in order to fully explain its provisions."

"That Lady Fitzgerald, Alderman Hadden, Messrs P. Rossiter, P. Keating, and John J. Kehoe, be appointed a Sub-Committee to deal with applications from persons for treatment coming within the provisions of the Tuberculosis Scheme."

"The foregoing resolutions of the Tuberculosis Committee were confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Scallan."



Holidays for Officials.

On the motion of the Chairman,

Seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor and County Secretary be granted a month's holidays to be taken as their work will allow. That the be empowered to arrange for the holidays of their Staffs."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Joseph Conroy, 3 Castle Street, Enniscorthy, applied for licence under Poisons & Pharmacy Act for the sale of Agricultural Substances.

On the motion of the Chairman,

Seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That licence be granted under Poisons & Pharmacy Act to Mr Joseph Conroy, 3 Castle Street, Enniscorthy."

Applications for renewals under Poisons & Pharmacy Act were received from the following :-

James Sinnott, The Ballagh, Enniscorthy, J. J. Haughton, Ferns, John Purcell, Broadway, Lady's Island, John Roche, Camolin, Laurence Codd, 26 Main Street, Enniscorthy, W. H. McGuire, Quay, Wexford, Alexander Kinsella, Main Street, Gorey, E. Brennan, Taghmon, Patrick Healy, 82 North Main Street Wexford, J. J. Stafford, South Main Street, Wexford, and J. S. Hearn, South Street, New Ross.

On the motion of the Chairman,

Seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That renewal of their licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be granted to Messrs James Sinnott, J. J. Haughton, John Purcell, John Roche, Laurence Codd, Alexander Kinsella, E. Brennan, Patrick Healy, W. H. McGuire, J. J. Stafford, and J. S. Hearn."

Bantry & Blackstairs Commons Rating.

Under date 14th June 1916, the following resolution was read from New Ross Rural District Council:-

"That we protest against the action of the County Council in instructing their Solicitor to take further proceedings against the persons supposed to be grazing the White Mountain, as we consider that after two Courts have given their decision against the County Council in this case, further costly/<sup>law</sup>proceedings at a Superior Court should not be taken.

We also desire to be informed of the nature of the instructions



given by the County Council to the Lawyers in this case, as a result of which they advised the prolonged and unsuccessful legal proceedings."

The following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Lynch:-

"That in reply to the resolution of the New Ross Rural District Council we desire to point out that the County Council are obliged to apply for rates to all persons whose names appear in the General Valuation Lists compiled by the General Valuation Office. So long as the names of any persons appear in these lists, the Council are bound to use every possible means to obtain the amount of the rates due by these persons, otherwise they would be liable to surcharge by the Auditor of the Local Government Board. The instructions given to their Solicitor by the County Council, were that he should take all steps which he considered advisable in order to recover the rates on Bantry and Blackstairs Commons, if such were legally payable. In the circumstances the County Council had no option but to proceed against the persons rated in connection with these Commons."

#### Application to Road Board.

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

"That owing to the number of workmen who have left the County to join His Majesty's Forces and to take service in Munition Works, this Council are finding the greatest difficulty in obtaining contractors for the maintenance of their Works and Roads. We, therefore respectfully request the Road Board to make us a grant to meet the position, said grant to be applied for the purposes of purchasing Road Machinery and Labour saving appliances, to substitute labour, thus reducing the cost of the maintenance of roads and county Works generally."

#### Malicious Injury Application Appeal.

The following recommendation from the Finance & Roads Committee was read:-

"That we approve of the action of our Solicitor-Mr R. W. Elgee- in appealing to the forthcoming Wexford Assizes against the decree given by the County Court Judge for a sum of £100 for alleged malicious damage to Motor Car the property of Mr E. McAleavey, Enniscorthy."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Scallan."



Analyst's Report.

City Laboratory,

Chatham Row,

Dublin. 24th May 1916.

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 1916.

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

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Butter	43
Milk	42
Whiskey	31
Buttermilk	16
Drugs	18
Flour	10
Indian Meal	10
Rum	7
Cocoa	7
Cornflour	7
Sugar	7
Rice	9
Margarine	7
Cheese	8
Mustard	6
Ginger Wine	6
Bread	5
Tea	5
Pepper	5
Oatmeal	4
Port wine	4
Dripping	3
Currants	3
Gin	2
Feeding Cake	2
Separated Milk	2
Claret	1
Lard	1



<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Vinegar	1
Brandy	1
Arrowroot	1
Sweets	1
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Total	275

Two certificates were sent to Sergeant White, Wexford, for specimens of milk adulterated with at least 13 and 14 per cent of added water respectively and one certificate for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 6.25 per cent of added water, and was also deficient of at least 26 per cent of its fats, and one certificate for specimen of milk deficient of at least 16 per cent of its fats.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Torsney, Ferns, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 18 per cent of added water.

Two certificates were sent to Sergeant Howard, Newtownbarry, for specimens of whiskey which were 33 and 35 degrees under proof and were therefore adulterated with 10.67 and 26.67 per cent of water respectively.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant O'Sullivan, New Ross, for specimen of whiskey which was 26.5 degrees under proof and was therefore adulterated with 2 per cent of water.

There were eleven specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, which were taken up in the County Wexford and were pure.

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

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union seventeen drugs and four specimens of port wine were analysed and were correct.

For the Enniscorthy Co-operative Society, Enniscorthy, one fertilizer was analysed.

For Shillelagh Union, which is partly situated in the County Wexford, three drugs were analysed and were correct.

Total Analyses.....	320
Adulterated & defective Articles.....	8

Charles A. Cameron.

Marked "Read"



Revision of Valuation.

On the motion of the Chairman,

Seconded by Mr Scallan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the lists of applications for revision of valuation as submitted by our Secretary be adopted and forwarded for revision to the General Valuation Office."

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(Signed)

*John Bolger*  
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this *2<sup>nd</sup>* day of *August* 1916.