

MEETING. 1st MARCH, 1922.

A meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Town Hall, Wexford on 1st March 1922.

**Present:-** Messrs. John Sinnott, Philip Lennon, John J. O'Byrne, John Pender, R. Corish, John Cummins, James Shannon, C. Culleton, John O'Byrne, John Murphy, Michael Redmond, G. Devereux.

Miss Lister, Inspector, Local Government Department, and the Secretary, the County Surveyor, the Assistant Secretary, and Mr. T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor were also in attendance.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, was also present.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Redmond, the chair was taken by Mr. John J. O'Byrne.

The Minutes of Meeting of the Council on 1st February 1922, and of Special meeting on 4th February 1922, were read and confirmed.

Mr. Etchingham (Chairman) wired, regretting his inability to attend.

Replies to Votes of Condolence.

On the motion of Mr. John O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Redmond, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the replies to votes of condolence read at this meeting from His Lordship (Most Rev, Dr. Codd), Miss Bessie Kehoe and Rev. J. Kelly, C.C. New Ross, be inserted in the minutes of this day's meeting of the Wexford County Council".

Most Rev. Dr. Codd wrote:-

"The resolution adopted by the Co. Council exhibits their keen sense of the loss which has befallen us in the death of the late Sovereign Pontiff.

The cares attending the great office to which he was called are ordinarily very onerous. But owing to the turmoil through which the world passed during his pontificate, his shoulders were made to feel in an increased degree the weight of responsibility.

The recognition of the nobility of his character and aims, and of the high religious motives which guided his justice and humanity, is a fitting tribute to his memory from a world which now deplores his loss.



The debt of gratitude which we, as a people, owe to the late Pontiff has been well expressed in the terms of your resolution".

The following was read from Miss Bessie Kehoe, Ballintubrid, Blackwater:-

"Please convey to the members of the Council my sincere thanks for their kind sympathy as expressed in their resolution of regret on the death of my dear brother, Simon. It is indeed a consolation to know his comrades held him in such affection and esteem".

The following was read from Rev. J. Kelly, C.C., New Ross:-

"Kindly convey to your Council my very sincere thanks and deep gratitude for the resolution of condolence they so kindly tendered to me on the sad occasion of my dear mother's death. R.I.P. It is indeed a severe trial and a loss that cannot be repaired in this world. But when Almighty God has been pleased to call her to Himself, we must only try and bear it with resignation to His Adorable Will.

"Thanking you also, dear Mr. Frizelle, for your kind sympathy".

#### Courtown Harbour.

Mr. J. O'Byrne inquired if anything had been done in the matter of approaching Mr. Dowse, Umrigar Tinahely, Co. Wicklow, landlord of house occupied by Anthony Williams, Courtown harbour, with a view to having removed porch to this house which is considered an obstruction to the public.

The County Surveyor stated he understood the Chairman of the Council was to have arranged the matter with Mr. Dowse.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted::

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to carry out the resolution of the County Council, adopted at the meeting of the Council on 4th February, as to house at Courtown Harbour occupied by Mr. Anthony Williams".

#### Days of Meetings of County Council.

The following Notice of Motion stood in the name of Mr. Seamus Doyle:-

"That until further notice, all meetings of the County Council



be held on Tuesdays instead of on Wednesdays".

Under date 27th February 1922, Mr. Doyle wrote that owing to attendance at Dail Eireann session, he would not be able to attend the meeting of the County Council on 1st March, but perhaps some other member would take up his resolution. His reason for seeking the change was because the Enniscorthy Rural District Council met on Wednesdays, and their meeting almost always clashes with County Council meeting.

By permission of the meeting, the notice of motion was moved by Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Shannon seconded.

After considerable discussion, it was decided (Mr. Murphy and Mr. Shannon consenting) that the future meetings of the County Councils be held on Mondays.

#### County Public Health Board.

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

"That representation of Wexford Corporation on County Public Health Board be increased from two to four members".

Mr. Sinnott seconded.

In connection with the same matter, the following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. James Hall:-

"That Messrs. C. McCarthy (Senior) Murrintown, and John McCormack, Arnestown, Ballymitty, be appointed additional members of County Public Health Board".

After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Cummins:-

"That the Acting Secretary to County Public Health Board be requested to furnish to the members of the County Council return of the attendance of the members of his Committee, and that he ascertain from those who have not attended if it be their intention to continue membership of the Committee. Pending the receipt and consideration of this information that the notice of motion as regards membership be adjourned".

The Acting Secretary, County Public Health Board, wrote that at the meeting of this body on the 17th February, 1922, a



resolution was adopted, asking the County Council to defray the travelling expenses of members attending meetings of the Board.

On the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Corish, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the application from County Public Health Board, as to payment of travelling expenses to members attending meetings, be submitted to the Local Government Department for their direction thereon".

#### Amalgamation of Unions Scheme.

The following under date 20th February 1922, was read from Mr. D. O'Sullivan, Acting Secretary, County Public Health Board:-

"Your Council's resolution regarding the Union Amalgamation finance was laid before the Public Health Board at their meeting on Friday last.

In view of the probable economy under the Scheme, they decided to ask the County Council to raise only £28,000 for institutional relief for next year, instead of £31,966, the amount calculated to be included in the Union Estimates for institutional purposes. This will have the effect of reducing the Union Estimates from £50,342 to £46,376. Each Union Estimate to be reduced pro rata.

Regarding the payment of compensation to officers retired under the Scheme, the amount of which is estimated at £8,427, the Board consider that the question of how this liability should be met might be left in the hands of the Co. Council, but they suggest that perhaps your Council might meet the charge out of the arrears of Grants due to them by the late Government.

Regarding the Motor Ambulance, it was decided to ask your Council to provide three, one for each town, with the exception of Enniscorthy, which has one already.

It was also decided to request your Council to defray the expenses of the Board until you supply them with funds. I will furnish you with the accounts requiring payment".

The following resolution, adopted by New Ross Board of Guardians on 25th February 1922, was read:-

"That the question of Amalgamation of Hospitals be postponed until such time as An Dail produce a general scheme of Amalgamation



for Ireland, workhouse portion of the Scheme to be proceeded with, the Wexford County Council to be requested to approve of this action"

Miss Lister pointed out that when the Local Government Department produced a Scheme for a County Home and County Hospital for such Counties as were small enough for such a provision, the New Ross Guardians turned it down. The County Council could leave the objections of New Ross to be dealt with by the Local Government Department.

Mr. J. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Redmond seconded:-

"That the recommendations of the County Public Health Board as to Union Amalgamation Scheme be adopted, and that maintenance and upkeep of same and of District Hospitals in Gorey and New Ross be District Charges".

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Murphy seconded:-

"That maintenance and upkeep of County Hospital and County Home be met as County charges, and maintenance and upkeep of District Hospitals in Gorey and New Ross be dealt with as District charges".

Both these motions were subsequently withdrawn.

After considerable discussion, a resolution by Mr. J. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cummins, approving of the Union Amalgamation Scheme as considered at last meeting of County Public Health Board was adopted and

Mr. Corish gave the following notice of motion:-

"That in view of the modifications which have been made in the Union Amalgamation Scheme from the date on which it was agreed that the expenses of institutions, etc., in connection with said Scheme be regarded as District Charges, the question as to the chargeability of County Home, County Hospital and District Hospital be considered and fixed at a future meeting of the Council".

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

"That the question of supplying motor ambulances for Gorey and New Ross, as recommended by County Public Health Board, be deferred to next meeting, in the meantime, the County Council, without prejudice, to pay for any locomotion expenses for patients which the County Public Health Board may have to incur owing to



Employment of Men on Roads

The following resolution was received from Kilanerin Sinn fein Club as to employment of men on roads:-

"that we condemn the action of the County Council and the Gorey District Council for not carrying out their agreement with the North Wexford Brigade of the I.R.A. in giving preference of all public work to the unemployed members of the I.R.A."

Monageer Branch of the Co. Wexford Farmers' Association forwarded the following resolution:-

"That the Monageer Branch of the Co. Wexford Farmers' Association protest against the present system of employing labour on the roads, and demand the County Council to take immediate action to give every unemployed labourer an equal share of the work".

Under date 24th February 1922, the following was read from the Secretary, Co. Wexford Farmers' Union--

"Arising from a discussion at the Annual Meeting of my Association in connection with the present expenditure on the roads, it was unanimously agreed to ask your Council to receive a Deputation representing my Association, in order that our views might be laid before the Council, with particular regard to the following--

- (1) That out of work labourers should be employed irrespective of their Union or political opinions.
- (2) That such labourers should not be given more than the standard wage for Agricultural workers.
- (3) That the Council be asked to supply the Farmers' Union with a return of all work to be done on the roads, and the amount to be expended on same.

I shall be glad to learn of a date that will suit your Council to receive the Deputation".

Mr. James Byrne, M.C.C. wired:-

"Impossible attend meeting. General dissatisfaction re road work. Roads in contract taken over at wages 40 per cent higher than neighbouring Counties".

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following:-

"That the deputation from Co. Wexford Farmers' Union be heard at next meeting of the Council- 13th March 1922".

Mr. Shannon moved:-

"That the deputation from Co. Wexford Farmers' Union be not



received by the County Council".

Mr. Shannon subsequently withdrew his motion, and the resolution to receive the deputation at next meeting was agreed to, nem. con.

Considerable time was spent as regards formulating concrete proposals to improve existing methods of road maintenance, and as a result, the following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. Murphy:-

"That a committee, with plenary powers, be appointed to deal with the present Road Scheme of the County Council (under which grant of £10,000 is being spent) to investigate and deal with claims etc. of Road Contractors, obtain information as to the working of Direct Labour Schemes in other Counties, and endeavour to devise a Scheme which will be acceptable to all sections of the ratepayers and which will serve the interests of the County as a whole. That if Committee consider it necessary, they can spread over a period of years the working of a scheme which will bring the roads of the County up to first-class standard, the first meeting of the Committee to be held on Friday, 3rd March 1922, at 11 o'clock, in the Town Hall, Wexford.

"And that in view of the gravity of matters to be dealt with by the Committee, the Secretary request a full attendance at meeting

The following were appointed members of the Committee:-

Messrs. E.P. Foley, Seumas Doyle, Michael Doyle, John O'Byrne (Gorey) John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) G. Devereux, and the Chairman (Mr. J.R. Etchingham) as ex-officio member, with power to appoint substitutes to any meetings which they cannot attend, provided the substitutes are members of the County Council.

#### Weekly Payments to Road Workers.

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

"That the system of weekly payments to workers on roads, etc., be reverted to by the Council".

#### Proposed Extension of Franchise.

The President, Dail Eireann, Wrote under date 8th February 1922 that that the resolution of the County Council as to the

extension of the Parliamentary Franchise, would receive due



consideration.

Sanction of Appointment of Mr. P. Fitzpatrick, Rate Collector.

Under date 31st January 1922, the Minister for Local Government wrote (letter No. 20729-21, Wexford County) sanctioning the appointment of Mr. P. Fitzpatrick as rate Collector for No. 15 Collection District at remuneration of 7d in the £ on amounts collected and lodged by him to the credit of the Council.

County Hall.

Under date 16th February 1922, the following was read from the Minister for Home Affairs:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 8th instant with enclosed resolution, asking that the County Hall be restored to the County Council. The County Council premises are at the present moment being used by the R.I.C. as a Concentration Depot preparatory to their disbandment, and it is anticipated that the premises will be vacated by them in about three weeks' time.

It is not possible to adopt the suggestion made by you to transfer the R.I.C. to the Military Barracks, inasmuch as our forces have already taken them over".

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

"The Wexford County Council are dissatisfied with the answer from the Minister for Home Affairs as to having County Hall handed back to the County Council. The latter want the premises immediately as it is no longer possible to carry on their business in the disused ward of Wexford Workhouse, and which, in any case, is required immediately for purposes of Union Amalgamation Scheme".

Appointment on County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.

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

"That as recommended by the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, Mr. Michael Jordan, Ballyhamilton, Ferns, be appointed a member of said Committee vice Mr. Aidan Stafford, Clonjordan, resigned".



Dates of Meetings.

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

"that the dates of meetings of County and Rural District Councils as follows, be approved:-

Enniscorthy R.D. Council, Thursday, 13th April 1922 at 11 a.m.

Gorey R.D. Council, Thursday 6th April 1922, at 11.30 a.m.

New Ross R.D. Council, Wednesday, 12th April 1922 at 11.30 a.m.

Wexford R.D. Council, Saturday, 8th April 1922 at 11 a.m.

Proposal Committee, Monday, 3rd April 1922, at 11 a.m.

County Council (Half Yearly) Monday, 8th May, 1922 at 11 a.m.

County Council, Monday, 3rd April 1922 at 11.30 a.m."

Rate Collection.

The Secretary submitted the state of the rate Collection, which in the main was considered satisfactory.

Mr. J. Barnwell (Ex-Captain British Army) Kilmannock House, Campile, wrote Mr. Elgee, asking that payment of his rates should be deferred until his application for a revision of the valuation of the buildings on his holding had been decided.

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

"That Rate Collector Roe be directed to institute proceedings against J. Barnwell, Kilmannock House, Campile, for recovery of poor rate due by him, as the County Council have no power to agree to his proposal to defer payment".

Michael Kinsella, Ex-Rate Collector.

Mr. Elgee reported that he proceeded against Michael Kinsella, Rate Collector, on 28th February 1922 at a District Court in Enniscorthy, and had obtained a decree against him for £59 odd, with costs and expenses. One of the members of the Court asked why Kinsella was not in custody, and he (Mr. Elgee) explained that the Council did not take criminal action against him, as he proposed to come to their assistance during a trying and difficult time. He (Mr. Elgee) was afraid that nothing would be realised on foot of the decree.



Rate Collectors resuming Duty.

Mr. R. Sinnott, Collector for No. 4 Collection District, wrote under date 20th February 1922, that some time ago, he tendered his resignation as Brigade Police Officer to headquarters in order to carry on Rate Collection, but he was informed that his resignation would not even be considered, much less accepted. He could give satisfactory guarantees that, in his absence, the Rate Collection will be carried out efficiently.

Mr. J.J. Sinnott, Newtown, Clonevin (Collector for No. 16 Collection District) wrote that he was prepared to resume his duties as rate Collector on any date the County Council directed. For some time past, he had been helping his brother to clear up outstanding rates to 30th September last.

No reply had been received from Mr. Joseph Cummins (Collection District No. 8) and Mr. Charles McCarthy, Jun. (Collection District No. 5).

Limit of Expenditure on Roads.

The Gorey Rural District Council asked the County Council to apply to the Local Government Department for extension of Road Limit to £13,007, and Enniscorthy Rural District Council to £27,721. 7. 0.

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

"That the Local Government Department be requested to raise the financial limit of expenditure in Gorey Rural District to £13,007, and in Enniscorthy Rural District to £27,721.7.0".

Proposed Rate for Upkeep, I.R.A.

The following resolution adopted by the Enniscorthy Rural District Council on 17th February 1922 came up for consideration:-

"That we request the County Council to levy a rate of 3d in the £ for the upkeep of the I.R.A."

The Secretary directed attention to letter from Local Government (E 1902) under date 22nd February 1922, which stated that, if any rate was proposed, regarding which there was a doubt as to its legality, the Local Government Department should be consulted before its inclusion in the estimate.



Miss Lister stated that the proposed rate was illegal and the matter dropped.

Irish Republican Soldiers and prisoners  
of War Association.

Under date 25th February 1922, the Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council, wrote that the General Council had unanimously approved of the objects of the above Association and requested each affiliated Council to assist, as far as practicable in giving them effect.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Foley seconded by Mr. Cummins:-

"That this County Council as a corporate body and individually will do everything possible to further the objects of the Irish Republican Soldiers and Prisoners of War Association".

University Scholarships.

Mr. Corish gave the following notice of motion:-

"I will move at next meeting of the County Council that the resolution of the County Council declaring D. Phelan, Summerville, Wexford, as ineligible to compete for University Scholarship be rescinded, and that the Council, in view of the financial position of the boy's people, declare him eligible to compete".

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It was decided that the remainder of the business be adjourned until the meeting of the Council on 13th March 1922.

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Presiding Chairman

Dated this            day of            19



MEETING, 13th MARCH, 1922.

A meeting of the Wexford County Council was held on 13th March 1922.

Present:- Mr. J.R. Etchingham (Chairman) presiding., other members:- Messrs. R. Corish, G. Devereux, Michael Doyle, E.P. Foley, John O'Byrne (Gorey) J. Pender, J. Shannon, James Byrne, Philip Lennon, Patrick O'Byrne, D. Kavanagh, James Hall, John Sinnott and C. Culleton.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Messrs. W.F. Barry, County Surveyor, T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, and C.P. Curran, Assistant Surveyor, were in attendance.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed.

Mr. J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) wired, regretting his inability to attend the meeting.

New County Councillor & Co-Option of  
Mr. M.M. O'Donoghue.

Under date 2nd March 1922 Mr. Patrick Cullen, Hon. Secretary, Blackwater Sinn Fein Club, wrote that at a special meeting of representatives from Sinn Fein Clubs, Ballygarrett, Oulart, Kilmuckridge and Blackwater, Mr. Myles M. O'Donoghue, Raheenlusk Kilmuckridge, was nominated for election on the County Council.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Myles O'Donoghue, Raheenlusk, Kilmuckridge, be co-opted a member of this County Council, vice Mr. Simon Kehoe, deceased".

Farmers' Union and Roads.

Under date 24th February 1922, the following was read from the Secretary, Co. Wexford Farmers' Union, at the meeting of County Council on 1st March 1922:-

"Arising from a discussion at the Annual Meeting of my Association in connection with the present expenditure on roads, it was unanimously agreed to ask your Council to receive a Deputation, representing my Association, in order that our views might be laid before the Council, with particular regard to the following

(1) That out of work Labourers should be employed irrespective



(2) That such Labourers should not be given more than the standard wage for Agricultural workers.

(3) That the Council be asked to supply the Farmers' Union with a return of all work to be done on the roads, and the amount to be expended on same.

I shall be glad to learn of a date that will suit your Council to receive the Deputation".

The following resolution was adopted at the meeting of the County Council on 1st March 1922:-

"That the deputation from Co. Wexford Farmers' Union be heard at next meeting of the Council- 13th March 1922".

The following are the names of the deputation:-

Col. C.M. Gibbon, C.M.G. Sleadagh, Wexford.

Capt. Harvey, Kyle. Wexford.

Mr. H.W. Johnson, Clone House, Monamolin.

Mr. N.J. Murphy, Kilmokea, Campile.

Mr. Barron, Bridgetown.

Mr. W. Boggan, Kilmuckridge.

Mr. J. Kehoe, Monroe.

Mr. J. A. Doyle, Templeshelin, Adamstown.

Co. L.A. Bryan, Borrmount.

The following members attended:-

Colonel Gibbon, Pierce Barron, Captain Harvey and M. Doran, Secretary to the Farmers' Union.

Colonel Gibbon apologised for the absence of some members of the deputation from the south of the County, as they were prevented attending owing to restricted train service. He had personally moved in the matter in having the deputation in order that the Farmers' Union and the County Council could be brought into closer touch. Things were said at Farmers' Union meetings about the County Council, and at the County Council about the Farmers' Union, which were likely to beget and perpetuate friction, and no one wanted that. Farmers, owing to slump in prices, were labouring under great difficulties, at the present time. There was immense cost falling on the farmers owing to rates and taxes, and the burden was extremely heavy when they considered what they



rates for the upkeep of roads, and they had been very hard hit from the economic point of view. The agricultural industry was the industry of Wexford and it should be fostered, encouraged and protected. It was very important for the farming industry that the incidence of local taxation should be reduced as low as possible. Dealing with labour on the roads, he thought they could procure no more satisfactory or inexpensive labour than from the small farmers. It was not fair that these men should not get employment unless they became members of the Transport Union. The Farmers' Union wanted to see a proper balance sheet of the County Council, some assurance as to the wages and hours of County Council employees, and that the latter would be employed, irrespective of whether they were Union or non-Union men. Referring to the payment of Rates, he held they were being paid as well as in the past.

Captain Harvey said they wanted to bring back to the Farmers' Union an assurance that the small farmers would have an opportunity of working on roads without being forced to join a trades union., that the County Council would give equal rights and facilities to farmers and members of the Transport Union. The farmers considered they were not able to pay men the wages which the County Council were giving, and, for the same reason, they believed the County Council should not pay, out of the money supplied by the farmers, wages to workmen which farmers, in their individual capacity, were unable to pay.

Mr. Barron referred to the hours worked by road men, viz., 40 per week. No farmer could have men working for such a short period and be able to carry on. There was bound to be discontent and friction while one man was working on the road for 40 hours for £2 per week, and the man at the other side of the fence, working 54 hours per week for 29s. 6d. In his district, farmers lived principally by milk production, and, if a 40 hour week was generally adopted, they would have to employ two staffs, and the price of milk would go to 1s. 6d. per quart. Mr. Barron also advocated the contract system for by-roads.

Mr. Doran pointed out that a prominent member of the Farmers' Union had not been allowed to haul material for roads because he



was not a member of a Union. Some scheme should be devised by which owners of heavy lorries would be responsible for a reasonable contribution towards the maintenance and upkeep of the roads damaged by such vehicles.

Several members of the Council replied to points raised. They pointed out that, as regards the preparation of a balance sheet, the County Council staff had been evicted by the military and police, and the County Council records thrown on the street, half of them being lost. The Minute Books and Account Books of the Council had been seized by the police and were only returned a fortnight ago. The staff were working in a disused workhouse ward, without room for papers or records. When it was possible, the accounts would be prepared and submitted to audit.

As regards the payment of £2 per week wages for road men, the Labour representatives considered it was only a living wage and they were not prepared to accept the wages fixed by the Farmers' Union as any criterion of justice or equity. But the payment of 1/- per hour would have been reconsidered, were it not that the scheme under which it was being paid had only a very short time to run, and as there was a resolution on the books to pay the rate of 1/- the County Council could not have alternate wages until this resolution was rescinded. But the Roads Committee had been considering a permanent scheme, as regards which the County Council would have an opportunity of considering hours and wages. The County Council, in connection with haulage, had distinctly laid it down that farmer or labourer was entitled to be employed, and it was unnecessary that either should be a member of a Trades Union, in fact, the only stipulation which the Council made was that large farmers should, if possible, be not employed on this work.

The proposed new Scheme of Road Maintenance provided that the second and third class roads, representing practically 1484 miles out of 2,000, would be maintained by the contract system.

In connection with Rates, the Council pointed out that it was in the interests of the community that as low a rate as possible consistent with efficiency, should be agreed to.

Colonel Gibbon having, on behalf of the deputation, thanked



the Council for their patient hearing, the discussion closed.

New Ross Urban District Council and Grants  
for Repair of Roads.

Under date 1st March 1922, Mr. M.J Finn, Town Clerk, New Ross, wrote that a deputation from the Urban District Council, consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Town Surveyor, had been appointed to wait upon the County Council to put before them a claim for portion of the grant which County Councils would receive for road repair and maintenance purposes in view of the fact that many of the streets in the Urban District might be regarded as "main roads" since they form connecting links with main roads in the Rural Districts.

Mr. George Dooley (Chairman Urban Council, New Ross) Mr. T. Redmond, Vice-Chairman, and Mr. J.J. Shortall, Town Surveyor, attended.

They pointed out that the sum offered - from grants supplied by the Ministry of Transport to New Ross, viz:- £223, was quite inadequate. They should, in view of what they were obliged to spend on their streets, receive at least £750. Owing to its geographical position, New Ross had suffered much more than other districts by heavy military traffic.

The County Surveyor pointed out that the entire grant from the Ministry of Transport had been allocated, the £900 set aside for Urban Districts having been allocated by valuation, which he considered the fairest method of apportionment.

The matter having been explained to the deputation, the Chairman recommended the latter to make, through the County Council, a special application to the provisional Government for a grant to make good war damage done to the roads in this Urban District by military traffic.

Membership of Roads Committee.

Mr. Seumas Doyle, M.C.C. wrote that he found it was not possible for him to attend the meetings of the Roads Committee. He recommended that Mr. John Murphy be appointed in his place.

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



"That the resignation of Mr. Seumas Doyle as member of Roads Committee be accepted, and that Mr. John Murphy be appointed to fill the vacancy thus created".

Superannuation Proposed to Ex-Collector Banville.

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. M. Redmond:-

"That the question of granting a superannuation allowance to Mr. John Banville, Ex-Rate Collector, be considered, and if agreed to, that the amount of superannuation be fixed".

As Mr. Redmond was not in attendance, it was decided that the motion be adjourned until he was in a position to be present.

Proposed Superannuation- Ex-Rate Collector Smith.

Mr. John O'Byrne (Gorey) moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the question of granting a superannuation to Mr. J.C. Smith, Ex-Rate Collector, be considered, and if County Council agree to same, that the amount of said superannuation allowance be fixed".

Mr. P. O'Byrne seconded.

As an amendment, Mr. M. Doyle proposed:-

"That as Mr. Smith refused to carry out the instructions of the County Council, during a crucial period, the notice of motion proposing to grant him superannuation be not entertained".

Mr. Hall seconded.

After considerable discussion, a show of hands was taken with the result that ten voted in favour of the amendment, and five against.

The amendment was then put as the substantive motion, and declared carried.

University Scholarships.

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

"That the resolution of the County Council, declaring D. Phelan Summerville, Wexford as ineligible to compete for University Scholarship, be rescinded and that the Council, in view of the financial position of the boy's people, declare him eligible to



compete".

Mr. Foley seconded.

The Secretary explained that, at the meeting of the County Council on 1st March 1922, a vote as to eligibility to compete was taken as between John Mooney, Glenglass, Killanne, Una M. Hickey, 24 South Main Street, Wexford and D. Phelan, Summerville, Wexford. The application of Mooney was accepted on a vote, nine being in his favour, while five voted for Hickey, and three for Phelan.

The resolution of Mr. Corish was put and passed, nem. con.

#### County Public Health Board.

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

"That representation of Wexford Corporation on County Public Health Board be increased from two to four members".

After considerable discussion, Mr. Corish withdrew his notice of motion, and moved the following:-

"That representation of Wexford Corporation on County Public Health Board be increased from ~~two~~ to three members".

Mr. M. Doyle seconded this resolution which was adopted.

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

"That Messrs. C. McCarthy, Sen. (Murrintown) and John McCormack Arnestown, Ballymitty, be appointed additional members of County Public Health Board".

It was pointed out that, by appointing two more representatives from South Wexford, their representation on the Committee would be 19, while North Wexford would have only 13. Some of the members from South Wexford referred to the fact that there was no representation from Bannow and Duncormack.

Mr. Hall, by consent, withdrew his motion and moved the following:-

"That Mr. John McCormack, Arnestown, Ballymitty, be appointed a member of the County Public Health Board".

Mr. Corish seconded the resolution which was unanimously adopted.

The following is a list of attendances of members as asked for at meeting of County Council on 1st March 1922:-



County Council- M. Cloney 2., J.J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) 3,  
 D. Kavanagh, 2., John Pender, nil, John O'Byrne, Gorey, 1.,  
 Michael Doyle, 2., John Sinnott, nil. James Shannon, nil.,

Enniscorthy R. D. Council- Deumas Doyle, 2.,

Gorey R. D. Council- W.P. Keegan, 1.

New Ross R.D. Council, Michael Byrne, 1.

Wexford R.D. Council- C. Culleton, 2.

Gorey Town Commissioners- Vacant

Enniscorthy Urban Council- Thomas McCarthy, 4.

New Ross Urban Council- Thomas Redmond, 1.

Wexford Corporation- Alderman R. Corish (Mayor), 3., Michael Martin  
 1.

Nominated by County Council- John M. Roche, 2., Thomas Banville, 1.,

James Connors, 2., Dr. Ryan, 1.

Enniscorthy Guardians- James Lawlor, 3.

Gorey Guardians- Moses Bolger, nil.

New Ross Guardians- Patrick Lynch, 3.

Wexford Guardians- Nellie O'Ryan, 3.

County Insurance Committee- Dr. Greene, 3., Lady Fitzgerald, 2.,

Francis Carty, 3.

County Medical Association- Dr. Hickey, 3., Dr. M.W. Kelly, 2.

Mr. John Pender, M.C.C. wrote that he did not attend meetings  
 of County Public Health Board as he had not received any notice to  
 attend.

The Acting Secretary, County Public Health Board, stated that  
 agenda had been issued to Mr. Pender as to the other members, and  
 he could not understand why it did not reach him.

Mr. Shannon, M.C.C. wrote that he desired to continue member-  
 ship of the Committee. He would have been at last meeting but his  
 car had broken down.

Mr. Sinnott, M.C.C. explained that owing to the time of his  
 release from prison, it would have been possible for him to attend  
 but one meeting, and pressing business prevented his attending then.  
 He would attend in future.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.

Corish, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne:-



"That the Acting Secretary, County Public Health Board, be requested to again communicate with Mr. Moses Bolger, Clonee, Camolin, and ascertain from him if he desires to continue membership of County Public Health Board, that in the event of his declining to remain on the Board, the Gorey Guardians be asked to nominate his successor"

Under date 9th March 1922, the Acting Secretary, County Public Health Board, wrote that as the new institutions would not be taken over until 1st April, the amount they would require would be very small, say £30, to defray the initial expenses, such as printing, advertising etc. After 1st April they would require at least £1,000 to pay Outdoor Relief and other current expenses.

On the motion of Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Foley, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That a sum of £30 be transferred to County Public Health Board from this meeting to meet current expenses, and a further sum of £1,000 to meet Outdoor Relief, this latter sum not to be handed over to the County Public Health Board until after 1st April 1922".

Union Amalgamation Scheme - The Question  
of Chargeability.

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

"That in view of the modifications which have been made in the Union Amalgamation Scheme from the date on which it was agreed that the expenses of institutions etc., in connection with said scheme be regarded as District Charges, the question as to the chargeability of County Home, County Hospital and District Hospitals be considered and fixed at this meeting of the Council".

Mr. M. Doyle seconded.

Adopted nem. con.

After a great deal of discussion, Mr. Corish moved the following:-

"That in view of the modifications which have been made in the Union Amalgamation Scheme from the date on which it was agreed that the expenses of institutions etc., in connection with said scheme, whether for County Home, County Hospital, or District Hospitals of Gorey and New Ross, or for any other purpose, as County Charges".



Mr. M. Doyle seconded the motion which was accepted without a division.

Motor Ambulance- Gorey and New Ross.

The following resolution, adopted at the meeting of the County Council on 1st March 1922, came up for consideration:-

"That the question of supplying motor ambulances for Gorey and New Ross, as recommended by County Public Health Board, be deferred to next meeting., in the meantime, the County Council without prejudice, to pay for any locomotion expenses for patients which the County Public Health Board may have to incur owing to lack of ambulances for Gorey and New Ross".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. M. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Foley:-

"That the County Public Health Board, at their meeting on 15th March 1922, be requested to make a recommendation to the County Council as to the necessity for Motor Ambulances for the District Hospitals of Gorey and New Ross".

Resignation of Dr. Ryan.

Under date 16th February 1922, the following letter was read from Dr. Ryan, 73 Anglesea Street, Dublin--

"I have reconsidered my resignation from County Public Health Board, but have come to the same conclusion, and must therefore adhere to my resolution. I have also come to realise that I am still a member of both the County Insurance Committee and the County Tuberculosis Committee. I beg now to tender my resignation from both these Committees.

"Thanking the Council for their kindness in asking me to reconsider my resignation".

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. J. O'Byrne, the resignation of Dr. Ryan as member of Committee of the Council was accepted.

Adjourned to Roads Committee Meeting.

The following items on agenda paper were referred to the Roads Committee meeting, to be held on 25th March, 1922 at 11 o'clock, a.m.:-



"County Surveyor's applications:- (a) County Surveyor's salary (b) Restarting Road work on existing contracts (c) Re-opening of Quarries, (d) Government Grant for Roads only £10,000 (e) Proposals at R.D. Council meetings, to be contract or direct labour. (f) extra material for Wexford bridge, (g) Assistant Surveyor Kirby, (h) application, increased rent, machinery yard, Enniscorthy (i) Purchase of machinery by County Council (j) Fleming & Co., re rock drills, (k) Road Contractors' claims (l) J. Brien, Road Contractor, (m) Irish County Councils' General Council as regards road work.

Rate Collection.

Under date 9th March 1922, the following letter, No. D/36 was read from the Minister for Local Government, as to the existing state of the Rate Collection:-

"It is noticed from the Monthly Return of Rates, Forms 66 and 66a, that the collection of the Rate in your County is in a most unsatisfactory condition.

"The Council should take the matter up immediately with the Collectors and instruct them to take proceedings forthwith against all defaulting Ratepayers.

"Ratepayers who withhold their Rates at the present critical juncture are guilty of a serious offence against the wellbeing of the Nation and should be drastically dealt with".

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

"That copy letter from Minister for Local Government be furnished the Rate Collectors and that they be directed to have its instructions put into effect".

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, asked for instructions as to what steps he would take against ex-rate Collector Kinsella against whom a decree for £59 odd (with costs and expenses) had been made at Enniscorthy District Court for Rates which he had failed to lodge.

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

"That Mr. Elgee proceed in the ordinary course as to lodgment and execution of decree in the case of Michael Kinsella, ex-Rate



Collector".

All other matters in connection with Rate Collection were adjourned to the next meeting of the Council.

County Hall.

The Secretary reported that the R.I.C. had evacuated the County Hall on 11th March 1922, and it had been taken over by the I.R.A. The latter stated the County Council could move in at their convenience. The place was in a very dirty condition, and he wished for instructions as to having the place cleaned and the furniture and records brought back to the former offices.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. M. Doyle--

"That John Roche, caretaker, County Hall, be instructed to move into the premises, his salary to remain at same figure as when the Council were evicted from the premises. That the County Surveyor be instructed to have the premises properly washed out, and that the staffs of County Council return to occupation as soon as possible".

Printing Contract.

Two tenders were received for annual printing supply for County Council offices and for offices of County Surveyor, viz:-

The People printing Co. Ltd., Wexford	£250. 8. 6 and
The Free Press, Wexford	275. 13. 9.

the tender of The People was accepted on the motion of Mr. M. Doyle seconded by Mr. Sinnott.

Primary Scholarship Scheme.

The Primary Scholarship Committee submitted the following scheme, which was adopted on the motion of Mr. M. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Sinnott:-

"A meeting of the Primary Scholarship Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in the Town Hall, Wexford on 11th March 1922, for the purpose of considering letter from the Minister of Education and suggestions from Irish County Councils' General Council as to Primary Scholarship Scheme.

"Present:- Very Rev. Canon Dunne, p.P. Castlebridge,



representing Managers of Schools) Messrs. H. O'Byrne, Ballindaggin and P.D. Breen, Castlebridge (representing National Teachers) Rev. Brother Fitzgerald, Christian Schools, Wexford, (representing the Christian Brothers) and Mr. T. Treanor, Wexford (representing Co. Wexford Committee of the Gaelic League).

"The Secretary to the County Council was also in attendance.

"On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Brother Fitzgerald, the chair was taken by Very Rev. Canon Dunne, P.P.

"In apologising for his non-attendance at the meeting, Father <sup>if</sup> Maher, P.P. Oulart, wrote asking the Council had sufficient data to enable them to form a judgment as to whether the Scholarship system is giving good results in this County, or in Ireland as a whole. 'It was', continued Father Maher, 'stated in the 'Times' Educational Supplement of last week that the Scholarship system in England is found to be both costly and ineffective'. 'A better system would be to have Primary Education up to the age of 11 years and junior secondary education for all children up to the age of 15 years. That would secure free secondary education for all children whose mental calibre justifies it, and whose parents cannot afford to pay for it. Parents who can afford to pay for an alternative system to be free to do so, if they wish".

"Should it be decided to go on with the Scholarship Scheme now, I would be strongly in favour of a separate scheme for town schools and country schools. Country children as you know, do not as a rule, develop as quickly as town children. Children in the country have not the same educational opportunities as their brothers and sisters in the towns. It would only be in accordance with justice and fair play that there should be separate schemes for town and country.

"The best fruit ripens slowly. The reservoir of the best brains will always be the country. I think that is the universal experience".

"The teachers present were not prepared to accept the age termination for primary education or commencing age for secondary education.



"The meeting considered as there was a general desire to have some scheme by which promising pupils of elementary schools would have an opportunity in the present year (even in very limited numbers) of taking advantage of secondary education, there was no alternative scheme to that of the Scholarship system. But they felt it would be advisable if a report could be obtained (through a Committee of Experts) as to the general working of Scholarship Schemes in Ireland, inquiry to be conducted under definite heads of reference.

"As regards the division of Scholarships between town and country schools, the County Council have decided, for the present, to confine all Scholarships to children of Rural Districts, and will only ask these districts to contribute the amount of Rate necessary to finance the project. From educational conditions in Wexford County, children in Urban Districts are, in the main, able to avail of secondary education without a subsidy for the purpose.

"Letter, under date 25th January 1922, from the Minister of Education, approving of the Scheme, was read. The Minister, however, pointed out that the standard of Irish was too low., as the candidates would apparently be placed in the sixth standard there appeared to be no good reason for making the standard in Irish equivalent to that of fourth standard. The minimum age of students (14 years) appeared to be rather high., if students were to take full advantage of a secondary education, it was advisable they should begin in not less than their thirteenth year. The Minister suggested it might be possible for the Council to make some amendments in the scheme on the lines suggested.

"The various details of the scheme approved at meeting of 25th January 1921, were then considered, and various amendments having been agreed to, the Committee present the following to the County Council for final approval:-

Wexford County Council.

Primary Scholarship Scheme adopted at Meeting  
of County Council of 13th March 1922.

Four Scholarships are to be awarded to Boys and Three



Scholarships to Girls tenable at recognised Secondary Schools in the County Wexford by pupils attending primary Schools - age to be not less than 13 or more on 1st of June in year of application for S

Scholarships will be available only for children whose parents or guardians reside in County Wexford for at least three years prior to year in which Scholarship is applied for., who further reside beyond a two-mile radius of a recognised Secondary School, and who are in need of assistance to enable them to secure a Secondary Education.

Scholarships will be awarded as the result of an examination. They will be tenable for three years at £40 per year, of which, at least £5 is to be paid the Managers of Secondary School at which Scholarship is held.

Third-year Scholarships may be taken at an Agricultural School approved by the Council. Such Agricultural Scholarships may, in the discretion of the Council, be extended for a fourth year, Students, who intend availing of Agricultural Scholarships, must at the end of their second year, inform the Council of their intention to finish Scholarship at an approved Agricultural School.

The County Council shall have the right to withhold a Scholarship in any case in which they consider this course advisable, and their decision on any matter in connection with the Scheme is to be final and binding on all concerned.

#### SYLLABUS FOR EXAMINATION/

1. READING. (maximum marks, 70). To read with fluency and intelligence a passage from some Standard author. Spelling to be tested by Dictation.
2. WRITING. (maximum marks, 60). To write a free, legible hand.
3. ARITHMETIC (maximum marks, 100). To know Fractions, Decimals, Simple and Compound Proportion, Practice, Simple Interest, Metric System, Stocks.
4. GRAMMAR. (maximum marks, 40). To parse and analyse ordinary sentences, principal Rules of Syntax, correction of errors, common roots, prefixes and affixes.
5. COMPOSITION (maximum marks, 70). To write an essay or letter on any simple subject of three given.



6. IRISH. (Fourth Standard) (maximum marks, 100). (a) General Conversation., (b) To read and understand a suitable reader Reader to be used as basis for conversation., (c) To memorise and understand songs or poems, making up about sixty lines, (d) To reproduce, orally, in the pupil's own words, substance of passages from the Reader.

For next year, 5th standard is recommended, and in 1924, Sixth Standard.

7. HISTORY. (Maximum marks, 80). Broad outlines of Irish History,

8. Any two of the following:-

- (a) ALGEBRA (maximum marks, 80). Simple Rules, simple equations factors.

- (b) GEOMETRY & MENSURATION (maximum marks, 80). First Book of Euclid with Exercises., Areas of rectilineal figures and surfaces of principal solids, volume of principal solids.

- (c) PLAIN NEEDLEWORK (maximum marks, 80). 6th Standard.

- (d) HYGIENE (maximum marks, 80). Syllabus:-

AIR. Reality of., necessary for "burning"., breathing., Comparison of breathed air with ordinary air., necessity for ventilation., effects of breathing impure air., experiments to show air is changed by breathing., how we breathe., the lungs.

WATER.- Sources of supply compared., uses of water., hard and soft water tests., purification of water by filtering., boiling.

TEMPERATURE.- The Thermometer., used for domestic purposes., temperature of human body., how kept up (by food, air, clothing) how prevented from rising unduly.

FOOD/- Nature of food., chief constituents., classified according to., path of food., digestion., how it enters the blood stream., weight of unit volume of common beverages and amount of dry solid contained., amount of ash and moisture in "solid" foods.

THE SKIN.- Functions of perspiration., dangers of damp clothing and houses.

INTERNAL ORGANS/- General idea of respiratory and digestive



organs and their functions.

TEMPERANCE.- Social, economic and physiological aspects.

GERMS.- Useful and dangerous., putrefaction., preservation of food.

INFECTIOUS AND CONTAGIOUS DISEASES/- Precautions., disinfection., tuberculosis.

SIMPLE REMEDIES in ordinary accidents., e.g. burns, scalds, cuts, bruises.

#### GENERAL CONDITIONS.

1. Candidates must pass examination in Irish and Arithmetic, and also in any three of the remaining subjects.
2. Six months before date of examination, the eligibility of candidates to compete in examination should be decided by a Committee of the County Council or by Scholarship Committee. For present year, this course (owing to time limit) cannot be adopted.
3. Every candidate for a Scholarship should, before being admitted to examination, produce a satisfactory reference from the Teacher or School Manager of his school, together with a medical certificate as to fitness and a recommendation from a Clergyman of his parish as to character.
4. The Scholarship Examination will be held at convenient centre or centres in the County (according to the number of entrants) between 15th June and 1st August in each year. The papers will be prepared and Examination conducted by Local Teachers for the present.
5. Applications for Scholarships in 1922 must be lodged on or before 1st May, and in subsequent years, before 31st December of preceding year in which Scholarships will be awarded. Forms of entry can be obtained from the Secretary to the County Council, County Hall, Wexford, who will notify candidates of dates of Examination. These will also be advertised in the local papers.
6. This Scheme will be revised annually.

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The Committee consider that County Councils should at once urge upon the Minister for Education the necessity for introducing



suitable instruction in Agriculture in the Primary School curriculum. The Committee are disappointed that no provision has been made for the teaching of this subject, dealing with the basic industry of the country, in our elementary schools. The 'old-time' teaching tended to produce clerks and candidates for the professions, but made no attempt to provide simple teaching in Agriculture, and the Committee regret that neglect of Agricultural Instruction appears to be perpetuated in the new programme.

A resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Breen, seconded by the Chairman, asking the Minister for Home affairs to hand over to the District Committees of the Gaelic League of Enniscorthy and Wexford the Coastguard stations of Curracloe and Rosslare for the purpose of Summer Schools for the teaching of Irish.

#### Malicious Injury Applications.

Under date 17th February 1922, the Clerk, Wexford Rural District Council, wrote stating he was directed by his Council to inquire as to what action the County Council proposed taking in future with regard to claims for compensation for criminal injuries.

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

"That the inquiry from Wexford Rural District Council as to the future action of the County Council, relative to malicious injury claims, be referred for instructions to the Minister for Local Government".

#### Irish Education Act - Enniscorthy Rural District School Attendance Committee.

The Commissioners of National Education wrote that, as the period of service of the School Attendance Committee for the Enniscorthy Rural District will terminate on 31st May 1922, the Wexford County Council were requested to appoint, as Local Authority under Irish Education Act, 1892, their five representatives on the Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. M. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Foley:-

"That Enniscorthy Rural District Council be requested to recommend for appointment by the County Council, five represen-



tatives on the Enniscorthy Rural District School Attendance Committee".

Rate Estimate.

The Secretary stated that he had not received Estimate for Enniscorthy Union and District Council. On 27th February 1922, he had received a letter from the Clerk,, New Ross Rural District Council, that no meeting of his District Council was held during the month of February, but he would bring the County Surveyor's Estimate before the meeting of his Council on 11th March. On the evening of 11th March. a telegram had been received as follows from the Clerk, New Ross Rural District Council:-

"No quorum for meeting Ross Rural Council to-day. Five members attended and recommended last year's estimate for roads, viz:- £9929. 18. 4, -be adopted".

The Secretary stated that County Surveyor's estimate was £15,780. 10. 0.

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

"That our Secretary communicate with the Chairman, New Ross Rural District Council, and point out the necessity of having Road Estimate for New Ross Rural District considered by a meeting. In view of the great discrepancy, practically £6,000 between the figures recommended as Road Estimate by the members who attended Rural District Council meeting on 11th March and County Surveyor's Estimate the County Council do not consider it advisable to accept any figure for road maintenance for New Ross without affording the Rural District Council a further opportunity of considering same. Hence they suggest that the Chairman of the New Ross Rural District Council should call a meeting at the earliest possible date for this purpose.

"That Mr. A.A. Connolly, Clerk, Enniscorthy Union and Rural District Council, be requested to furnish his Rate Estimates at once".

Appointment of Analyst.

Mr. A.A. Connolly, Enniscorthy Guardians and Rural District Council, and Mr. O'Sullivan, Clerk, Wexford Guardians and Rural District



Council, wrote that their bodies approved of the suggestion of the County Council, appointing one Analyst for all the Public Bodies of the County.

Mr. Shaw, Town Clerk, Enniscorthy, wrote under date 4th March 1922, that his Council had approved of the proposal of the County Council to appoint one analyst for the County.

A similar letter was read from the Asylum Committee, Enniscorthy.

Under date 9th March 1922, the Town Clerk, New Ross wrote that the letter of the County Council, as to the appointment by the County Council of County Analyst for the work of County Council and all other local Bodies in the County, was considered by New Ross Urban Council, and they decided unanimously to make no order thereon.

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

"That the Local Government Department be requested to state if the County Council can now proceed to the election of Analyst for the County, as they have done all they could to secure the views of all other County Bodies concerned".

#### Food & Drugs Acts.

Under date 7th February 1922, the Ministry for Home Affairs wrote that the procedure to be adopted as regards the administration of Food and Drugs Acts was receiving attention.

#### Wagon Tyres.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Devereux, seconded by Mr. M. Doyle:-

"That the County Surveyor to next meeting of the Roads Committee report as to condition of engine and wagons hired to Wexford Urban Council, particularly as regards motor tyres, with an estimate of cost to have those properly repaired or replaced, and also a statement as to the amount which he has received from Wexford Urban Council for hireage purposes.

#### Drinagh Cement Works.

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

"That we call upon all Public Bodies to boycott English



manufactured cement and purchase German cement until the Drinagh Cement Works, Wexford, have been re-opened.

"That a copy of this resolution be furnished to the Managing Director, Associated Portland cement Co., Lloyd's Avenue, London, E.C. the Irish County Councils' General Council, Cork and Dublin Industrial Development Associations, and all County Councils in Ireland. That the latter be requested to do all in their power to see that the terms of this resolution are put in force".

#### Belfast Boycott.

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

"That we call on Mr. Michael Collins, Chairman of the Provisional Government, to take steps with a view to having the Belfast Boycott re-imposed in view of the fact that the compact arrived at was not being kept by the so-called Northern Government".

#### Irish Political Prisoners.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Devereux, seconded by Mr. Corish--

"That our Secretary be instructed to communicate with Messrs. Griffiths, Collins and De Valera and ask them to demand that Irish political prisoners, still in English jails, be released at once. We, as a county Council fail to understand why these prisoners have been detained after the general amnesty".

#### Salaries of Officials.

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

"That a return of the salaries paid the officials of the County Council be presented to next meeting of Roads Committee on 25th March 1922".

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(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

Presiding Chairman

Dated this       day of       19



Wexford County Council.Roads Committee.Meeting - 13th March, 1922.

A meeting of the Roads Committee of the Wexford County Council was held on 13th March 1922.

Present-- Mr. J.R. Etchingham (Chairman) presiding, other members:- Messrs. R. Corish, G. Devereux, M. Doyle, E.P. Foley and John O'Byrne (Gorey).

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, Mr. T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, and Mr. C.P. Curran, Assistant Surveyor, were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Wexford Bridge.

Mr. J.J. Stafford, Merchant, Stonebridge, Wexford came before the meeting in respect of the condition of Wexford Bridge.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by the Chairman, it was decided that Mr. Stafford be heard by the meeting.

Mr. Stafford said he had called the attention of the County Surveyor to the state of Wexford Bridge recently. Road traffic was now being carried out mostly by lorries. Notwithstanding that a considerable amount had been spent on Wexford Bridge, it was closed to lorry traffic, and in consequence, a very important district was cut off from Wexford. His lorries were obliged to make a detour of five or six miles around by Ferrycarrig Bridge in order to get to Blackwater. The Wexford Bridge, with the exception of the bascule, was equal to the traffic, and according to the present regulations, no loaded lorry could pass over the bridge, and no unladen lorry if its weight exceeded two tons. He was anxious that the County Council would strengthen the bascule, so that an unladen lorry, up to 5 tons, could be brought across the bridge.

The County Surveyor stated that four piles could be driven to support the bascule, and if this was done, it would be able to withstand the traffic of a two-ton lorry laden or that of an unladen lorry of 5 tons. It would cost about £150 to have the



necessary work carried out.

Mr. Corish proposed:-

"That we recommend the County Council to expend £150 on strengthening the bascule of Wexford Bridge in order to allow of an unladen lorry, weighing not more than 5 tons, to cross over".

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the resolution which was adopted.

#### Strike on Roads at Ferrycarrig.

The County Surveyor stated he found Aidan Mernagh, Ballinaslaney, Oylegate, overseer of roads at Ferrycarrig section, unsatisfactory. He (County Surveyor) told Mernagh to carry out some work, viz:- scraping mud on Wexford Bridge, and he never attended to it. He (County Surveyor) considered Mernagh responsible for holding up the work at Barmoney. He also organised the present strike. The County Surveyor stated he had informed Mernagh he would bring his conduct before the County Council and the answer to that was the present strike.

The following was read from Mr. D. Whelan, Secretary, Transport Union, Crossabeg Branch:-

"At a meeting held yesterday (12th March) in Crossabeg of all surface men and carters in this Branch, employed by the County Council, it was unanimously decided to cease work until such time as notice of dismissal, served on Aidan Mernagh, Ballinaslaney, Oylegate, overseer, by C. Curran, assistant Surveyor, is withdrawn as the men are not aware of any reason why he should be dismissed nor is any reason stated in notice of dismissal. They also wish to protest against the conduct of C. Curran, assistant Surveyor, in his wanderings around this part of his district, abusing the men on roads, and so causing general confusion and disorder, and they have asked me to call for his dismissal, as by his conduct, they believe he is doing his best to make direct labour a failure, and so cause disemployment of men engaged, when work is so badly needed. They beg to remind C. Curran and all others whom it may concern that they are not a lot of slaves, but Freemen in a Free State. None of the Union surfacemen or carters (which means all) will start work this Monday morning".

Mr. Curran, Assistant Surveyor, said he did not give notice



of dismissal to Mernagh, that came from the County Surveyor. At Barmoney quarry there was a strike, and the foreman said Mr. Mernagh was going there to organise a strike, as local men did not get the work. Mernagh was organising the strike although he was overseer. With reference to haulage, Mernagh did not carry out instructions to see hauliers, and he also refused to ask the men to carry out a reasonable amount of work per day.

The County Surveyor read letter which he had forwarded to Mernagh, and in reply to a question, said he was only proposing that Mernagh should be dismissed from the overserrship, but not from getting employment on the roads.

Mr. Curran said Mernagh gave no explanation as to why he did not call on hauliers, although asked on three or four occasions. He was directed to see a man named Sinnott, and although he could have seen this man before or after Oylegate Mass on Sunday, he had not done so. Subsequently, he was also asked about why he did not call on Sinnott and he gave no explanation.

Mr. Corish proposed:-

"That, as the present Road Scheme has only to run for a further fortnight, Aidan Mernagh be re-instated as overseer on Ferrycarrig section of roads and censured, the County Surveyor to keep a close eye on his future work. His re-instatement now to be conditional on his giving an undertaking that he will carry out the instructions of the Surveyors in future".

Mr. O'Byrne seconded. passed.

#### Position of Existing Road Contracts.

A resolution was adopted at a recent meeting of the County Council, asking Mr. R.W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, to advise as to the responsibility of the County Council in relation to existing road contracts.

The following under date 9th March 1922, was read from Mr. Elgee:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, relative to the Road Contracts which were suspended by Resolution of the County Council in the month of March 1921.

With reference thereto, I beg to say that the Council are



bound by the contract or Bond, to pay the Contractor the yearly amount of his Contract price, for the term that is covered by the Bond, i.e. five years or three years as the case may be, from the date of the Bond, subject as hereinafter mentioned.

The Council cannot, by a mere Resolution, get rid of their liability under the Bond, such liability can only be determined by consent between the parties.

As to the Council's liability under existing Contracts from the month of March 1921, when the Council resolved to discontinue work on the roads, in my opinion, no payments can be made for this period to, or claimed by, a Contractor unless the County Surveyor certified under Article 26 (b) of "The Local Government (Procedure of Councils) Order 1899 'that the work in respect of which payment is to be made has been executed in accordance with the Contract', and a payment to a Contractor shall not be considered unless a Certificate to that effect is produced.

I am informed by the County Surveyor that none, or at the most very few of the Contractors have done any work under their Contract since they received notice of the Council's resolution, and this being so, as no work has been done, the Surveyor can give no Certificate, and as the Council cannot pay without a Certificate, it seems clear to me that the Contractors have no claim under their Contracts against the Council.

In the case of Contractors who have done any work or supplied any material during the period in question, the County Surveyor should certify in accordance with the amount of work done.

If the Council adopt the "Direct Labour Scheme" on the roads, they will have to be careful that such scheme is not put into force on the roads on which there are "Contracts" in force, as this would plainly be a breach of Contract on their part, for which they would be liable for damages.

The County Surveyor said he had measured up the mileage of proposed main Roads which were under Contract and found it to be 210.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Foley, seconded by Mr. M. Doyle:-



"That the County Surveyor and Mr. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, interview the contractors who hold contracts for 210 miles of proposed Main Roads, and try to effect a surrender of these Contracts to the County Council".

The remainder of the business in connection with roads was adjourned to next meeting of the Committee to be held at 11 o'clock a.m. on 25th March 1922.

Quarries.

Mr. Corish proposed, Mr. O'Byrne seconded and it was passed-

"That the County and Assistant Surveyors make all inquiries possible with a view to securing the necessary quarries for repair of roads".

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Presiding Chairman

Dated this       day of       19.



Roads Committee Meeting, 25th March 1922.

A meeting of the Roads Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in the Committee Room, County Hall, Wexford, on 25th March 1922.

Present:- Mr. E.P. Foley, Vice-Chairman Co. Council, presiding.  
Also:- Messrs. John J. O'Byrne (Gorey), John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) M. Doyle and G. devereux.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, Mr. T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, were also in attendance.

Question of Wages and Hours for Road Workers.

The Chairman said he wished to have it on record that at the first meeting of the Committee he asked Mr. R. Corish, as representative of Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, if he were prepared to approach the matter of wages and hours for the employees of the Council on the same basis as these were arranged in the neighbouring counties of Tipperary and Waterford, and Mr. Corish had replied in the affirmative.

Payment to Quarry Workers.

Mr. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) complained that the workers in Ballinaboola Quarry had not been paid for the past three weeks, and he desired to know who was responsible. Mr. O'Kelly, the Overseer, informed him that he posted the wages returns to the Assistant Surveyor of the district every Wednesday, and yet the men were not paid, while men on the road were. He (Mr. O'Byrne) had written to the County and Senior Assistant Surveyor in the matter, but had not received a reply from either. However, he was determined not to allow the matter rest. He would bring it before the meeting of the Council and would not feel satisfied until he had ascertained who was responsible for the delay.

Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey) also complained that the men in Tara Hill Quarry were <sup>not</sup> being regularly paid.

The County Surveyor explained that wages for three weeks had been sent the Tara Hill men the previous day.



The Unemployment Scheme.

A number of general questions were raised in connection with work being carried out under the Grant of £9,000 to the County Council from the Ministry of Transport.

The County Surveyor stated he had arranged for the surface men in Gorey, New Ross and Wexford districts, to cease work on Wednesday 29th inst. In Enniscorthy as they started late they would continue at work for two or three days beyond Wednesday next. He would then go into the question of haulage and would distribute any balance available for any special work which would be required.

The Chairman called attention to the deplorable condition of the roads in Crossabeg district. The general Scheme was now practically finished, yet at least three of these roads were practically impassible, and the Roller was lying in a ditch awaiting repair.

The County Surveyor explained that the axle of the Roller had been broken.

Mr. Doyle pointed out that it was a pity more attention had not been given to roads such as the main road between Wexford and Enniscorthy and which so badly required it, and less attention to roads which were in a fair condition.

The Chairman thought the services of the men should have been retained.

The County Surveyor said the men were dispensed with because the Roller was out of order.

In reply to Mr. Doyle he said he thought he would have about £300 available from the present scheme.

The Chairman said that in the Crossabeg district the road at the back of Kyle had been destroyed by motor traffic when this was diverted from the main road. Lorries were going Saunderscourt road and it would very soon break up. At last meeting he had it in mind to see these roads but time did not admit of this being put into effect.

Mr. Doyle said that six weeks ago to his personal knowledge



the Enniscorthy-Wexford road was dangerous to traffic.

The Chairman said Whitefort Hill was in a desperate condition and would require a good deal of attention.

Mr. Devereux stated he was speaking to the County Surveyor two or three weeks ago about the condition of the Enniscorthy-Wexford road and he recommended the County Surveyor to consult Mr. Foley in the matter.

The Chairman thought arrangements could have been made by which the men could have continued getting out material for the road in question.

Mr. Devereux said he was very much afraid they would have to call on the County Surveyor to resign and receive superannuation. He (Mr. Devereux) would not like to see the Council embarking on their proposed Scheme of road improvement unless they had some idea they would have considerably better supervision and organisation than was exhibited by the state of affairs mentioned at the present meeting.

The County Surveyor explained that the offices which he and his staff had in the Workhouse were most unsuitable., it was impossible to keep track of papers which were constantly going astray and there was no privacy, so that it was really much more difficult than Councillors could realise to keep matters up to date. Besides there was a good deal of confusion during the present week in consequence of their removal to the County Hall.

The Chairman said he really could not understand why the work of drawing material had been stopped.

The County Surveyor said he already had the material for the road.

Mr. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) suggested that the County Surveyor should prepare and submit to next meeting a financial statement showing how much he had spent on the Scheme and the balance available.

The Chairman said that though they were working a scheme of £10,000 they had no idea of what was spent in each district, or what sum was now available, in fact from the business point of view they might as well be at home.



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) seconded by Mr. Doyle:-

"That a Special Meeting of this Committee be held in County Hall, Wexford, at 11 o'clock a.m. on Wednesday, the 29th March 1922 and that the County Surveyor be instructed to submit to said meeting a complete financial statement of the expenditure in each district under the £10,000 Grant received from Ministry of Transport".

Mr. Doyle proposed:- "That any balance found available from the present road scheme be expended on the roads in the Crossabeg district."

Mr. Devereux seconded the resolution which was passed nem con.

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Presiding Chairman

Dated this            day of            19



Wexford County Council.Roads Committee.Meeting - 29th March, 1922.

A meeting of the Roads Committee of the Wexford County Council was held on the 29th March 1922. Mr. E.P. Foley (Vice-Chairman County Council) presided. Also present-- Messrs. John O'Byrne (Gorey), John J. O'Byrne (Cushinstown), M. Doyle, R. Corish and G. Devereux.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor and Mr. T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, were in attendance.

Expenditure of Grant of £10,000

The County Surveyor explained that, of the £10,000 grant which had been promised by the Ministry of Transport, £934 had been allocated to the Urban Districts and £9,066 to the Rural Districts. The total spent, or arranged to be spent, in these districts, was: Enniscorthy, £2366., Gorey, £2045., New Ross, £1590., Wexford £2466, and on account of machinery, £500. Total, £8,967. This would leave only a balance of £99. For the further estimated expenditure included in the figures he had given, he had calculated on outside prices, and he was sure they would be able to save something on them. Then they could cut out something, such as the cost of preparing material in Ballymurray Quarry and for the Gorey-Arklow road.

Mr. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) pointed out that the amount allocated for New Ross district was very low, but the County Surveyor pointed out that the valuation of the New Ross Rural district was the lowest in the County.

The Chairman mentioned that they had asked for a financial statement as regards expenditure of the grant so that they could ascertain amount spent in each district, and as the scheme was expiring, what amount would be available for roads in Crossabeg locality in the Enniscorthy District. He thought that, before main embarking on steamrolling the road, it would be worth discussing whether it would not be better to put the adjoining second-class roads into some kind of order so that traffic could pass over



them in safety.

The County Surveyor in reply to a query, stated that he considered by dropping from the scheme payment for Ballymurray quarry, they would have £200 in hands, and by cutting out Gorey-Arklow road, £500 of a total of £700.

Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey) said the County Surveyor had made arrangements with men to prepare material for Gorey-Arklow road and in Ballymurray Quarry, and how could the County Surveyor go back on these arrangements?

The County Surveyor said the material was required for next year's maintenance.

Mr. Corish thought if this was the case it should be paid out of the Rate for next financial year.

The County Surveyor said the £700 had been included in the road estimate for the coming year.

Chairman- Then why bring it into the present scheme?

County Surveyor- Because we were trying to apportion the money on the valuation for each District as closely as we could.

Mr. Corish proposed:-

"That the £700 for material from Ballymurray Quarry and for Gorey-Arklow road be deleted from present scheme, and that these matters be provided for out of money to be raised in the new Rate. That the £700 in question be spent on actual and necessary work on roads".

Mr. Devereux seconded the motion which was adopted.

Mr. Treanor contended that if the main road between Wexford and Enniscorthy was put in order, there would not be much fault to be found with the condition of the roads of the County. He thought it would take £300 to put the roads in the Crossabeg district into repair, leaving the main road from Wexford to Enniscorthy out of question. He considered it would be advisable that the £400 balance should be spent on the preparation of material for the main road. The roller had been out of commission for the past three weeks owing to a broken axle, but a week would finish the rolling if the material was all available.

Mr. Doyle proposed:-



"That the County Surveyor be directed to have the by-roads in Crossabeg district levelled by the employment of surface men, also holes filled and material put on where necessary. That the main road from Wexford to Enniscorthy be put into as good order as possible with the balance from the £700 which will be left over after providing for the repair of the by-roads".

The Chairman seconded the motion which was adopted nem. con

Mr. Doyle pointed out that the mistake made in the present scheme was that, in the Barony of Forth where roads were fairly passable, work which was not needed, had been done on a number of roads. The money so spent could have been available for the main road from Enniscorthy to Wexford and they would have had far better results.

After further discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr. Doyle:-

"That the Wexford Rural District Council be informed that unless they object, the County Council will, on behalf of the Rural District, borrow £1,500 for the purpose of finishing the steamrolling work on Wexford-Enniscorthy main road".

#### New Road Scheme - Details.

The County Surveyor read the following circular which he had issued to each County Surveyor in Ireland:-

"I have been directed by my County Council to obtain from other Counties particulars as regards Direct Labour work, and I shall be much obliged if you will, as soon as possible, send me replies to the following queries:-

1. To what extent is Direct labour in operation in your County?
2. The approximate number of miles over which Direct Labour is in force?
3. Number of men employed on the average per mile of road?
4. Number of hours worked per week, and wages for same?
5. How are men dealt with in regard to broken time, due to wet weather and regular holidays?
6. Number of Overseers, or gangers and rate of pay for same and approximate mileage under their charge?



7. Do labourers work in gangs, or are they distributed with charge of separate length of road each?
8. Is there any piece work payment in connection with road work?
9. How is material obtained and does your Council work any quarries by Direct Labour on a large scale?
10. Number of hours and rate of pay for quarrymen?
11. Approximate cost per cubic yard for prepared material in quarry?
12. How is haulage of material provided for, horse work or traction, and cost per cubic yard averaging for haulage?
13. What machinery does your Council own to deal with stonebreaking, rolling and haulage etc.?
14. How is machinery kept in order? Has the County Council its own workshops?
15. What are the duties of Assistant Surveyors in connection with Direct Labour, and are they paid a mileage rate for travelling, outside of the fixed salary?
16. Who is responsible for measurement of material supplied on the roads?

The County Surveyor had, in reply to this circular, received from 14 Counties fairly full details of their road schemes, the wages and number of hours worked per week by road employees, whether surfacemen, quarry workers or gangers being set out in each case.

The figures were carefully considered by the Committee.

The Chairman said if they took an average of the amounts paid in Waterford, Tipperary, Kilkenny and Wicklow, (unfortunately they had not received a return from Carlow) it would mean that surfacemen would be paid 38/- for a 50-hour week.

The County Surveyor stated that, as regards the working of quarries in Tipperary, Waterford, King's Co., and Kildare, there was available a large number of small quarries, and material was very easily procured without any heavy cartage, such as they had to provide for in Wexford. Limestone gravel could be obtained in any quantity in the Counties he had mentioned.

In connection with quarry work, the Chairman said he thought



it would be a good thing if they could keep the same staff of men employed, particularly in the quarries. It was a great advantage to have groups of men who had experience of the work.

The County Surveyor then submitted his proposals in connection with Direct Labour Scheme.

Mr. Doyle said he had laid the scheme of the Co. Surveyor before his local branch of the Farmers' Union at a very large meeting. In regard to the wages it was admitted that road workers should be paid more than agricultural labourers. He suggested that the increase over the latter should be 7/- per week, and that the hours of road men should be 50 as against 54 for those engaged on the land. This would give road men a 50-hour week for 35/- as against the agricultural labourer's wage of 28/- for a 54-hour week. If much more was given, it would certainly cause grave dissatisfaction.

Mr. O'Byrne (Cushinstown) held that work on the roads was not different from work on the land, but the conditions of employment were not the same.

It was finally decided that the question of hours and wages be adjourned to meeting of the Committee to be held on Monday, 3rd April 1922 at 1030 a.m. (summer time) in the County Hall, Wexford.

The Scheme of the County Surveyor was then considered, paragraph by paragraph, and was after amendment, adopted in the following form, on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey):-

Direct Labour.

All first and second class roads to be worked by Direct Labour at commencement, and these to be added to if deemed advisable later.

Third class roads to be maintained by contract as heretofore.



Classification of Roads.

<u>District.</u>	1st & 2nd Class (By Direct Labour) <u>Miles</u>	3rd Class (By Contract) <u>Miles</u>	Total <u>Mileage</u>
Enniscorthy	130.228	454.272	634.5
Gorey	84.385	291.115	375.5
New Ross	92.538	387.212	479.75
Wexford	112.868	351.632	464.5
Total	470.019	1484.231	1954.25

Each surface man to be put in full charge of, and be responsible for,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 3 miles. Surface men will be concentrated for rolling work. The Assistant Surveyors to be provided with motor cycle, as they will be able to supervise work regularly. Wages of surface men will be at the rate of                      for                      hour week. No deductions to be made for absence from work on R.C. holydays or in case of very wet weather, but pay and continued employment will be dependent on regular and careful attention and good work. Wages will be deducted from any workman improperly absent during working hours.

Tools will be provided by the County Council and receipt given by the surfaceman, who will be responsible for the safe keeping of same.

The Assistant Surveyor will order and distribute tools and keep record of same.

Surfacemen to provide jennet or ass and cart when required for spreading material or removal of waste off roads at 45/- per week.

Surfacemen to be selected and dismissed, if necessary, by the Assistant Surveyor, subject to the approval of the County Surveyor, and Roads Committee will finally decide in case of any dispute.

All men employed to be members of a recognised Labour Union.

The week will run from Thursday morning to Wednesday evening and pay will always be one week in arrears.

The Assistant Surveyor will make out pay recommendations each week and forward to the County Surveyor.



When no stuff is available in County Council quarry, the material will be supplied by contract at a rate per cubic yard delivered in suitable depots on the road, and evenly distributed. Tenders should be taken for this. Where County Council material is available, the haulage will be at a rate per cubic yard delivered on the road. This should be by tender also. If bona-fide workers are employed, they should be members of a ~~trades~~ Union as before-mentioned. Small farmers are also open to employment under this head, and that need not be members of a Trades Union.

In the case of unexpired contracts, which have been surrendered, the supply and delivery of material will be by special agreement.

Material will be prepared in County Council Quarries by Direct Labour, under the supervision of the Senior Assistant Surveyor, who should consult with the other Assistant Surveyors as to the supply necessary.

For the present, Tara Hill overseer to remain in order to keep charge of the machinery at 45/- per week.

In quarries with more than 3 workers, a working charge hand will be necessary at 43/- per week, who shall have care of tools etc.

Assistant Surveyors will measure up material and put in returns for interim payments in case of piece work, and the charge hand shall be responsible for time keeping when time work is in progress. The Assistant Surveyor will check the output when working on time. The Senior Assistant will measure up piece work for settlement with men.

The Senior Assistant Surveyor is to arrange for the machinery to visit the several quarries and to superintend blasts.

The Machinery Overseer will visit all machinery regularly and keep same in proper working order.

Terms of payment to quarrymen to be same as to surfacemen and the rate for actual time worked will be at            per hour. The rate for piece work will be as agreed on between the men and the County Surveyor and Senior Assistant.

The Assistant Surveyors will arrange for the supply and



delivery of all material not provided for under contract (subject to County Surveyor's approval).

All Surveyors and Overseers to submit weekly reports to County Surveyor who shall report on same to monthly meeting of Roads Committee.

All Special Works which have been given into the charge of the County Surveyor to be dealt with by Roads Committee for direction to the County Surveyor as to whether they are to be carried out by direct labour or by contract.

#### Proposed Surrender of Road Contracts.

The County Surveyor stated he and Mr. Tresnor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, had interviewed nearly all contractors who held existing contracts on the 470 miles of roads, which it was proposed should be maintained by direct labour. There were very few objections to surrender, but there were a few cases in which they would have to give special terms.

#### Shed for Machinery at County Hall.

The County Surveyor submitted estimate of £200 for shed, 50 feet by 30 feet with corrugated iron roof.

It was decided that the County Surveyor invite quotations for shed with corrugated iron or felt roof.

#### Material from Mountain of Forth.

A letter was read from Rev. G. Pettit, C.C. Murrintown, stating that the men concerned in breaking stones on the Mountain of Forth were prepared to sell same to the County Council for 6/- per cubic yard and to place them in depot which had been suggested or convey them to the main line for 3/- carriage.

It was stated that the average for material and cartage would be from 7/- to 7/6 per cubic yard.

It was decided that the Secretary inform Rev. G. Pettit, C.C. Murrintown, that the Roads Committee considered the quotation of the stonebreakers of Mountain of Forth too high, but they were prepared to recommend 7/- per cubic yard, to cover cost of material and cartage.

#### Machinery.

The County Surveyor impressed on the Committee the necessity



for providing machinery. It was very unsatisfactory having to hire engines, as breakers deteriorated under these conditions. If the County Council had their own engines, the latter could be used for rolling when not engaged in the quarries.

Mr. Corish proposed, Mr. O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded and it was passed:-

"That we recommend the County Council to consider the advisability of raising a loan with the view of purchasing the necessary machinery for road work, as recommended by the County Surveyor, the latter to have all available information for production at next meeting".

#### Quarry Work.

The question of arranging for general quarry work was raised by the County Surveyor, but it was decided that, unless at Tara Hill quarry, in which work is to continue, no action be taken until wages and hours of workers have been fixed.

#### Salary of County Surveyor.

The County Surveyor called attention to the following resolution which had been adopted at the meeting of the County Council on 20th April, 1921:-

"That the salary of Mr. Barry, County Surveyor, be fixed at £537 per annum, being a reduction of £179, in view of the fact that road work in the County has been suspended. That this reduced salary remain in force until such time as the finances of the County will allow of the resumption of this work".

Since then, the County Surveyor stated he had been paid at the rate of £537 per annum, the reduction being £179.

After discussion, the following resolution was adopted, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Corish:-

"That we recommend the County Council to re-instate the salary of the County Surveyor at £716 per annum, as from 1st March 1922".

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Dated this

day of

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Presiding Chairman