

Quarterly Meeting
Held
May 1st 1900.

The Statutable Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Council Chamber Courthouse Wexford on May 1st 1900.

Present: in the chair. Sir Thomas H. G. Esmonde Bart M.P. Chairman of the Council.

Other Councillors, Messrs Edmonde Hoce Vice Chairman James Donohoe, James B. Hearn, C. H. Peacocke, C. M. Doyle, James Codd, Michael Browne, John Cummins, Laurence Murphy, Myles Smyth, Michael J. Redmond, Owen Doyle, James Sinnott, Daniel Dempsey, Bryan Bolger, James E. Mayler, Daniel Power, John F. Walsh and Lord Maurice Fitzgerald.

Capt. Pigott Secretary, Mr. Elgee Solicitor, and Mr. H. Webster were in attendance.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

On the motion of Mr. Donohoe it was decided that in future all correspondence brought before the meetings of the Council should be initialled by the Chairman of the meeting.

Letters from the Local Government Board dealing with the claim of the Clerk of the Shillelagh Union for bringing the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 into operation were read.

In connection with this matter a claim by the Clerk of Shillelagh Union for compensation for loss of fees etc. was laid before the meeting.

Both questions were referred to the Finance Committee.

Letter No. 17084: 1900 (Wexford Urban District) together with a copy of a letter written by the Town Clerk of Wexford, and referring to the Demand made by the County Council on the Wexford Urban District Council were read.

The Secretary explained that the Demand had been made out in accordance with the Act of Parliament and the directions of the Local Government Board. There was however an oversight error in it. The District Council had been charged a share of the compensation to be paid to Mr. Brielawn one of the Poor Rate Collectors and as the Council had paid the entire amount of compensation due

due Mr. M. J. O'Connor, late Poor Rate collector, for their portion of the area within which the latter gave his services it was not the intention to charge them with any of the other compensations. This had been explained to the Town Clerk. The Demand was merely an estimate of the amount which the Corporation would have to pay. The actual amount had to be worked out for the ledger account of the Urban District and was of course based on the actual expenses.

The following Order was made:- "The County Council while anxious to meet the wishes of the Wexford Urban District in every way would point out that they have drawn up their Demand in accordance with their reading of the Act of Parliament."

Chairman:- Of course if we are wrong the Local Government Board will correct us.

The Secretary mentioned that he had received a communication from C. R. Lynch-Staunton Esq. stating that he had been directed by the Local Government Board to hold an inquiry into the main road scheme proposed by the County Council, on some convenient date after the 22nd May 1900. He had written to Mr. Lynch-Staunton fixing Monday 28th or Tuesday 29th as the most convenient dates. He had ascertained that this would meet the wishes of the Town Clerk and the members of the Corporation.

It was ordered that the Solicitor to the County Council and the County Surveyor attend the inquiry on behalf of the County Council.

In connection with this matter Mr. Pope Clerk to the New Ross Rural District Council forwarded the following resolution, which had been passed by his Council by a majority of 20 to 9 "That each District^{Council} shall have the management and control of all^{the} roads in their respective Districts and that there be no "main roads," or in other words that the distinction of "main roads" be abolished.

The Secretary explained that such a resolution could have been considered at last Quarterly meeting before the County Council adopted the final declaration but it was now too late. It had been passed only on the 17th April long after the time appointed by the Orders of the Local Government Board to offer any objection even to the

Main road scheme - Inquiry

the final declarations. He had sent, to each clerk of the District Councils, copies of the final declarations with a note specifying within the date within which special meetings for its consideration should be held.

State of Rate Collection. The Secretary having explained the state of the collection of the Poor Rate, it was decided that he should at once communicate with collectors Sullivan and M'Grath to close their collections.

Circular letter N^o. 19508: 1900 Miscellaneous from the Local Government Board was read.

Extension of time Rate Collection
Letter N^o. 20. 527: 1900 (Wexford County) from the Local Government Board assenting to an extension to the 30th April for the completion of the Poor Rate collection and forwarding Transitory Order varying the terms of the County Poor Rate Collectors Order 1899 was read.

The Secretary said that all the collectors with the exception of the two collectors he had mentioned had closed their collections.

Appointment of Assistant Surveyor. Letter N^o. 19. 713: 1900 (Wexford County) with reference to the appointment of Assistant County Surveyor from the Local Government was read.

The Secretary said he had handed the form of queries referred to in the letter to Mr Kehoe, to arrange for their answering with the County Surveyor.

Circular 66/M.: 1900 Miscellaneous from the Local Government Board was read.

The Secretary said that the clerks of the District Councils were carrying out the directions of the Local Government Board.

Date of Annual Meeting.
Circular letter 56 M: 1900 from the Local Government Board fixing the date of the Annual Meeting for the 13th June 1900 was read. It was decided that the hour for assembling should be 2 o'clock.

Auditor's Report. Letter N^o. 13586: 1900 from the Local Government Board forwarding a copy of the report of their Auditor Capt Gibson on the County Council Accounts was read.

The following is a copy of the report

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1st March 1900

Gentlemen

I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts

Accounts of the County Council of the County Wexford for the half year ended the 30th September 1899 and beg to forward an Abstract of the same duly declared and certified, in which will be found a fully detailed statement of the receipts and expenditure under the several heads of service.

With reference to the collection of the rate as it was only struck on the 17th August and the Warrants handed to the collectors on the 23rd of the same month, only a comparatively small portion of it was collected and lodged prior to the close of the half year under audit. I have to call attention however to the fact that Collector Doyle made no lodgment and I desire to point out to the County Council that they should insist on all the collectors complying strictly with the terms of the obligations contained in their bonds. The amounts lodged by them should invariably agree with their Abstracts, as carelessness in either overlodging or underlodging (as has occurred in some instances) tends to cause more or less confusion in their accounts.

The quarterly return of proposals for payments furnished by clerks of District Councils appear in some cases not to have been properly filled, as to the localities and measurements ^{of roads}, and also as to the classification of expenses. This important matter should in future receive the attention of the Officers concerned.

It would be advisable, I consider to have a copy of Form 14 (recommendations as to proposals for payments added by the County Surveyor to his report to the District Councils) lodged by the clerks of the Rural District Councils, with the Secretary to the County Council as at present there is no record in the Secretary's office as to the amounts of payments to contractors which have been deferred or struck off.

It will be observed that the following balances have not been apportioned viz

Grand Jury	£ 5,008 . 0 . 8
Lunatic Asylum	£ 1,196 15 0

I have therefore given instructions to have them properly adjusted during the current half year.

As the Harbour Master of Kilmore does not appear to

to have entered into any security, he should be called on to do so. It will^{be} also necessary for the Secretary to give a new Bond as one of the sureties named in the existing one has become a bounty councillor.

All the other Bonds of the accounting officers were produced for my inspection and found correct.

I have much pleasure in stating that I found everything in connection with the Secretary's Accounts perfectly satisfactory and that they were submitted for Audit in a highly creditable manner.

I have the honour to be
Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Servant.

W. Gibson

Auditor

On the motion of Lord Maurice Fitzgerald Seconded by Mr. Donohoe a vote of thanks was passed to the bounty council Officials for the satisfactory manner in which they had kept the accounts of the council.

Harbour Master, Kilmore. Mr. Elgee said that the Harbour Master of Kilmore new Bond. was about to enter into a new bond. He had named as his sureties Messrs B F Walker, Ballymagys and Bryan Mayler of Gentstown.

These names were approved by the council.

Security Security. The Secretary said he intended to give as surety some recognised Guarantee Society.

On the motion of Mr. Donohoe Seconded by Mr. Hore it was decided that the Secretary provide security in the sum of £500 from a recognised Guarantee Society.

In connection with the Auditor's remarks on the Poor rate collection the following order was made "That the Secretary draw the attention of the Poor Rate collectors to the Auditor's report and inform them that the bounty council will insist upon the collectors complying with the regulations of the Local Government Board ^{and the terms of their bond} in future."

The reports of C. Kelly Esq Local Government Auditor on his audits of the Ennisceorthy Union and District Council Accounts and the Gorey Union and District Council Accounts were read.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr.

~~Mr. Browne~~ Mr. Browne the following resolution was passed
nem. con.

"That it having been represented to us that Mr. William Ryan, late Assistant Surveyor, through inadvertance omitted to hand in his resignation before the expiration of the three months allowed, within which he could claim a gratuity, and as Mr. Ryan is now in failing health we hereby allow him £40 per year as Superannuation"

With regard to this matter Letter No. 13 965. 1900 Wexford County from the Local Government Board was read.

The Secretary reported that he had carried out the directions contained in this communication.

Irish Co. General Co.

On the motion of Mr. Browne seconded by Mr. Owen Doyle the following resolution was adopted.

"That we concur with the resolution of the Irish county councils" General Council as follows - Resolved, That this Council which represents the majority of the county councils of Ireland, protests against the arbitrary conduct of the Local Government Board in increasing the salaries of the county and other officials under the Local Government Act without furnishing the councils concerned, with the evidence or giving the reasons on which it based its decisions.

That^{as} the Local Government Board occupies the position and has all the powers of the Court of Appeal, we consider it had or has no right to increase the salary of any official behind the back of the Council interested, on the ex-parte statements of the officials, as it has almost invariably, done, without first hearing the reasons of the Councils concerned for refusing the increase asked by such official.

That copy of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister, Chief Secretary, and to the Irish Members of Parliament of all parties and to every county Council in Ireland for adoption."

Letters No. 16 998 1900 Wexford County No. 19. 713. 1900 County Wexford from the Local Government Board were read.

The following order was made in respect of the last mentioned letter.

That our Secretary be instructed to write to
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the Local Government Board stating that the bounty council had not time properly to consider this question when it first arose. That in view of the large principle at stake and of the very cogent reasons for agreeing to the request of the council and to which the Local Government Board have made no reply, we press the Local Government Board strongly to re-consider the attitude they have taken up in this case and see if something could not be done to meet the views of the bounty council.

adjustment Order. Letter No 19. 713. 1900 with reference to certain balances Poor Rate found to be due by Electoral Divisions in the New Ross union from the Local Government Board was read.

On the motion of Mr Cummins, seconded by Mr Hearne the following resolution was adopted:-

That we direct the attention of the Local Government Board to the quotation in their letter No 19. 713. 1900 Wexford bounty, under date 11th April 1900, from the adjustment Order, namely that the amounts must be levied in "the next practicable levy" of poor rate. We assume the Local Government Board will recognise the impossibility of collecting a rate in one levy amounting to four shillings in the pound. We therefore request that they will give permission to so arrange the rate that it shall be a practicable levy.

We request the Local Government Board to signify their decision in this matter at once.

Representatives-on On the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Browne Ct. of Agriculture the chairman of the council Sir Thomas H. G. Esmonde Bart. M.P. and Mr. C. H. Peacocke J.P. were appointed the representatives of the council on the Council of Agriculture.

In connection with this matter a resolution was received from the Enniscorthy Co. Operative Society mentioning the claims they considered Capt Bryan D.L. had for election on this Council, was read but no action was taken thereon.

Claims for compensation from Messrs P. A. Pope clerk to New Ross Guardians. Nicholas Kehoe clerk of Wexford Guardians J Hopkins clerk to Shillelagh Guardians. & Somers Poor Rate collector for loss of fees and the Explosives' Officers for superannuation were referred to the Finance Committee.

Irish Language Resolution with reference to the Instruction of the

the Irish Language in Irish Schools were received from the Kerry^{Co} Council.. Dublin County Council, and the Dublin Municipal Council, ~~and the Dublin Municipal Council~~

The Chairman gave notice of motion to move the resolution received from the Kerry County Council on the subject.

width of street at Rosbercon

Resolution from the New Ross Urban Council dealing with the proposed reduction of the width of the street in Rosbercon by the Dublin Wicklow and Wexford Railway Company was postponed to next meeting.

Resolution from the Irish National Teachers Organization with respect to the position of Assistant Teachers was marked "read"

The consideration of a resolution from the Guardians of Boyle Union dealing with the amendment of the Local Government (Ireland) Act was adjourned till next meeting.

On the motion of Mr Owen Doyle seconded by Mr Hore standing orders were suspended for the purpose of allowing the following resolution to be moved:-

Proposed by Mr Donohoe seconded by Mr Dempsey
"In respect of differences of opinion as to the justice or otherwise of the causes which led to the war in South Africa, we desire to express our conviction that immediate steps ought to be taken to stop the bloodshed and slaughter and come to a settlement of the questions at issue and that an effort should be made to reach such a settlement by the offer forthwith of reasonable terms by the British Government to the Boers"

The resolution was passed unanimously.

On the motion of Mr Keacocke seconded by Mr Browne standing orders were suspended for the purpose of moving the following resolution

Vice Regal Commission

Proposed by Mr Keacocke seconded by Mr Walsh.

That we respectfully urge upon His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant the necessity for the appointment, with as little delay as possible, of a Vice-Regal Commission to inquire into and report upon the existing unsatisfactory condition of Railway and Canal communication in Ireland and upon the injurious effect upon the trade and agricultural interests of the country. And that your Excellency may be pleased

pleased to appoint an early day for the reception of a deputation upon the above subject"

Resolutions in connection with the rating provisions of the Local Government (Ireland) Act received from Dublin Tyrone and Carlow County Councils ^{were} postponed.

Resolutions from Dungarvan Urban District Council on the same subject were marked "read"

The following resolutions were adopted.

Proposed by Mr. Owen Doyle seconded by Mr. H. Peacocke:-

Proposal for Payments etc.

Resolved. That the several proposals sent up by the Proposals Committee to the County Council as regards expenditure chargeable to the County at large be approved subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman.

Proposed by Mr. Hore seconded by Mr. Donohoe.

Dist. Council Proposal for Payments etc.

Resolved: That the several proposals sent up by the District Councils of the several Rural Districts of the County to the County Council, as set forth in the Schedules numbered 1, 2, 3, 4 be approved subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman.

On the motion of Mr. Owen Doyle seconded by Mr. Cummins the following resolution was adopted:

Rating provisions

That this Council request the Irish Parliamentary Party to obtain in next Session such amendments of the Rating provisions of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898 as will relieve from the payment of Poor Rate the occupiers of holdings in towns and villages and in Rural Districts whose premises are held under yearly and less than yearly tenancies where poor law valuation of said premises does not exceed £4 and that all poor rate made upon the occupiers of said holdings respectively shall be payable by the immediate landlords thereof as heretofore.

To enable this resolution to be moved on the motion of Mr. Dempsey seconded by Mr. Hore standing Orders were suspended.

Mr. Browne moved the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Cummins and after a long discussion withdrawn.

Pier and County Charges. Resolved "That Kilmore and all other Scheduled Piers of the County be made County charges"

Rural Dist. Tenders. Orders were made as to the different proposals from the Rural Districts of the County in respect of which no tenders had

had been received at the District or County Council Meeting for keeping in repair 166 perches of the road between the two roads from Newtownbarry to New Ross and from the Church of Templeshambo to Kilteddy and from John Harris's crossroads in Boladorragh to the crossroads at Patrick Byrne's house in Boolamore, in the Enniscorthy Rural District not to exceed 4^d per perch, there was only the one tender that of Owen Doyle of Mohurry at the amount allowed.

On the motion of Mr Owen Doyle seconded by Mr Dempsey the tender was accepted.

N^o 54 Wexford District and 17 Gorey District were given in charge of the County Surveyor.

It was decided that the costs of Mr Elgee Solicitor to the County Council be paid. They had been taxed by the clerk of the Crown and Peace and amounted to £44-8-4 in Malicious Injury claims and to £24-7-8 for Appeals in the cases of Explosives Officers.

Quarterly Meetings The following dates and hours were fixed for the Quarterly Meetings of the Rural District Councils and County Councils

New Ross	Wednesday July 4 th	12 o'clock.
Wexford	Saturday July 7 th	11 o'clock.
Gorey	Tuesday July 10 th	12 o'clock.
Enniscorthy	Wednesday July 11 th	11 o'clock.
Proposal Committee	Saturday July 21 st	10.30 o'clock.
County Council	Tuesday August 7 th	10.30 o'clock.

On the motion of Mr Cummins seconded by Mr Owen Doyle it was decided that contractor Philip Kelly Juniors New Ross be given a month to get out his proper supply of material in the depot, otherwise that the recommendation of Mr Webster that he be prosecuted be carried out.

Piers Committee It was decided on the motion of Mr Cummins that the first meeting of the Piers and Harbours Committee for South Wexford meet on Monday next, and that the Assistant Secretary of the County Council be directed to attend.

On the motion of Mr Cummins seconded by Mr Browne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Wexford County Council in the interest of the people of this County ask the Great Southern and Western Railway Company as the owners of the Rosslare Harbour and

Gt. S. & W. Rly Co.

and Pier to at once place a boat to run between that Harbour and Liverpool and Bristol ports. In view of the great interest the people have taken in Rosslare Pier and a Harbour the great support they have always given to the boat plying on these Stations and to the promotion of the schemes of the Great Southern and Western Railway we think the company ought to agree to our request.

to Analyst Report The report of the County Analyst Sir Charles Cameron for the quarter ending December 31st 1900 was read.

On the motion of Mr. Donohoe seconded by Mr. Owen Doyle the following resolution was passed.

Resolved. "We the County Council of the County of Wexford do hereby authorise the Committee of the Enniscorethy Lunatic Asylum to receive from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland the sum of six thousand pounds lately borrowed by this Council from the said Commissioners under deed of Mortgage of the 28th March 1900 for the purpose of completing structural and other alterations at the said Asylum and we request the said Commissioners to pay over the said sum to the said Committee"

On the motion of Mr. Cummins it was decided that the Solicitor to the Council be directed to take the necessary steps to surrender the tenancy of Arthurstown Courthouse.

On the motion of the Chairman it was decided that the following letters be inserted on the minutes

County Council Chamber
Wexford.

9th April 1900

Evicted Tenants' Sustentation Fund

Your Eminence

We have the honour to enclose you herewith a cheque for £300 as a second instalment from the County Wexford towards the evicted Tenants' Sustentation Fund

We are

With much respect

Your Eminence's very Obedient Servants
Thomas H. Grattan Esmonde

Chairman Co Council

Edmond Store

Vice Chairman Co Council

To His Eminence

Cardinal Logue - Ara Caeli - Armagh.

Ara boeli

Armagh

14th April 1900

My Dear Sir Thomas

I am both proud and grateful to acknowledge a second instalment of £300 from Wexford for the Evicted Tenants' Restoration ^{Fund}. Did every county in Ireland display the spirit and generosity of Wexford we would soon have no evicted tenants putting to shame by their misery, and the patience with which they bear it, the farmers of Ireland, who have benefited by their sacrifices. Wexford has never turned a deaf ear to the appeal of patriotism or charity: and I trust the splendid example she is giving in the present instance will help us in the important work of restoring the evicted to their homes, or to others not inferior.

Please to convey my warmest thanks to your colleagues of the Wexford County Council for their laudable exertions in this worthy cause.

Dear Sir Thomas
Yours Most Faithfully
Michael Cardinal Logue

It was decided that the next meeting of the county council for the striking of the rate and the issuing of the collecting Books to the rate collectors be held on the 21st May at 12 o'clock, and that a meeting of the Finance Committee be called for the same day at 10.30.

Petty Cash a/c. The minutes of the Finance Committee were read and confirmed. They include a recommendation of payment to the Petty Cash Account of £100.

Bank a/c. The Bank book of the Council showed ^{a balance} in favour of amounting to £16.49s 17. 0.

The following notice of motion was handed in by Lord Maurice Fitzgerald

Wild Birds Preservation Act. I give notice that at the next meeting of the county council, I shall move that the eggs and nests of the Wild Birds, both sea and inland of this county and its coasts and ^{the} Islands of its coast be included in the Wild Birds preservation

Preservation Act, which shall be put in force in this county and that a petition to carry out this purpose be forwarded to the Lord Lieutenant."

The minutes of the Finance Committee were read and confirmed.

Johnston Esq. Esmond.

21 May 1900.

Meeting May 21st 1900

The Statutable Quarterly Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Council Chamber Courthouse Wexford on May 21st 1900

Present: In the chair Sir Thomas H G Edmonde Bart M.P. Messrs Edmond Gore Vice Chairman C. H. Peacocke. J. B. Hearne, James Doyle James Dodd, C. M. Doyle Michael Browne Daniel Dempsey John Cummins Patrick Ryan, Owen Doyle James Donohoe Capt J. J. Walker Capt Loftus A Bryan James E Mayler, and Lord Maurice Fitzgerald and J. F. Walsh.

Capt Pigott Secretary to the Council and Mr R W Elgee Solicitor to the Council were also in attendance

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Assessment of balances of certain C.D.

Letter No. 26,255 1900 (Wexford County) from the Local Government Board was read. This communication pointed out that any action the Council took in connection with the assessment of balances under the Local Government Board's adjustment Orders in respect of certain electoral divisions in the New Ross Union, should be on their own responsibility as the Local Government Board had no power to modify or vary the terms of Article 19 of the Local Government (Transitory Provisions No. 2) Order in Council.

It was decided that the Council take no further steps in connection with this matter.

Circular Letter No. 15,631 1900 Miscellaneous from the Local Government Board referring to the appointment of analyst to the County was read.

analyst appointed

On the motion of the Chairman the Secretary was directed to inform the Local Government Board that Sir Charles Cameron was the analyst appointed by the Wexford County Council.

The Secretary mentioned that, as directed by the circular, he would in future forward copies of the quarterly reports of the Analyst to the Local Government Board.

Letter No. 26,776 1900 Wexford County under date 8th

Main Roads Scheme.

May 1900 from the Local Government Board stating their Inspector Mr. C. R. Lynch - Staunton would hold an inquiry into the appeal of the Wexford Urban District Council against the final declaration adopted by the County Council concerning the main roads in the County, was read.

width of road at Rosbercon.

The following resolution from the New Ross Urban Council the consideration of which had been adjourned from the last meeting of the Council was read:-

That our Solicitor be instructed to write the Dublin Wicklow and Wexford Railways Co's Solicitor, and state that the Urban Council strongly object to the street at Rosbercon being reduced in width as proposed in their plans, and if the Railway Company purpose going to Parliament to reduce the width, this Council will oppose them there, and that the County Council of Wexford be informed of above and that they be requested to take similar action.

On the same matter the following letter under date May 10th 1900 was read from Mr. John John Town Clerk, New Ross

"At a meeting of the New Ross Urban Council held last evening I was directed to call your attention to the fact that the Dublin Wicklow and Wexford Railway Company in their alterations of the public roads at Rosbercon in connection with extension of their line, are reducing the public road from 24 to 18 feet exclusive of footpaths, and that the Council is of opinion that the reduced width will not offer sufficient accommodation to the public in this much used thoroughfare. The Council trust your Council will not permit the public right to be interfered with in this manner"

The Secretary said that after the receipt of this letter the Parliamentary Agents of the Railway Company forwarded to him copy of their amended Bill with reference to this matter, and he had communicated with the Clerk of the New Ross Urban District, asking if his Council wished to lay their views before his Council beyond the terms given above; he had received from the Clerk of the Urban Council the following letter dated May 19th 1900

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst relative respecting the Bill for the amendment of the

New Ross

New Ross and Waterford Act, and to say it was considered at a specially noticed Meeting of the Urban District Council held last night. After a conversation on the subject of the great public inconvenience that would be caused by the narrowing of the street in Rosbercon the following resolution was unanimously adopted in reference thereto:-

"That this Council have nothing further to add to their resolution passed on the 9th inst and transmitted to you on the 10th, but to earnestly request that the County Council will kindly leave nothing undone to prevent the public rights being interfered with in the street in Rosbercon

On the motion of the Chairman it was decided that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee and that they be asked to report thereon to the Annual Meeting of the Council to be held on the 13th June 1900. In the meantime that the Secretary communicate with the Secretary to the Dublin Wicklow and Wexford Railway Company, and ascertain if it be the intention of the Company to take the piece of ground in Rosbercon on the terms offered by the Council, and whether it is not possible they could not modify their scheme so as to take less of the public road in Rosbercon having regard to the opposition of the New Ross Urban Council to any reduction in the width of the thoroughfare. That the Parliamentary representatives of the County be requested to block the Bill until this matter be settled"

Letter No. 8,079, dated 3rd May 1900 from the Under Secretary Dublin Castle acknowledging receipt of a resolution from the Council on the subject of Railway and canal communication was read

Gr. Southern & W. Ry Co. & Steamers

The following letter from Mr. J. B. Ormsby Secretary Great Southern and Western Railway Company Dublin under date 7th May 1900 was read:-

"Referring to your letter of the 2nd inst. I am directed by my Board to state that the Steamer formerly plying between Rosslare and Liverpool and Bristol belonged to

to the Great Western Railway Co. (Paddington, London) and this company have no power to run steamers from any Irish port.

On the motion of the chairman the Secretary was directed to forward copy of the resolution adopted on this subject at the last meeting of the Council to the Secretary of the Great Western Railway Co.

Striking the Rate

On the motion of the chairman seconded by the Vice Chairman the following resolution was passed nem con.

"That we hereby strike a rate for the current half year March 31st 1900 to Sept 30th 1900 and affix our Common Seal to the Rate Books and Collectors Warrants"

Tenders - Voters Lists etc

Three tenders were received for the following -
Printing forms, Supplemental lists, Objection lists of claimants and persons objected to, notices of Publication of lists etc., under Voters (Ireland) Acts and Precepts and forms under the Jurors (Ireland) Acts in accordance with Specification prepared by the clerk of the Crown and Peace

Mr. B Hughes tendered at £38. 18. 6 Mr. Martin White at £63. 12. 6 and Mr. John M Walsh at £78. 18. 0

In reply to the chairman Mr Hughes said he proposed to supply the printing according to the Specification of the clerk of the Crown and Peace.

On the motion of Mr Dempsey seconded by Mr Peacocke the tender of Mr Hughes was accepted.

Appointment School Attendance Committee

Notice of the appointment of the School Attendance Committee for the New Ross Rural District was received from Mr A Hamilton Secretary to the Commissioners of National Education:-

The following are appointed by the commissioners. Very Rev Canon Furlong P.P. Taghmon. Rev. A. Kavanagh P.P. Priethaggard. Rev J. Murphy P.P. Foukismills Rev D Bolger C.C. Rackgarogue and Rev R.M. Kelleth Fethard.

Appointed by the County Council:-

Messrs John Cummins J.P. Edward Nevill William Thorpe Denis Cummins and James Ahearne.

Resolutions

Rating Provisions

Resolutions received from the Carlow and Dublin County Councils as to the rating provisions of the Local Government (Ireland) Act were read. The former was marked "read", and the latter was postponed to a future meeting.

Resolutions - Increases of Salary

A resolution from the Boyle Union with reference to increases of salary was also marked "read".

Heating Schools - winter months.

A similar order was made in respect of a resolution received from Lissakea District Council on the subject of heating schools in the winter months.

Valuation Lists.

The Chairman gave notice to move a resolution from the Enniscorthy Guardians with reference to the withdrawal of the Valuation lists from the offices of clerks of Unions.

Piers' Committee

The minutes of the first meeting of the South Wexford Piers and Harbours' Committee were read and confirmed.

In connection with these minutes the Chairman moved:-

"That our Secretary be instructed to communicate with the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction and request them immediately to provide a Revenue cutter or some other ship for the purpose of the protection of the Fisheries within the three mile limit of the Wexford coast from the depredations of Steam Trawlers. That we request our Parliamentary representatives to arrange for the reception by the Chief Secretary for Ireland of a deputation from this Council, and of other gentlemen appointed by this Council for the purpose of laying before him the case of the Piers and Harbours with the view of obtaining a grant from the Imperial Treasury for the improvement of same."

Mr. Heame seconded the resolution which was passed *Nem. con.*

Capt Walker said it would be well if they asked the authorities to allow the Coast Guards to take the names of Steam Trawlers found within the three mile mark with a view to prosecution. If these Trawlers came into Waterford Harbour

Harbour to fish the coast Guards would probably be able to identify them and they could be prosecuted.

It was decided to add this to the resolution given above and that the attention of the Parliamentary representatives of the county be called to it.

The Chairman remarked that he would with the committee recently appointed, inspect and report as to the condition of the Piers and Harbours in the North end of the county at a convenient date.

Cattle Traders' Association

A resolution from the Irish Cattle Traders and Stock-owners Association Dublin was on the motion of Mr Donohoe seconded by Mr Owen Doyle marked "read"

appointment delegates, Irish National Convention.

The question of the appointment of delegates to the Irish National Convention was postponed till next meeting. Mr Browne at the suggestion of the Chairman offering to take charge of it.

Irish Language.

The Chairman moved the following resolution of which he had given previous notice

"Resolved. That this county council of the County of Wexford demands the fullest recognition of the Irish language in all branches of Irish Education, and especially in the primary schools supported by public money"

That in all Districts where Irish is spoken in the people's homes, we demand, in the interests of education that Irish be made the general medium of instruction, and that it be taught to the pupils from their first entrance into school. That in all other districts it shall be permissible to teach Irish as an ordinary subject, and that the teaching of Irish be paid for on the same scale as other primary subjects similar rights being enjoyed by the Welsh language in Wales and by a small assembly of Jews in this our own country.

Mr Owen Doyle seconded the resolution which was passed unanimously.

Wild Birds protection Act.

Lord Maurice Fitzgerald moved the following resolution of which he had given previous notice

Resolved "That the Lord Lieutenant be requested to make an

Order

Order under the Wild Birds Protection Act 1894 prohibiting for five years the taking or destroying of the eggs of wild birds of any sort on the Saltee Islands and on the Keeragh Islands, and to declare the said Islands to be protected areas within the meaning of said Act.

That Mr. Parle be appointed an Officer of this Council to enforce said enactment."

The Chairman seconded the resolution which was passed unanimously.

The recommendations of the Finance Committee were then taken up.

"The following recommendations were confirmed without change

Compensation - Mr. P. A. Pope & N. Kehoe.

Claim for compensation for loss of fees was received from Messrs P. A. Pope Clerk New Ross Union and Nicholas Kehoe Clerk Wexford Union.

Mr. Elgee said that these gentlemen should have in their claim set forth the additional emoluments they had received.

Proposed by Mr. Donohoe, seconded by Mr. Doyle and passed "That the Secretary write to Messrs Kehoe and Pope asking what amount was the entire salary and emoluments they were in receipt of under the old regime, the account to be furnished in detail including full particulars as to bringing the Act into operation; also copy of extract from minutes granting the increase of salary for new duties under the Act.

Edw^d Somers. loss of fees.

The claim of Edward Somers Poor Rate collector for loss of fees was also considered.

Mr. Elgee said he was under the impression when the Poor Rate Collectors were appointed they accepted 7^d in the £ in full discharge of their claims.

The Committee decided that they recommend the claim be refused.

Compensation - Mr. Hopkins

Mr. Hopkins Clerk of the Shillelagh Guardians wrote claiming compensation for loss of fees and £3 for bringing the Act into operation.

Letters No 21. 322: 1900 Wexford County under date 26th April and 18. 189: 1900 County Wexford under date 27th March 1900 from the Local Government Board on this subject were read

It was decided the committee recommend the Council to reply to the Local Government Board as follows

It would appear Section 17 of the Transitory Provisions Order of 1898 provides 'that there shall be paid out of the County funds of any County or Union Officers' Mr. Hopkins is not and never was an officer of the Wexford County Council.

The consideration of the claims of Mr. Hopkins were postponed the same order as in the cases of Messrs Pope and Kehoe was made.

Increase of Salary to Courtkeeper

Applications for increases of salary were received from Mrs Richards Courtkeeper Wexford and from the New Ross Rural District Council on behalf of Mr. Fretton Courtkeeper New Ross.

On the motion of Mr. Doyle seconded by Mr. Browne it was decided to recommend the County Council to pay Mrs Richards £1 per quarter for remuneration for extra work.

Mrs Richards appeared before the County Council and explained that she would prefer the Council would arrange to pay a servant for the extra work as the amount suggested by the Finance Committee would not at all meet the expense.

On the suggestion of the Chairman it was decided to again refer the matter to the Finance Committee.

With reference to the application for Mr. Fretton the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed.

Increase of Salary - Mr. Fretton

"On the motion of Mr. Donohoe seconded by Mr. Walsh it was decided that an increase of £1 per year be given Mr. Fretton as remuneration for extra work.

No alteration was made in the following recommendations of

of the committee which were confirmed

Compensation - Explosive Officers

Claims for compensation from Explosive Officers Messrs Munro, Nolan, McConnell, Lee, and Kavanagh were considered

Letters were read from the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury and Mr. M. J. O'Connor Solicitor on the point

Mr. Ryan proposed. Mr. Donohoe seconded and it was passed "That the Council be recommended to grant the amount of Superannuation to the Explosive Officers as per Treasury Minute

Proposed by Mr. Browne Seconded by Mr. Codd. "that the word minimum be inserted before the word amount."

Mr. Donohoe said they were bound by the Minute of the Treasury ~~to pass~~ and the word minimum had no force. It was a matter of scale.

The amendment was defeated and the resolution carried

Salary - Mr. Geo. Newsome

Mr. George Newsom wrote claiming a year's salary as Veterinary Inspector for the Division of Moyacom^b.

The letter was referred to the contagious ^{Diseases} of Animals Act Committee

Kilmore Pier - E. O'Flaherty

A claim for the work of pointing Kilmore Pier from E. O'Flaherty Harbour Master was received.

Mr. Browne proposed that O'Flaherty be allowed £2 and in future he repair under the directions of the local committee any damage to the Pier and employ what assistance he considers necessary, subject to their approval.

The other sums for this work were ordered to be paid.

Payments on Demands

It was decided that £300 be recommended for payment to the New Ross District Council and £1000 to the maintenance account of the Asylum.

Mr. Sullivan's poundage

On the motion of Mr. Donohoe Seconded by Mr. Codd it was decided

decided that the Local Government Board be asked to allow the council to pay Mr Sullivan Rate collector the balance of his poundage as the lodgment to make up the full amount of his Warrant was only a day late.

McGrath & his Sureties.

In the case of collector M'Grath it was decided to recommend the council to write to his sureties.

Mr. M'Grath came before the Meeting of the council and explained to owing to the illness of his family and himself he was unable to proceed with the collection so as to close within the appointed time. There was about £228 of his collection outstanding, and he proposed to lodge £128 of that within a week, and to complete his collection within a month.

On the motion of the chairman the following resolution was adopted.

"That collector M'Grath draw up a statement of his case and submit it to our Secretary who will forward it to the Local Government Board with a request for their favourable consideration Mr. M'Grath having come before the council and explained that the cause of the delay in closing his collection occurred through the illness of himself and his family.

The Financial Statement Books of Receipt and Expenditure written up to date, were produced by the Secretary and signed by the chairman.

The following were also produced by the Secretary:
Register of Separate Charges. Register of Applications and Proposals and Abstract of Poor Rate collectors lodgments.

Statement from the Treasurer showed the credit balance of the council to be £5.360. 1. 4

Thos. H. Graham Esq.

1 June 1900.