

7th. Quarterly meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber Courthouse Wexford on May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1904

Present, Mr E. Hore, Vice Chairman of the Council  
 presiding, other members Messrs J Bolger, M Browne  
 C. A Peacocke Lord Stopford M A Emis. J J Kehoe.  
 M Murphy, A Kinsella, D Kavanagh, John Cummins.  
 J E Mather M J Furlong. J Bolger, J A Doyle.  
 J B Hearn, Jas Shearne, M Hickay & F Walsh.  
 James Simmott, D Dampsey J W Doyle

The following resolution was adopted on the Motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Peacocke That the several proposals for Payments from the Rural District Councils and the Proposal Committee for the current quarter be approved, Subject to the Modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman

West Indian Emeralds.



The Statutable Half-yearly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse Wexford on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1904

Present E Hore (Chairman, presiding)

other members Messrs J Bolger M Browne C H Peacocke Lord Stopford, M A Ennis, John J Kehoe, M Murphy Alexander Kinsella, D Kavanagh John Cummins J E Mayler, M J Furlong, J Bolger, J A Doyle J B Hearn, J F Walsh and James Sinnott, J O Doyle Jas Shearney D Dempsey M Hickay

The Secretary, County Surveyor and the Solicitor of the Council were in attendance  
The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

### Rate for year 1904-5

M<sup>r</sup> Peacocke proposed and Mr Kehoe, seconded the following resolution:- "That we hereby strike the rate for General and Separate charges for the year 1904-5 and seal and sign the rate Books and Collectors Warrants. Passed,

### Issue of Stocks

Under date May 2<sup>nd</sup> 'letter No. 19,990: 1904-Miscellaneous', the Local Government Board forwarded copies of order and amended regulations relative in the issue of Stock by Urban Sanitary Authorities, and which had been made by the board under section 52 of the Public Health acts amended Act 1890

### Appointment of Rate Collector

in connection with the appointment of Rate Collector for No 10 Collection district the Secretary read letter from the Local Government Board under date 9<sup>th</sup> Feby 1904 and No 7066-1904 forwarding a list of queries to be answered as



Regards the person appointed to the office  
 The Secretary read for the Council  
 the questions to which the Local Government Board  
 required answers Messrs Edward Somers, Dunneane  
 Emmisconthy, John Sinnott Ballyd and Emmisconthy  
 and Moses Sutton. Ryane Oylgate applied for the  
 position of Rate Collector for No 10 Collection  
 District (Electoral Division of the Leap Emmisconthy  
 and Bue) Mr J Healy appeared for Mr Edward Somers  
 who offered to collect the rates in this collection  
 district for 5<sup>th</sup> in the £. Mr Ahern proposed that  
 Mr Somers application be not entertained as he has not  
 complied with the terms of the advertisement. Mr  
 J D Doyle seconded. The proposal was carried  
 Mr Dempsey proposed the election of Mr Sutton Mr  
 Kehoe seconded. Mr J Bolger proposed by Mr John  
 Sinnott for the appointment Mr J D Doyle seconded  
 A poll was taken with the following result  
 For Mr Sinnott Messrs J Bolger, Turling Browne Lord  
 Stopford, Peacocke, Emmis. Murphy, Kinsella, Kavanagh,  
 J D Doyle, J Bolger and the Chairman. 12  
 For Mr Sutton Messrs Mayler, Kehoe, Ahern, Dempsey,  
 Hickey and Cummins - 6. The Chairman declared  
 Mr Sinnott elected. The following is the application  
 of the successful candidate.

Davidstown  
 Ballyd and Emmisconthy  
 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1904

Gentlemen,

In reply to your advertisement for a  
 Rate Collector for the Divisions of Ballyhogue Bue  
 and the Leap, I beg to offer myself as a candidate  
 for the position and offer as my security and hand  
 in a letter of agreement. From the Lancashire and  
 Lancashire Insurance Company, agreeing to  
 guarantee me if elected this is the same company  
 that guaranteed me last time  
 As to the manner in which I discharged my duty  
 on the last occasion without using any pressure



on the Ratepayers although I had the whole  
years rates to collect in a very short space of time  
I refer <sup>you</sup> to Capt Pigott and Mr Triggell. Hoping gentlemen  
that I have invited your confidence approval and  
support, and trusting you will see your way in  
appointing me to the position. I now leave myself  
in your hands as I am sure you will treat me  
fairly

your obedient and most Respectful servant  
John Sinnott -

### Audits of Accounts

Under date 6 April (Letter No 61. No 1904-office) The  
Local Government Board wrote that the audit of the  
accounts of the County Council for the period ended  
the 30<sup>th</sup> September 1903, would be undertaken by  
Mr J. E. King, Local Government Auditor in lieu of  
Mr D. B. Sheehan the Auditor for the District.  
The Local Government Board forwarded copies  
of the reports of their Auditors dealing with the accounts  
of the following bodies, Enniscomthy Union and Rural  
District Council, County Wickford Committee of  
Agriculture and Technical Instruction and District  
Lunatic Asylum, New Ross Guardians and New  
Ross Rural District Council.

From the Auditor's report of the Enniscomthy Union  
a/c. it appeared that a surcharge had been made,  
and on the motion of Mr Kavanagh seconded  
by Mr Dempsey the following resolution was passed  
That the Local Government Board be asked to remit  
the surcharge in the case of the Enniscomthy Union

### Courtown Harbour

The following Petition which was signed by a large  
number of persons was laid before the Council  
Gentlemen, Whereas great destitution and loss  
is caused to the fishermen and others of Courtown  
Harbour Ballymorney Poulshone &c by the bad state  
of the Bar and Harbour at Courtown caused by the  
siltting of sand at the Bar mouth, and in the Harbour  
preventing boats of even the most moderate draught



from leaving or entering the Harbour except on spring tides and thereby depriving about one hundred fishermen with families depending on them of the means of earning a livelihood at a time when it is admitted by all that fish is as plentiful in the bay as ever it was. The most moderate Calculation shows that each day on which the boats are prevented from going to sea the Community loses at least twenty pounds during the herring season and during the Herring season the loss would be much more. This loss to a poor Community is very great and has caused much poverty and distress.

The Department of Agriculture is prepared to co-operate with a local Authority in remedying this state of affairs but the existing Harbour Commissioners do not come within the local definition of Local Authority and the Department is therefore debarred from co-operating with them it is hoped that if the Harbour were invested in the County Council an Imperial Grant or the greater part if not the whole of the money required to improve the Harbour would be obtained from the Government. For the past twenty five years there has been a great falling off in the number of fishing boats and their capacity owing to the shallowness of the bar entrance. The fishermen cannot therefore venture <sup>as far</sup> to sea as formerly on account of the difficulty and danger encountered on returning to the Harbour should an unfavourable change take place in the weather. We venture to suggest to the Council in support of our application that any permanent improvement made to the Harbour would be not only beneficial to the fishing interest but also to the district at large. As appears from a letter from Lord Courtown acting for the Commissioners that body is quite willing to hand over their interests to the County Council. Now we the undersigned fishermen and ratepayers respectfully bring this urgent condition of affairs to the notice of your Council and most earnestly request that your Council may consent



to take over the charge of the Harbour from the existing Commissioners with a view to obtaining Imperial aid for its improvement. - on the same subject the following resolution was received from the Forey Rural District Council. That we the Forey Rural District Council by this our resolution earnestly request the County Council at their next meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> May do take into consideration a petition of the people of Courtown and vicinity asking that the said <sup>Council</sup> May take over charge of the Harbour of Courtown from the existing Commissioners. The Department of Agriculture have expressed their willingness to Co-operate with the local Authority that has power to deal with the Piers and Harbours and the only local Authority that has power to deal with Piers and Harbours under the local Government Act is the County Council and we direct that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the County Council before their meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Mr Kinsella moved That a Committee be appointed to examine Courtown Harbour and the accounts kept by the Courtown Harbour Commissioners, and to report to the County Council as to the advisability of taking steps to take over that Harbour from the present existing Commissioners. Mr J D Doyle seconded. - Passed.

The following Committee were appointed Messrs Peacocke, Emnis, Kinsella, J. Bolger, Furlong, J D Doyle, Cummins, Dempsey and Hickey and vice Chairman of the Council and the County Surveyor to meet at Courtown Harbour on Thursday 19th at 12:30 o'clock.

### Kilmore Harbour Improvements

Referring to the question of the proposal of the Council to allow the Contractor for the Harbour Improvements at Kilmore a sum of £295 for work in connection with changes in the plan of the works in question the following letter



was read from the Local Government Board under date 20<sup>th</sup> April 1904 and No 22,375. 1904 Wexford County. I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> Instant respecting the injury caused to the works at Kilmore Harbour by a storm, and in reply I am to refer you to Section 8 of the Grand Jury Act of 1853 as adapted by the Schedule to the Local Government (adaptation of Irish Enactments) Order 1899. in regard to the proposed extra payment to the Contractor. I am to state that the Board can express no opinion on this matter, and it will rest with the Wexford County Council to satisfy the Auditor as to the propriety of their action. Order date 24<sup>th</sup> March 1904 the following letter No 833 / 04 F.B. was read from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction. I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> Inst and its enclosed copy of the recommendation made by a committee of the Wexford County Council specially appointed to consider the state of affairs arising from the damage caused by the recent storms to the new <sup>breakwater</sup> in process of construction at Kilmore Harbour. it is noted that this recommendation has been adopted by the County Council - in reference thereto I have to request that you will be so good as to remind the Council of the terms of the Department's promise to render financial aid to the scheme of improvement originally contemplated for this place. These terms were that they would contribute a total sum of £500 in the following manner. viz. £300 when the breakwater and Harbour excavation were certified by the County Surveyor to have been finished in accordance with the plan and specifications and £200 six months thereafter if the works were then intact and in same condition. It now appears that the County Council desire to make an alteration in the design for the breakwater as on the lines suggested by their special committee. The Department, although they do not



Anticipate any good result from the change will raise no objection thereto but at the same time they will not depart from the main elements of their promise as to the amount of this contribution under date 29 March 1904 letter No 876/04 from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction was read. This communication pointed out that the Vice President of the Department would receive a deputation from the Wexford County Council on the subject of Kilmore Harbour on the 13th April at 3 o'clock P.M. Mr Webster in reply to the Council said that the proposed alterations in the plans would be an improvement as regards the strength of the superstructure but the main reason for the adoption of the alteration is that the plan as altered could be carried out even if the weather proves as unfavorable as last year. if the weather be as bad as last year the original plan could not be carried out.

Mr J J Walsh the Contractor appeared before the Council and in reply to the Chairman said he would not be satisfied to give any indemnity in case of a surcharge by the Auditor. Mr Webster said he considered the original plan would stand if carried out but the difficulty was if there was a wash on - under the circumstances his advice was to let the work go on as per the original plan. Mr J Doyle proposed - That the Contractor be directed to carry out the original plan and that Mr Webster be given power to employ a clerk of works during the progress of cement work at a salary of 4/- per day. Mr J Bolger seconded passed.

#### Loan for Lighting District Asylum by Electricity

Under date 16<sup>th</sup> Feb'y 1904 (letter No 9303. 1904, Wexford County), the Local Government Board wrote sanctioning the application of the County Council for a loan of £6,500 for the purpose of lighting the Enniscorthy District Asylum by means of Electricity repayment to spread over a period



of twenty five years and the loan to be issued in four instalments of £2,000 £2,000, £2,000 and £500. Under date 8th March 1904 the Secretary of the Board of Works wrote (letter No 2924 /04) stating that the loan mentioned in the letter of the Local Government Board had been sanctioned, the instalments to be issued as therein stated and the loan to be repaid in 25 years at the rate of  $3\frac{1}{4}$  per Cent. In connection with the above loan a communication under date 30th April was received from the Asylum stating that the work had been commenced and asking for an advance of £2,000 Mr Peacocke proposed and Mr Ennis seconded that we advance to the Enniscorthy District Lunatic Asylum Committee the sum of £2,000 in anticipation of loan of £6,500 sanctioned by the Local Government Board and Board of Works for the purpose of lighting the Asylum with Electricity etc. Passed.

### Proposal for Works

On the Motion of Lord Stopford seconded by Mr Peacocke. The following resolution was adopted - That the several proposals for new works, including Provisional proposals from Enniscorthy Rural District Nos 214 & 221, and for payments sent up by the Rural District Council of the County for the current quarter be approved, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman. On the motion of Lord Stopford seconded by Mr Peacocke the following resolution was adopted. That the several proposals for new works and for payments sent up by the Proposal Committee, 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.

An informal Proposal - Gorey District  
in connection with the acceptance of a contract for £289.10. by the Gorey Rural District Council for putting



into repair 300 perches of the road from Monmore (on the road leading from Cleevean to Gorey through Mangan to Lodduff on the road from Kilmuckridge to Courtown Harbour it appeared that the Provisional Proposal form after the first meeting of the District Council was not received in the office of the County Council until three days after the statutable meeting of the County Council. Mr. Elgee considered that in these circumstances the Proposal was informal. Mr. Kinsella proposed and Mr. J. D. Doyle seconded that the proposal be referred back to the District Council. Passed.

Discrepancies in Rural District Council Tenders  
With reference to No 237 in Emisecorthy it appears that the Contractor had not signed his tender.

On the motion of Mr. J. Bolger, seconded by Mr. J. D. Doyle it was decided to reject the tender and refer the proposal back to the District Council as the tender was not signed. No 234 Emisecorthy - in this case there were two tenders. Arthur Sinnott the old Contractor tendered 1/- per perch but inserted only a sum of £1.5. instead of £6.5 in his tender. The other tender of Joseph Hyland was at 1/3 per perch - total amount £7.13.6. The Rural District Council asked Sinnott to take the work at £1.5 but he refused and they accepted the tender of Hyland.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hearn seconded by Mr. J. Bolger. That the tender of Joseph Hyland be rejected and that the work be given in charge of the County Surveyor for six months at 2/3 per perch, as we consider that the District Council should have allowed Sinnott to amend his tender as it was clearly by a clerical error that his tender was informal. In the case of a man named John Murphy who tendered to keep in repair 1316 perches of a road in Emisecorthy District from the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1904 it appeared that the Contractor had tendered at 4/2 per perch but made a mistake in the bulk sum of £3.6/ Murphy now applied



to have the tender amended. Mr Peacocke proposed that in the case of John Murphy Contractor for a road of 1316 perches in Emiscorthy District and in similar cases where District Councils invite tenders at so much per perch and where the Contractor makes a mistake in his calculation the Contractor be paid the exact sum per perch and that the Auditor's attention be called to John Murphy's case with a view to having the amount corrected.

### Works untendered for at Council Meetings

The following were made on works untendered for at the Meetings of the District Councils

#### Wexford District

No. C- To repair 316 perches of the existing roadway from Mr Cardiff's lane in Gtunminogue to Redshire Hill at 4/6 per perch. to be a district charge. No tender received. Referred to District Council on the motion of Mr Ennis seconded by Mr Kehoe. No. D- To repair Kilmore Pier not to exceed £10 to be a half County and a half district charge. No tender received. given in charge of the County Surveyor on the motion of Mr ~~Dempsey~~<sup>Kehoe</sup> seconded by Mr Dempsey.

#### Emiscorthy District

No. 2- To raise the roads and put covering over the four bridges at the following places: - two bridges of Permunt Mohury bridge and Pucks bridge not to exceed £50 to be a rural District charge. No tender received given in charge of Surveyor. No. 198- to keep in repair for 11 months from 30th April 1904 to the 31st March 1905. 716 perches from Emiscorthy to New Ross by Monerymore between the bridge of Castleboro and Dranagh at 1/3 per perch. No tender received. given in charge of County Surveyor for six months on the Motion of Mr Peacocke seconded by Lord Stopford. No. 213- To keep in repair for 4 years and 11 months from the 30th April 1904 to the 31st March 1909. 140 perches



from the District bounds to the Wexford and Enniscorthy road at 5<sup>p</sup> per perch. Patrick Fortune of Galbally Bue tendered at £2.0.10 and Edward Prien tendered at £2.18.4. Patrick Fortune's tender was accepted on the motion of Mr Raveke seconded by Mr Dempsey No. 216- To widen level metal and make water tables on about 170 perches to the Bush lane leading from the crossroads of Surloughbush to the Coachroad at Ryane not to exceed £35- to be a District Council on the motion of Mr J D Doyle seconded by Mrs Bolger No. 225. To keep in repair 820 perches between the bridge of Barmoney and Bennetts Rinekiln at 1<sup>p</sup> per perch John Kelly of Ternfarney Bue and Daniel Tinton Raheenahone tendered at 1<sup>p</sup> per perch each In this case it appears Tinton tendered at the meeting of the Enniscorthy District Council and one of his sureties refused to sign the bond Mr Dempsey proposed the acceptance of Tinton's tender but the proposition was not seconded and the tender of Kelly was duly proposed seconded and passed

#### Gorey District

No. 126- To keep in repair for 5 years from the 30 June 1904 to the 30<sup>th</sup> June 1909. 596 perches between the Chapel of Ballyfad and the leading road to Arklow at Bally Killy at 9<sup>p</sup> per perch. No tender received, and the work was given in charge of the County Surveyor for 6 months from the 30<sup>th</sup> June to the 31. December 1904 on the motion of Lord Stopford seconded by Mr J D Doyle.

#### New Ross District

No. 168. To maintain for 4 years and 11 months from 31<sup>st</sup> July 1904 to the 30<sup>th</sup> June 1909. 830 perches of the road between the crossroads of Thomas Egan's Contract in Ballycullane including the branch to Rooking at 9<sup>p</sup> per perch David Egan Boley, tendered at 8<sup>p</sup> per perch and was accepted on the motion of Mr Ahern seconded by Mr. Nichol

No. 181- to maintain for 8 months from the 31<sup>st</sup> July 1904 to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1905. 50 perches of the road between the crossroads of Ballymitty



and Connor house on the Duncannon line at 6 per perch no tender was received and the work was given in charge of the County Surveyor for 8 months on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Ernis No. 60 - To keep in repair for 5 years from 30<sup>th</sup> September 1904 to the 30 September 1909. 744 perches of the road from Linton to New Ross between Kelly's Crossroads and Laylonstown bridge not to exceed 1/- per perch David Egan Boloy tendered at 10 per perch and was accepted on the motion of Mr Ahearne seconded by Mr Kehoe - No. 16 - To build a gullet in the road leading from Aclamon to Griffin's Crossroads. not to exceed £2-10/- No tender received. referred to District Council on the motion of Mr Ahearne seconded by Mr Kehoe. No. 17 - To trunk the approaches to Mulliderry bridge not to exceed £10. No. 18 - To build a gullet across the road at the quay of Wellington bridge not to exceed £4 No tenders received and the works were given in charge of the County Surveyor on the motion of Mr Ernis seconded by Mr Kehoe

#### Proposal Committee

#### Works untendered for

No. 2 - Enniscorthy Courthouse. Proposed by Mr Ernis seconded by Mr Peacocke that the work be given in charge of the County Surveyor. No. 6 - Wexford free Bridge. Proposed by Mr Ernis seconded by Mr Peacocke that the work be given in charge of the County Surveyor. No. 7 - Ferry Carrig Bridge not to exceed £116. a similar order was made as in last one. No. 9 - to repair Mount Garrett Bridge not to exceed £50. a similar amount to be laid on Coy Kilkenney. given in charge of the County Surveyor No. 11 - improvement of Bulduff Harbour not to exceed £2,000 referred to Proposal Committee

#### Road Contracts. New Ross Urban District

The following was received from the New Ross Urban District Council under date 26<sup>th</sup> March 1904. That the Council inform the County Council that they purpose taking such steps as they may be advised



to compel the County Council to expend such a sum of money upon Mr Kelly's contract within the Urban District as will put his roads in a proper state of repair before they are taken over by the Urban Council in July next and that the Urban Council is informed this expenditure will amount to about £200- No order. The following letter under date 14th April 1904 was read from the Clerk of the New Ross Urban Council. I am directed by the Urban Council to send you copies of two applications made by their Town Surveyor and passed by them at the Quarterly Meeting held yesterday and have to request that you will be kind enough to bring them before the next meeting of the County Council. To keep in repair for 7 years 266 perches of Streets from John Street cross to the Urban bounds. Irishtown at 10/- per perch per year half to be a County at large charge. Passed by the Urban Council at the above sum. Main Road to make 170 yards lineal of sewer in Michael Street in continuation of existing sewer near the barrack boundary wall to Neville Street including three trapped gratings and connecting drains cost not to exceed £80- Half to be a County at large charge. Passed by the New Ross Urban Council at Quarterly Meeting held April 13th 1904 - It was decided that the application of the Urban Council as regards the maintenance of 266 perches be adjourned to next meeting of the Council. With reference to the application for a grant for the construction of a sewer, Mr Ahern moved. That the consideration of this matter be adjourned for six months. Mr Murphy seconded. Passed. Ferry Carrig Bridge

The following resolution was received from the Wexford Corporation. That we respectfully call the attention of the County Council to the dangerous and dilapidated condition of Ferry Carrig bridge. and request them to consider the advisability erecting a new bridge in its place



Proposed by Mr J D Doyle seconded by Mr Morris that the Wexford Corporation be informed the County Council are expending £116 to repair and strengthen the existing bridges at Ferryearney.

#### Caretaker at Mountgarrett Bridge

Mr Kehoe proposed. That the County Council take steps in conjunction with the Kilkenny County Council to appoint a caretaker for Mountgarrett bridge at a salary of £12 per annum to be a County at large charge and that the County Surveyor be authorised to retain the services of the present caretaker until the new appointment was made at a salary of £1 per month. Mr Hearn seconded the resolution. Passed.

#### Boyle Laws

Mr Peacocke proposed. That the Kilkenny County Council be asked to take steps to deal with the suggested bye-laws for regulating traction engine traffic over New Ross Bridge and if a reply be not received within a week a direct communication on the subject be addressed to the New Ross Urban Council. Mr Donohue seconded. Passed.

#### Defaulting Contractors. - Ten days Notices

Mr J Bolger (for Mr Donohue who was absent) moved that the County Surveyor take immediate steps to have ten-day notices served on all defaulting or backward Contractors and to make such arrangements with the Deputy Surveyors as will enable them to know exactly <sup>what</sup> is due on all such Contracts so that they may be in a position to take prompt action to spend some by day labour or otherwise as found most advantageous. Mr Bolger after some discussion withdrew the resolution.

#### Assistant Surveyor Learys Residence

Mr J Bolger. Moved (for Mr Donohue who was absent) the following, but as it was considered not legal it was not passed as Mr Bolger withdrew it.

That Deputy Surveyor Leary be required to at once take up his residence as nearly as possible in the centre of his district.



## Council Meetings

Council Meetings for the Quarter ending 30 June 1904  
 Emiscorthy Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 11.15 A.M.  
 Wexford Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30 ~  
 Gorey Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> do at 12 noon  
 New Ross Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> do ~ 12 ~  
 Proposal Committee Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 2 P.M.  
 County Council Meeting Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 12 noon

## Arthurstown Pier

The board of works under date 9<sup>th</sup> February 1904  
 (Letter No 1581-04) wrote as follows in reference to  
 Arthurstown Pier. I am directed by the Commissioners  
 of Public Works to inform you that it has been reported  
 to them that the berth of Arthurstown Pier is fast  
 silting up and that one of the bollards has been dislodged  
 from its setting. The Board would be glad to hear that  
 these matters will receive early attention. Referred to  
 County Surveyor who explained that the stone bollards  
 had been settled

## Emiscorthy School Attendance Committee

On the motion of Mr & Bolger. Seconded by Mr Cummins  
 the following were appointed as the representatives of  
 the County Council as Local Authority on the Emiscorthy  
 Rural District School Attendance Committee  
 from the 1<sup>st</sup> June 1904 to 1<sup>st</sup> June 1907. Messrs Thaddeus  
 Bolger Milltown Ferns D J O'Callaghan Ballindaggan  
 Thos Cleary Ballywake Dylegate Thomas Aspin.  
 Galbally Bree Arthur Goff Ballycorley Boolavogue  
 Ferns

## Lighting New Ross Bridge

The following correspondence arising out of previous  
 Meetings Minutes was read on the subject of lighting  
 New Ross Bridge From the Board of Trade to the Secretary  
 of the County Council under date of 17<sup>th</sup> February 1904  
 and No 2081. I am directed by the Board of Trade  
 to acquaint you for the information of the County  
 Council of Wexford that the Board have received  
 representations from the New Ross <sup>Harbour</sup> Commissioners  
 and the Grand Canal Company upon the subject



of the difficulties stated to be caused to navigation during the winter months especially owing to the arches of <sup>the</sup> New Ross Bridge not be lighted at night for the guidance of Craft navigating through or under the Bridge. The Board understand that the matter has already been brought to your notice by the Harbour Commissioners but that the County Council are advised by their Solicitor that they are not responsible for providing light for navigation. and I am to request that you will favour this Department with the views of the Council fully on the matter. From the complaints received the Board gather that the Bridge in question was erected in 1887 by the Grand Jurors of the Counties of Wexford and Kilkenny but they are unable to trace any record of application having been made for consent to erection of the Bridge in question. And I am to request that you will favor the Board with a reference to any statutory enactments to this bridge and the powers of the of County Authorities over it. The Board will be glad if your reply includes a statement as to the nature of this bridge, i.e. Number and Size of spans whether opening or not headway above high water of ordinary spring tides etc. Copy letter from the Board of Trade to the Solicitor of the County Council Mr RW Elgee with reference to your letter of the 20th Ultimo upon the Subject of <sup>the</sup> lighting in the interests on navigation of the New Ross Bridge a matter which appears to be in dispute between the New Ross Harbour Commissioners and the Wexford and Kilkenny County Councils. I am directed by the Board of Trade to state that they are unable to concur in your view that the requisite lighting should be done by the Harbour Authority and I am to request that you will inform the County Councils that as a general principle the Board of Trade consider it to be the duty of the owners of Bridges constructed over navigable waters to light such bridges in the interest of navigation. I am to add that when Bills are introduced into Parliament to authorise the construction of such bridges steps are taken by the Board of Trade to provide that clauses are added to the Bills



to the effect that the promoters of the Scheme shall properly light the bridges in the interests of navigation both during and after and after construction of the ~~Quilley~~ bridge in course of construction at the junction of the River Barrow with the River Suir is a case in point. Letter from the Manager of the Grand Canal Company Dublin to the Secretary of the Wexford County Council under 15<sup>th</sup> March 1904. with reference to former correspondence regarding the matter (lighting New Ross Bridge) I wrote the Board of Trade on the subject and I am informed that it is the duty of the County Council who built the bridge to provide adequate lighting for navigating purposes. I must therefore ask you again to have the necessary lights put on the bridge without further delay and I hereby give you notice that should any accident happen to any of our vessels in consequence of the want of such lights we will hold you responsible under Date 8<sup>th</sup> April 1904 the Secretary of the New Ross Harbour Commissioners wrote, at a meeting of my Board on the 6<sup>th</sup> Instant the matter of lighting New Ross Bridge for navigation purposes was fully gone into and my Commissioners directed me to send you a copy of letter received from the Board of Trade on the subject and to request that your Council will be good enough to light the Bridge as soon as possible (The letter referred to is a copy of the communication sent to the Solicitor of the County Council. Referred to Mr Elgee Solicitor who is in correspondence with the Board of Trade on the subject)

Additional members. County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.

The County Council at a recent meeting appointed Mr J Simmott of Bolinrush and T Aple of Galbally as additional members of the County Committee of Agriculture etc. Mr Simmott accepted the position but Mr Aple declined and recommended the appointment of Mr Laurence Walsh of Galbally instead. on the motion of Mr Peacocke seconded by Mr Ennis Mr Laurence Walsh Galbally was



appointed as a member of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction

New Ross School Attendance Committee

The following letter under date 29th April 1904 was read from the Clerk of the New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee. I am directed by the above mentioned Committee to request the County Council to advance to them the sum of £10 to meet current expenses. Under the present arrangement the School Attendance Officers are always out of pocket for the expenses in connection with prosecution and the Committee consider this a hardship on these officers. For the last month for instance School Attendance officer Noonan was out of pocket to the extent of £7.17.5- and Casey the sum of £5.9/- If the Committee had a small sum out of which they could pay the expenses of prosecution it would be a great improvement on the present system and help the School Attendance Officers to meet the expenses on behalf of the Committee - ordered - That the matter be postponed for the views of the Local Government Board.

Teaching Irish under date 5 February 1904. a letter of acknowledgement of the resolution passed by the County Council on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February as to the directors of Great Southern and Western Railway making Irish an optional subject in the examination for Clerkships with this Company was read -

The following resolutions were received from the Gaelic League Dublin. That the Coisde Gnotha (Executive Committee) of the Gaelic League representing a large body whose members have done most practical work for the Industrial Revival having largely increased the demand for Irish Manufacture view with alarm the project of an international exhibition and the Coisde gnotha urge the Irish Manufacturers and the Citizens generally to take immediate steps for the holding of an Irish National exhibition in 1905 in place of the proposed international exhibition and that Copies of this resolution



be sent to the Dublin daily press the Dublin Corporation the County Councils the County Borough Councils Chambers of Commerce. Trades Council and the Chairman of the Irish Parliamentary party Whereas if our native language be allowed to die we shall lose the strongest mark of Ireland's distinctive nationality the bond which connected our ancestors will be broken and the way paved for the complete Anglicisation of the Country. And whereas we see that the truth of this has been grasped by the people and that they are working strenuously for the restoration of the Irish language we now resolve that their work is deserving of our hearty support and towards that end we further resolve that on and after the 1st January 1905. we will not appoint to any office of position in the gift of this Council any person who shall not have a knowledge of the Irish language that is to say such knowledge as will satisfy a Committee of this Council chosen for the purpose or such examiner as shall be appointed by said Committee. Postpones for further action that we regard with regret and alarm the instructions recently issued to their Inspectors by the Secretaries of the Board of Irish National Education. re Irish as an extra subject. in the schools and that we appeal to Managers teachers and to every other Irishman interested in the National language to protest before the world against the monstrous outrage of attempting to proscribe our native language in our own schools which though with grim mockery are still called National The following resolution was received from the Rathgeale Rural District Council. That we <sup>have</sup> learned with surprise and regret of the issue of a circular to their Inspectors by the Board of National Education disallowing fees for the teaching of Irish to pupils under the fourth standard in National Schools the effect of which would constitute a most serious hindrance to the resuscitation of our native language and that we



respectfully and confidently appeal to the Chief Secretary for Ireland whose sympathies and good wishes towards the language revived have been frequently expressed, to take such action as will result in the withdrawal of the Circular in question and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded the Chief Secretary and Mr John Redmond M.P. our County members and each County Council in Ireland. No action was taken on above resolutions.

### North East Agricultural Association

A resolution was received from the Monaghan County Council opposing subsidies from public funds to the North East Agricultural Association and calling upon the Department of Agriculture to in future distribute among the Agricultural Associations of Ireland which are worked in conjunction with their respective County Committees, the large sums of public monies said to be lavished upon the North East Agricultural Association. - Marked read -

### Cash on Delivery Post

The following resolution was received from the Strabane Urban District Council. That we desire to record our most strenuous objection to the introduction of the Cash on Delivery, Post by the Post office Authorities in view of the great injury it would be calculated to inflict upon Traders and Shopkeepers in Country Towns and Villages throughout Ireland by compelling them to meet the fierce competition of large mercantile firms in England Scotland and on the Continent to whom the proposed system would afford an opportunity of disposing of their goods by means of chaotic advertisements while at the same time exempting them from the ordinary business risks to which local traders are liable.

<sup>action.</sup>  
No ~~motion~~ was taken

action



## Arterial Drainage

A resolution was received from the Cavan County Council calling attention to the necessity existing in that County for proper systems of Arterial drainage under the direct control of the County Council.

No action was taken.

## Catholic University Question

The following resolution for adoption was received from the Catholic Graduates and Undergraduates Association. Resolved That we approve of and adopt the resolution passed at a General meeting of the Catholic Graduates and Undergraduates Association which demands an immediate settlement of the University question in view of what is now universally admitted to be the utterly inadequate provision for University Education in Ireland. The above resolution was proposed by Mr Emmis and seconded by Mr Peacocke, and adopted.

## Compensation for Injury

The following resolution was received for adoption from the Borough Council of Limerick.

Resolved That the present state of the law by which the amounts of claims for Compensation for Injury to Property caused by the wanton and malicious acts of soldiers of the British Army who may happen to be stationed in a City, town or District for the time being and for injury to Persons or Property caused by violent or disorderly behaviour by persons who are non-residents of the locality, and for which the inhabitants are in no way responsible are liable to be assessed and levied in the rates of such City town or District is intolerable unjust and calls for amendment.

No action was taken



### The Land act

The following resolution was received for adoption from the Tipperary S. R. County Council -

That we view with deep concern the attempts of the Landlords to extort for land of medium and inferior quality prices obtainable for first class grazing farms we recognise that <sup>the</sup> impoverished circumstances exaggerated by the past bad year which finds little if any sympathy or relief from Landlords may tempt many unthinking people to purchase at exorbitant prices with the hope of obtaining temporary relief. We also perceive owing to financial considerations that it is the express wish of those responsible for the government of the Country and the introduction of the Land act that the transfer of Land should be gradual and somewhat regular. We are therefore of opinion that the only way to safeguard the interests of the General body of Ratepayers and effect the desire of the Government is by the re-introduction and of the principle of inspection to every sale concluded under the last Land act and we also express our entire disapprobation attitude assumed by Mr Wyndham towards the Land act Amendment introduced by the Irish Parliamentary Party during the past week. On the same subject the following resolution was received from the South Dublin Rural District Council for adoption That this Council is of opinion that the County Council having regard to the fact that under the provisions of the Purchase of Land 'Ireland' act 1901 and 1896 The Local Government 'Ireland' act 1898 and the Irish Land act 1903. the position and liabilities of the County at large may be seriously affected through non payment of instalments by tenants making improvident bargains in the purchase of their holdings and desires to impress upon the tenants the necessity in the interests of themselves and their fellow Ratepayers to postpone buying their holdings



Unless they obtain reasonable reductions  
 The above resolutions were marked read  
Ten days notice

The following resolution was received for adoption  
 from Co Tipperary N.R. County Council

That we respectfully represent to the Chief Secretary  
 for Ireland as official head of the Local Government  
 Board the present state of the law as to the service of  
 ten days notices on defaulting Contractors whereby  
 the County Surveyor is debarred from accepting  
 this procedure until authorised by a General Meeting  
 of the County Council - is most unsatisfactory and  
 leads to a great loss of public money, as owing  
 to consequent delay Roads frequently fall into such  
 bad repair that they can only be repaired at con-  
 siderable expense. Leaving the services of such  
 notices to the discretion of the County Surveyor worked  
 very well at the time the Grand Juries were the Road  
 Authorities and we seriously urge on the Government  
 to amend the law by restoring the former practice  
 "No action was taken"

#### Agricultural and Technical Boards

A circular letter was recd from the Council of  
 the Irish Technical Association pointing out the  
 necessity of choosing as their representatives on the  
 Council of Agriculture only such as have a special  
 interest in the work and that if the person chosen  
 find they are unable to discharge the duties of the  
 office it was to be hoped for the sake of the important  
 interests at stake they would see the necessity  
 of resigning -

Marked read

#### Width of Cart Tyres

The following resolution was received from the Meath  
 County Council for adoption. Resolved, that in  
 the opinion of this Committee (Roads Committee)  
 great injury is done to the Roads in this County and  
 throughout Ireland by the absence of any provision  
 regulating the width of the tyres of the wheels of  
 Carts in proportion to the weight of the load such



Such provision exist in the English and Scotch Highway acts and we are of opinion that similar provisions should be introduced into Ireland in the interests both of the roads and ratepayers. No action was taken.

### Service of Veterinary Surgeons

The following resolution was received from the County Waterford Committee of agriculture and Technical instruction for adoption

That the department of agriculture be requested to assist in removing a grievance under which the stock raisers of this County suffer by losses in cattle of all classes from contagious and other diseases that the Committee are of opinion that the only way to check these losses is by appointment of Veterinary Surgeons in suitable centres who would be available to attend all cases and treat them according to modern methods. That the Veterinary Surgeon to be appointed should have Certificates of Competence from the Agriculture Department's College and that should be fixed at £75 per annum with scale of fees 10/- 5/- 2/- according to valuation with free conveyance by farmers requiring Veterinary Surgeons services. The Department to pay the salary the ratepayers of Veterinary Surgeons District the other half. No action was taken.

### Rent Ennisceorthy Courthouse-

Under date February 4<sup>th</sup> the following letter was read from Mr C. E. Roberts the agent to Lord Portsmouth ground landlord of the Ennisceorthy Courthouse. I have received your letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant stating the County Council had agreed to pay the new Rent fixed on Ennisceorthy Courthouse by the Earl of Portsmouth viz-£15 a year from the 25 March 1903 and that the Council had postponed the consideration of taking a lease to a future meeting. I shall <sup>thank</sup> you to inform me of their decision on this latter point at your early convenience. The matter was postponed till next meeting of the Council.



Maintenance of over-line Railway Bridges etc  
 Under date 29th February 1904 - the following letter was read from Mr Gordon of the Great Southern and Western Railway Company. I beg to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 27th Instant and agree to the date named February 23<sup>rd</sup> for the taking over of the maintenance of these approaches by the County Council, on the motion of Mr Emmis seconded by Mr Macercke the following resolution was adopted - That the Seal of the County Council be affixed to the agreement between the County Council and the G.S and W Railway Co. with regard to the maintenance of overline bridges and approaches thereto. Passed  
Food and drugs act

Under date 29th February 1904 (Letter No 5663. '04) the Department of Agriculture etc wrote that one of their officials had taken four samples of Butter for analysis in the town of Enniscorthy and that these were found by the Public Analyst to be pure. Under date 1st March 1904, the following letter (No 5901-'04) was read from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction with reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the enforcement of the laws relating to the sale of certain articles of food I have to acquaint you for the information of the Wexford County Council that an officer of the Department, Mr P Duignan who was instructed to discharge duties under Section 2 of the act of 1899 purchased on the 16<sup>th</sup> ultimo at the premises occupied by Mr James Bruin Irish Street Enniscorthy a sample of butter which on being submitted to analysis was found to contain 2 per cent of water in excess of the maximum proportion (16 per cent, thereof allowable in a genuine sample of butter under the Sale of Butter (Ireland) Regulations 1902) 'Copy herewith' a copy of the report from Mr Duignan in regard to this matter is enclosed together with the Certificate and copy thereof supplied by Sir C. A. Cameron who conducted



who conducted the analysis in question it will be observed that in this instance an offence would appear to have been committed against provisions of Section 5 of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act 1875 and the Department are therefore desirous that proceedings should on behalf of your Local Authority be instituted in respect of the transaction within 28 days from the date in which the sample was obtained vide Section 19. Sale of Food and Drugs Act 1899. It may be well to mention that in accordance with a decision in the Court of Kings Bench the statutory obligations imposed upon your Council in this matter will be fulfilled by your instructing the Food Inspector at the town specified to have a summons issued in his own name against the trader before the expiration of the prescribed limit of time. The Secretary said that prosecution had been instituted in this case and the defendant had been fined one shilling with 12 shillings costs by the Magistrate.

#### Fertilizers and Feeding Stuffs Act

Circular letter from the Department under date 28 March 1904, and No 6772. 104. Accompanying a copy of the amended Regulations made by the Department with regard to <sup>the</sup> taking of samples under the Fertilizers and Feeding Stuffs Act 1893. and read for the Council.

#### Acknowledgements. Resolutions

The Under-Secretary Dublin Castle wrote on behalf of his Excellency, the Lord Lieutenant acknowledging the receipt of the resolutions of the Wexford County Council on the subjects of the Irish Education Act 1892 and the Development Fund Grant. Irish Poor Law Reform Commission under date 27<sup>th</sup> February the Assistant-Secretary of the Irish Poor Law Reform Commission wrote acknowledging the replies of the Wexford County Council to the queries issued by the Commission and also the names of the witnesses appointed to give evidence on behalf



of the Council at the forthcoming sitting of the Commission for the County Wexford

### Acknowledgments, vote of Condolence

Liters in Acknowledgment of the vote of Condolence passed by the Council on the death of Mr Hickey Brother of Mr M Hickey Co Councillor were read from Mr Hickey and Mrs Hickey, relics of the deceased

Docks and Wharves Inquiry  
Under date 5 February 1904. a Communication was read from the Treasury Solicitors Department giving particulars of the enquiry as to Docks and Wharves held under the Factory and Workshop Act 1901.

### Analyst's Report

Report of Sir Charles Cameron C.B. M.D. Public Analyst for the County of Wexford on articles submitted to him for Analysis during the quarter ended 31 Dec 1903  
89 Articles were received from the Food Inspectors R.I.C. as follows

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number</u>
Butter	29
Milk	25
Whiskey	15
Buttermilk	9
Mustard	2
Rum	2
Lin	2
Sago	2
Margarine	1
Rice	1
Tea	1
Total	<u>89</u>

of the specimens of milk one was adulterated with at least 14.8 per cent of added water and one was deprived of at least 33 per cent of its fats and was therefore a debased article of the specimens of buttermilk two were adulterated with at least 16 and 16 per cent of added water respectively. exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes. One of the specimens of Whiskey was



was 29 degrees under proof and was therefore adulterated with at least 5.33 per cent with added water the remaining Articles were of good quality For the guardians of New Ross Union nine drugs were analysed. one of them, namely Liniment of Belladonna was high solids Another namely Tincture of Cinchona was deficient in alkaloids. Specimen of Concentrated Compound Solution of Sarsaparilla which should be labelled Extract of Ergot, was low in alcohol. Two specimens of water analysed for New-Ross Urban District Council had the following compositions. one Imperial gallon contained in grains

Including	No 1. 28.000.	No 2 14.000
Albuminoid Ammonia	20.000	10.000
Saline Ammonia	0.001	0.005
Nitric Acid	4.300	Trace
Chlorine	2.584	1.192
Sulphuric Acid	5.7648	1.4412
Equal to Calcium Sulphate	8.0000	2.0000

No 1 was a very good and No 2 a tolerably good water. For the guardians of Gorey Union six drugs were analysed one of them namely Ammoniated Liniment of Camphor was deficient in Camphor Another namely Liniment of Belladonna contained an excess of camphor and Alkaloids.

For the guardians of Enniserry Union twenty one drugs and four specimens of Tea were analysed. one of the drugs namely Concentrated Solution of Rhubarb was high in gravity and low in alcohol. Another namely Liniment of Belladonna contained an excess of camphor and Alkaloids. a specimen of tincture of tincture of Buchu. received from the same Institution was high in gravity and low in alcohol. The specimens of Tea were of good quality A specimen of Cotton Cake was analysed for W<sup>m</sup> R. Devereux Esq. Tomhaggard with the following result



## 100 parts contain

Moisture	11.00
Ash	6.87
oil	9.02
Albuminoids	39.82
Carbohydrates	33.29
Nitrogen	6.37

## A good Cake

For the Emiserthy Co-operative Society one specimen of basic slag and one of Rinsua Cake were analyzed with the following results

	<u>Rinsua cake</u>	<u>100 parts contain</u>
Moisture	11.10	Basic Slag
ash	6.73	Phosphate of lime 46.36
oil	8.50	Equal to phosphoric oxide 21.98
Albuminoids	32.38	Fineness 72.98
Carbohydrates	41.29	Deficient in fineness should be 80.
Nitrogen	5.18	

## Hair Cake -

one specimen of basic slag and one of feeding meal were analyzed for the Committee of Agriculture Wiscford with the following results

	<u>100 part contain</u>	
	<u>Feeding meal</u>	<u>Basic Slag</u>
Moisture	79.48	Phosphate of lime 34.07
Ash	0.46	Equal to phosphoric oxide 15.6
Albuminoids	7.44	Fineness 84.00
Carbohydrates	8.89	Ember
Nitrogen	1.89	

## a poor cake in food

## Constituents

For Shillelagh Union which is partly situated in the County of Wiscford six drugs were analyzed one of them namely compound tincture of Benzoin was low in solids

Total analyses 146

Charles A. O'Connor



### Irish Fiscal Reform League

The following resolution was received for adoption from the Irish fiscal reform League. Resolved that we consider the present impositions of Free Trade in these countries prejudicial to the material interests of Ireland and absolutely destructive to the prospect of success of the scheme of peasant proprietary to which the country is committed. That we desire to impress upon the Government the need for such a take upon foreign manufactured goods, and agricultural produce as may encourage the increase of tillage and the Irish cattle trade and preserve the struggling and nascent industries of Ireland.

on the motion of Mr Cummins seconded by Mr Murphy the above resolution was adopted. Mr P.D. Doyle dissented.

### The new Labourers Bill

A resolution for adoption was received from the Tipperary No. 1 Rural <sup>District</sup> Council expressing keen disappointment at, and strong disapproval of the Labourers Bill introduced into Parliament by the Chief Secretary.

No action was taken.

### Areas of Charge

Mr Cummins proposed and Mr Hickey seconded that the amount of the contract for Duncannon Pier (£45.10) be a county at large charge. Passed.  
Mr Cummins proposed that the recommendation of the Proposal Committee, that the amount of the contract for the repairs of Ballyhack parapet wall (£18) be a half county ~~charge~~ a half New Ross district charge be comprised. Mr Ennis seconded.

### Secretary's leave of absence

The Secretary submitted the following Certificate from Dr. J. J. Dwyer Wexford. As Captain Rigott is still suffering from severe Neuralgia of the head accompanied with nervous prostration and general weakness. I have recommended him to apply for at least 2 months leave of absence. He requires complete rest and change of air. Thos J Dwyer



Wexford May 1st 1904

The Secretary said he would take leave of absence from the 10<sup>th</sup> May to the end of June. Mr Cummins proposed Mr Peacocke seconded and it was passed that our Secretary be granted leave of absence from the 10th of May to the end of June which period includes his usual holiday one month. Passed.

Proposed by Mr J Bolger seconded by Mr J W Doyle that Mr Fuzille Assistant Secretary be appointed Acting Secretary during the Secretary's leave of absence and that he be paid for three <sup>weeks</sup> at the rate of of £2. per week during the period. Mr Fuzille was granted leave of absence for the 4<sup>th</sup> May to attend Rural Exhibition of Bouns at Gory and Ennis Corthy

### Adjourned Meeting

The meeting of the Council was adjourned till Saturday May 7. at 3 o'clock P.M. to deal with form 11 from New Ross Rural District Council which had not been received up to the end of the sitting of the Council also to deal with the question of the application from New Ross Urban Council with reference to 26 inches of Main Road

### Confirmation of Minutes

On the motion of Mr Peacocke seconded by Mr Ennis the minutes of Finance and Proposal Committee were confirmed

*Thos. W. W. W. W.*



Special Meeting- May 27<sup>th</sup> 1904.

A special meeting of the County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on May 27<sup>th</sup> 1904.

Present :- Mr. E. Hore, Vice Chairman, (presiding)  
Other Members :- Messrs J. D. Doyle, J. B. Hearn, W. Murphy, W. Hickey, A. Kinsella, M. A. Ennis, D. Dempsey, C. H. Peacocke, M. J. Furlong, John J. Kehoe, J. Cummins and Lord Stopford.

Mr. Webster, County Surveyor, Mr. R. W. Elger Solicitor and the Acting Secretary; were in attendance.

New Ross New Works, etc.,

The following letters in connection with the proposals for new works and for renewals of contracts, from the New Ross Rural District were read :-

No. 27,421 : 1904.

Wexford County

Local Government Board,  
Dublin, 14<sup>th</sup> May 1904.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> instant, relative to the absence of a quorum at the adjournment of the half-yearly meeting of the Wexford County Council, on the 7<sup>th</sup> instant, and, in reply, I am to refer you to Articles 12 (3) and 31 (2) of the Local Government (Procedure of Councils) Order 1899, as amended, and to the adaptation of this Order made by Article 2. of the Board's Order, of the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1903, in regard to half-yearly meetings in County Wexford.

It appears to the Board, that, subject to any standing Orders dealing with the matter, you could summon a special meeting for the trans-



action of the business referred to in your letter.  
I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

A. R. Barlas

Assistant Secretary

To

The Secretary

Wexford County Council

New Ross Rural District

New Ross, 4<sup>th</sup> May 1904

Dear Sir -

I regretted very much when I found yesterday that the list of contracts taken at the adjourned Quarterly Meeting, would not reach you in time for the meeting of the Co. Council. I was so much pressed with other urgent work on Friday last and Saturday - when we had two important meetings, also on Monday, that I overlooked the contract sheet - until late on Monday evening. But, the fact is that I made a mistake about the day of meeting; I thought the Co. Council were to meet to-day instead of yesterday, and forgot to refresh my memory by looking at the notice paper.

Please let me know on what day the adjourned meeting of the County Council is to be held.

I have again to express my regret at any inconvenience and trouble I have caused to the Council and yourself and staff.

Yours very truly

P. A. Pope

clock of the Council

The Secretary

Co. Council, Wexford.

The following extract from the report of the Co. Surveyor, to the meeting of the Proposal Committee



was read:-

"I must draw your attention to application B. in New Ross:- To repair 160 perches of lane, at a cost not exceeding 16/- per perch, or a total of £128. which has been approved of by the Rural District Council by 10 votes to 2. This is the lane for which a contract was taken six months ago, and which contract was ~~taken~~ broken by you, and the proposal was referred back to the Rural District Council. I am afraid if the proposal is now passed that there will be the risk of a surcharge, as the proposal is to repair a lane terminating in a bog, and the question of "Public Utility" will be raised by the Auditor."

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Dempsey and passed:- "That the several proposals for New Works and renewals of contracts from New Ross Rural District for the half-year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1904. be approved subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman, and that the proposal N.- To repair 160 perches of lane between Fitzharris's contract and Bantry Commons (by Michael Brien's) and fences to be built and gulleys made if necessary at a cost of £125 : 6 : 8, be rejected, as the County Council consider the work is not of "public utility."

### Kilmore Pier.

The following was read:-

Department of Agriculture  
& Technical Instruction  
Dublin.

3<sup>rd</sup> May 1904.

### Kilmore Breakwater

Sir

I am directed by Sir Horace Plunkett, to say that he has now fully considered the request preferred by a deputation from the Wexford County Council



which waited upon him at these offices on the 13<sup>th</sup> ultimo, viz:- that in addition to the £500 already promised on certain conditions towards the completion of the above work, a further sum of £132.10/- being one-half of an excess of £245, over the original estimate, should be provided by the Department.

The circumstances out of which this request arises make it extremely difficult for the Department to accede to it. Fully recognising the advantage to the locality of the improved harbour accommodation at Kilmore, the Department went to some expence in getting the best technical advice obtainable upon the means by which this purpose could be most satisfactorily fulfilled.

It was advised that a lesser sum than £5,000 would not meet the case, and it offered to contribute one-third of that amount.

The County Council did not see its way to embark upon so large an expenditure, and reverted to the more modest scheme which was subsequently undertaken.

Owing to the advice the Department had received, its contribution of £500 was made upon the express condition that the County Council should take the entire responsibility for the successful execution of the work, in which the Department had little confidence. The result showed that the Department's Officers, were unfortunately right, and now the Council's scheme has to be revised at the additional cost above stated.

I am to add that the only reason which Sir Horace Plunkett can find for acceding to the Council's request is, that the weather during the period of construction has been exceptionally bad; and in view of the manner in which the County Council is co-operating with the



Department, not only in marine, but in other matters, he feels justified in offering to provide the sum of £122.10/- to be added to the second instalment of £200 and paid when the agreed conditions have been fulfilled.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully  
Herbert G. Smith

The Chairman,  
Wexford County Council  
Wexford.

Mr Peacocke proposed:- "That this Council returns its best thanks to Sir Horace Plunkett for his kindness in offering to contribute a sum of £122.10/- to carry out the amended plan for the construction of the works at Kilmore Harbour, and that Sir Horace Plunkett be informed that as the contractor has elected to carry out the original design, the Council are not in a position to avail of his offer."  
Mr Kehoe seconded. Passed.

### Road Contracts.

The following letter under date May 18<sup>th</sup> 1904, was read from the County Surveyor.

County Surveyor's Office,  
Wexford, May 18<sup>th</sup> 1904.

Dear Sir,

I find that road No 213 Enniscorthy R. D. for 140 perches was contracted for at the County Council meeting in November last by John Breen, and it would be well to ask the County Council to cancel the contract of Patrick Fortune for the same road, taken at last County Council meeting.

I would also draw your attention to road No 172 New Ross R. D. tendered for at the last half-yearly meeting of New Ross R. D. Council the measurement



of this road should be 475 perches, instead of 575 perches.

Yours truly  
Henry Webster  
County Surveyor

The Secretary  
Wexford County Council.

The Acting Secretary stated that the clerk of the Enniscorthy R. D. Council was informed on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 1903 that the tender of John Breen for road No 213 had been accepted at the meeting of the County Council.

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Furlong, and passed :- "That the contract of Patrick Fortune, for road No. 213. in Enniscorthy Rural District be cancelled."

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Furlong and passed :- "That 475 perches be substituted for 575 perches in contract for no. 172. in New Ross Rural District."

(W2)  
11.10.05

A letter was read from the clerk of the New Ross Urban Council asking the County Council to allow a sum of 10/- per perch for seven years for the maintenance of 266 perches of streets from John Street Cross, New Ross to the urban bounds.

The County Surveyor pointed out that only 235 perches of this road had been scheduled as a main road.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Kehoe the following resolution was adopted :- "That we agree to contribute to the New Ross Urban Council a sum of 10/- per perch for the maintenance of 235 perches of streets from John Street Cross New Ross, to the Urban bounds, during the continuance of the present main roads declaration - up to July 1905."

Change on  
Coun. 10/- per perch  
W2  
12.10.05.



Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Dempsey and adopted - Resolved - That this County Council is strongly of opinion that the 4<sup>th</sup> section 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Vic Cap 70. regulating the width of tyres of loaded wagons drawn by traction engines should be extended to Ireland, and it is further resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to the Chief Secretary, the Members of Parliament for the County Wexford, and to each County Council in Ireland."

### Courtown Harbour.

The following report of the Courtown Harbour Committee was read :-

"We the undersigned members of the Committee appointed for that purpose visited Courtown Harbour on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> inst.,

We made a close and careful survey of the harbour and its approaches and surroundings in which work we were accompanied and assisted by your County Surveyor, Mr. H. Webster. M. Inst. C. E.

We had also the advantage of an interview and consultation with the Earl of Courtown, Viscount Stopford, and the Hon George Stopford, from whom we received valuable information, as to the harbour customs, methods of working, needs, boundaries, etc, and who also indicated to us the terms on which the present Courtown Harbour Commissioners are prepared to transfer Courtown Harbour to the Wexford County Council.

From the Hon George Stopford we received a written statement of the annual ordinary Receipts and Expenditure of Courtown Harbour, for a period of 6 years ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 1903, from which statement, setting off profit in one year, against loss in another we find that the result shows an average annual deficit of about £9.

The proposed conditions of transfer may be



summarised thus:- The Courtown Harbour Commissioners transfer to the County Council absolutely all their property in authority over and rights and privileges connected with Courtown Harbour, its tolls, Harbour dues, and sources of income generally, together with all Barges, anchors, chains, warps, coal bags, oars, and plant generally in or belonging to the harbour, the transfer also to include the toll house, and weigh bridge; which though not standing within the harbour boundary proper are a source of income to the Harbour authorities and are essential to the efficient working of the harbour.

The County Council are to take over the Harbour in a condition certified by the County Surveyor, to be equivalent to its present condition and to assume responsibility for the liabilities of the Harbour Commissioners, to an extent equivalent to their present liabilities on working a/c, which are estimated not to exceed £200. The County Council to <sup>under</sup>take no liability whatever in regard to payment of instalments on construction loans which have been guaranteed by the Earl of Courtown, and which that Nobleman continues responsible for.

The County Council to become responsible for executing any repairs to the existing Harbour works, necessary to place them in a reasonably efficient condition, and also for dredging the Harbour and its approaches of the siltage which at present impedes the fishing industry.

The County Council to take over the future control, ownership, and management of Courtown Harbour, and its maintenance in an efficient condition in the interests of the fishing industry and the community generally.

The County Council to pay costs of the



Provisional order or whatever other steps may be necessary to legally execute the proposed transfer. We have arrived at the following conclusions:-

1.- That the Harbour as it stands can be easily converted into a most valuable and efficient harbour calculated to accomodate in perfect safety a large fleet of fishing boats of a small class, say 5 to 7 or 8 tons, by:-

- (1) - The execution of certain repairs estimated by the County Surveyor to cost £260.
- (2) - Dredging the harbour and its approaches estimated by the County Surveyor to cost £300.
- (3) - Removing some iron piles outside the Harbour mouth, which are dangerous to navigation, estimated to cost £15.

2.- That Bowtown Harbour affords a safe and convenient landing place for considerable quantities of coals, etc., discharged from schooners lying at anchor outside the harbour.

3.- That Bowtown Harbour is the only safe refuge for fishing boats on the east coast between Wexford and Arklow.

4.- That the deficit of £9 per annum shown by the accounts, could probably, by judicious and economical management be wiped out, or converted into a small surplus.

5.- That the annual cost of maintenance estimated by the County Surveyor to amount to £129, would be largely affected by the facilities available for the efficient dredging of the Harbour.

6.- That if the County Council should agree to take over this harbour, chiefly in the interests of the fishing industry, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction should contribute one-half of the above specified sums to be expended on repairs and dredging.

7.- That the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction should at once provide two small suction dredgers which they should hire out on reasonable



terms to the County Council of maritime counties on the east coast of Ireland, to enable them to deal effectively and economically with the dredging of their fishery harbours.

8- Subject to the Department of Agriculture etc., agreeing to the above suggestions we recommend the County Council to accept the offer of the Courtown Harbour Commissioners

(signed) E. Hore

C. H. Peacocke

M. A. Ennis

D. Dempsey

J. D. Doyle

J. Cummins

A. Kinsella

M. Hickey

M. J. Furlong.

The undersigned members of the Committee also report :-

"That any attempt to enlarge or extend Courtown Harbour by the erection of new works with a view to enable over-sea cargoes to be discharged alongside the pier, would, under present conditions, be injudicious."

E. Hore

M. A. Ennis

M. J. Furlong.

D. Dempsey

Lord Stopford proposed, Mr. Kehoe seconded and it was passed :-

"That the consideration of the report of the Courtown Harbour Committee be postponed until the annual meeting of the Co. Council"

Mr. Cummins proposed, Mr. Hearn seconded and it was passed :- "That Sir Thomas H. G. Esmonde, Messrs. Ennis, Peacocke, and Hearn, be appointed a deputation from this Council, to wait upon



