

Half-yearly meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1911.

The Half-yearly meeting of the County Council was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Court-House, Wexford, on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1911.

Present :- Mr. C. A. Peacocke, (vice chm.) presiding.  
Other members :- Messrs J. Asple, Mr. Browne, John Bolger, J. Bolger, John Cummins, Mr. Codd, James Codd, Mr. Doyle, Mr. A. Ennis, P. J. Fanning, P. Fortune, A. Kinsella, John J. Kehoe, P. Creane, G. Walsh.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, and Mr. R. W. Elger, Solicitor to the Council, were also in attendance.

Confirmation of minutes.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Fethard & Courtown Harbours.

Proposed by Mr. Cummins.

Seconded by Mr. Fanning and passed :-

"That this Council are willing to contribute a sum not exceeding £1,000 to the improvement or reconstruction of Fethard Pier, and a sum of £500 to Courtown Harbour according to the plans prepared by the Engineer of the Department and laid before the Development Commissioners in the event of the application for a Grant for the carrying out of the plans being acceded to."

Notices of motion.

Fishery Harbour at Blackwater.

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. P. Fortune :-

"That pursuant to Mr. Birrell's letter of 12<sup>th</sup> April



to Sir Thomas Esmonde, we, the County Council of the County of Wexford, agree to contribute one thousand pounds towards the construction of a fishing harbour at Blackwater - provided that the Development Grant Commissioners contribute two thousand pounds towards the same.

That we request the Development Grant Commissioners to make a grant of two thousand pounds towards this undertaking.

That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Secretary to the Treasury.

That our County Surveyor do prepare the necessary plans and specifications for the carrying out of this work on the lines of the original project submitted to our Secretary by Sir Thomas Esmonde.

And that our Secretary be instructed to ascertain from the Board of Works, if they will assist the Council with their expert advice in having the work carried out."

A similar motion had been tabled by Sir Thomas Esmonde, Bart., M. P.

In connection with this the following letter under date 14<sup>th</sup> April, was read from Sir Thomas Esmonde:

"I enclose a letter I have received from Mr. Birrell with reference to Courtown and Blackwater, for the information of the Co. Council.

I am very glad that at long last these two matters are in a way of settlement.

When we have the Board of Works final report we can deal with Courtown; and as to Blackwater we should instruct our County Surveyor to draw up the necessary plans and specifications.

On a separate sheet I give you a rough



sketch of the proposed work, I think, which was decided upon as the most suitable method of dealing with the case, when I visited the place some years ago with our late County Surveyor, and the Engineer of the Fisheries Department."

The following is the letter under date 11<sup>th</sup> April from the Chief Secretary referred to in Sir Thomas Esmonde's communication:-

"I shall use my best efforts with the Development Commissioners with regard to your suggestion that they should contribute £2,000 or two-thirds of the proposed works at Blackwater, Co. Wexford, the Co. Council contributing the remaining third.

As regards Courtown I am asking the Board of Works for their views as to the best way of improving the Harbour, and the probable cost."

after discussion Mr. Fortune moved his motion to read as follows:-

"That pursuant to Mr. Birrell's letter of 13<sup>th</sup> April, to Sir Thomas Esmonde, we, the Co. Council of the County of Wexford agree to contribute £1,000 towards the construction of a fishing harbour at Blackwater, provided that the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction obtain from the Development Commissioners a contribution of £2,000 towards the same.

That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction. That the Department of Agriculture be asked to request their Engineer - Mr. Oliver - to prepare the necessary plans in conjunction with the County Surveyor. and that our Secretary be instructed to ascertain from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction



if they will assist the Council with their expert advice in having the work carried out."

Mr. J. Bolger seconded. "Passed."

### Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

applications for renewal of licenses under Poisons and Pharmacy act, were received from Joseph J. Haughton, Ferns.

John Culleton, Wellingtonbridge

Mrs K. Bolger, Skeltown, Ballynitty

Matthew Harpur, North Main St Wexford

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by the Chairman, renewal of licenses were granted in above cases.

### Newtownbary National Bank.

Under date 11<sup>th</sup> April, the following letter was read from Mr. Heard, manager National Bank, Newtownbary :-

"Would you kindly get the sanction of the Co. Council for liberty for this bank to put an ornamental metal paling in front of the Bank, taking in the present foot-path that ends at the private entrance and is not otherwise a thoroughfare.

The Bank is about to lay out a large sum of money on the present premises and I trust that your Council will be kind enough to grant my request as it will be a great improvement and advantage to the locality."

Proposed by Mr. Michael Doyle, seconded by Mr. Kehoe and passed :-

"That the application of Mr. Heard, manager of the National Bank, Newtownbary, for the erection of railing be acceded to, the railing to be erected subject to the approval of the Co. Surveyor."



meat marking Bill

The following resolution adopted at a conference of co-operative societies, was laid before the meeting :-

"That this conference representing the co-operative farmers of the county Wexford desires to place on record its approval of the principle of the Bill introduced by Mr. W. Field, M.P., for the purpose of securing the marking of such, of all imported meat exposed for sale in Ireland, and calls on the Government and all Irish members of Parliament to support same and to spare no effort to secure its passage into law.

That copies of this resolution be sent to Mr. Field M.P., and our county Wexford Parliamentary Representatives, the Co. Council, and the various District Councils and Urban Councils in the county, and also to the Secretary of the I. A. O. S., with the request that it be transmitted to the leaders of the various Parliamentary Parties and laid before the various District Conferences."

"Adopted on the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Kehoe."

Change of Sureties- Road Contractors

Letters were received from Mr. Thomas Pettit, Ballyhit, Broadway; and Mr. William Busher, Ballychary, Kilmore; asking to be relieved from Security of Road contracts.

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Kehoe the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the request of Messrs Pettit, and Busher, to be relieved from their suretyship be agreed to."

Secondary Education

The following resolution of the Limerick County



Council was submitted to the meeting:-

"That inasmuch as the finance of Irish Secondary Education has broken down, we, the members of the Limerick Co. Council earnestly request the Government to place this important branch of Education on a sound financial basis, and in addition we urge the necessity of:-

- (a) Paying the teachers of the Secondary Schools salaries commensurate with the duties they discharge.
- (b) Establishing a Pension Fund for their benefit.
- (c) Giving them such reasonable security of tenure as will enable them to avail of the advantages of such a Fund.
- (d) Establishing a recognised Profession of Secondary Teachers.

That copies of this resolution be sent to the Chief Secretary, Mr. John Redmond, and the Parliamentary Representatives for the County Wexford."

"adjourned."

### Ferryarrig Bridge.

Under date 18<sup>th</sup> April, the following letter was read from Mr. R. Colhoun, Contractor, for the erection of Ferryarrig Bridge:-

"In reply to yours of the 14<sup>th</sup> April re delay on Ferryarrig Bridge. I deeply deplore the series of delays which have occurred on this job. Most of them and the most serious of them was caused through no fault of mine.

I have taken such steps as will ensure that the execution of the work will progress with greater speed, and hope in a short time to satisfy Mr. Gaffney, the Engineer, that good progress is being made."

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



"that the County Surveyor be requested to furnish the meetings of Co. Council with the weekly reports of Mr. Kimm, Resident Engineer; at Ferryarrig Bridge."

#### Shivebawn Quarry.

On the motion of Mr. Tanning, seconded by Mr. John Bolger, the following was adopted:-

"That tenders be invited for the working of Shivebawn Quarry, as per arrangement at present prevailing for the working of Derlogue Quarry."

#### Monart Quarry.

Mr. M. Codd proposed, & the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was passed:-

"That a committee be appointed to inspect Quarry at Monart and interview owner, etc., to ascertain the probable cost of same with a view to its acquirement by the Co. Council and report to next meeting."

The following were then appointed:- Messrs M. Codd, P. O'Neill, and J. Bolger. The County Surveyor was instructed to accompany the committee."

#### Newly Tarred Roads.

Under date 18<sup>th</sup> April the following letter No. 2304-11 F.B. was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"I have to state, for the information of the Wexford Co. Council, that the attention of the Department has been called to the alleged pollution of streams and other waters in England by washings from newly tarred roads, and consequent damage to fisheries. The Department think it well to bring this matter under notice in view of the improvement of roads in Ireland for which special grants will be available under the Develop-



ment and Road Improvement Act, 1909.

In expending advances sanctioned under this act local authorities will, no doubt, in a great many cases, decide, on the score of cheapness and convenience, to apply water gas tar or coal gas tar to the surface of the roads.

The Department are advised that these kinds of tar, and especially the former, contain constituents which, if washed into a stream in any quantity, would undoubtedly be injurious to fish, but they are further advised that, if the first application of water gas tar be made when the road is thoroughly dry, the material penetrates and sets so quickly that there is little fear of its being washed out by subsequent rain. If, however, a second application of water gas tar be made to the road before the crust formed by the first dressing has been thoroughly broken up, the material will not penetrate readily, and is liable to be washed off the road in considerable quantity if rain occur soon after its application.

Coal gas tar, while containing less noxious matter than water gas tar, takes a much longer time to penetrate and set, and there would seem to be considerable danger of its being washed off the road if rain should occur within a few days of its application.

The Department express the hope that in all cases in which the gradients of roads are such as to involve possibility of surface drainage finding its way, either directly or indirectly, into streams or other waters, the Council will cause special care to be taken to avoid excessive use of tar or similar material, and to prevent its application at times when rainfall may be expected.

marked "Read"



Road Board Grant.

under date 19<sup>th</sup> april the following letter was read from the Secretary to the Road Board:-

"I am directed by the Road Board to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> april and note that your county council have decided to incur a liability of only one fourth of the cost of works of improvement on the selected road in Co. Wexford.

The Board would be prepared to contribute up to three fourths of the net cost of the expenditure ascertained as shown on the enclosed form, but if the total expenditure is dealt with, without isolating the cost of improvement, and deducting from the total the sum which should be charged to maintenance account, and their contribution will not be more than 50 per cent of the total."

On the motion of Mr. J. Bolger, seconded by Mr. Ennis the following resolution was adopted:- "That this matter be adjourned to special meeting to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> may, and that it be specially mentioned on the agenda paper."

Dublin Development Association

Circular letter was read from Mr. W. J. Branagan Secretary to the Dublin Industrial Development Association asking the Co. Council to appoint six delegates to the all-Ireland Industrial Conference to be held in Dublin on 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> June.

Proposed by Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Doyle the following were appointed:- Messrs B. A. Peacock, John Bolger, A. Kinsella, M. A. Ennis, P. J. Fanning and J. Bolger.

Ballyhack Pier.

In connection with the proposal for the Council to take over the boat slip at Ballyhack



the following letter under date 20<sup>th</sup> April was read from Mr. Allingham, Secretary Waterford Harbour Board :-

"Replying to yours of the 14<sup>th</sup>, I am directed to say that as a matter of usual procedure, a plan shewing the work proposed to be done at Ballyhack should be submitted to the commissioners for approval, and in the case of any work planned by the Engineer to the Department of Agriculture their sanction would doubtless be accorded."

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted :-

"That in the event of the Waterford Harbour Commissioners agreeing to the plan of piling submitted to them relative to Boat Slip at Ballyhack that they transfer this slip to the Co. Council providing that the cost of obtaining <sup>Provisional</sup> ~~Provisional~~ Order (if such be necessary) be not more than £25, that we also agree to accept the offer of the Department of Agriculture etc., to contribute one-third of the total expenditure not exceeding £300, the Department to undertake the execution of the work as stated in their letter of 17<sup>th</sup> November 1910."

#### Oyster Fishery at Courtown.

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> April the following letter No. 3417-11, F. O., was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction :-

I have to state, for the information of the Waterford County Council, that the Department are endeavouring to develop the oyster fishery from Courtown. There appears to be a good prospect of a profitable fishery if means can be found to store, pending sale, the Oysters in unpolluted water. The Department would therefore



feel much obliged if your council could see their way to permit them to construct a sea pond among the rocks a little to the south of the harbour. It is understood that the council are owners of this part of the shore. The work contemplated consists of the building of a concrete wall, with sluices, across the mouth of one or more of the small creeks in the rocks, of providing a concrete floor for the enclosure so formed and of such cutting away of rock as may be necessary. The Department would be prepared to hand over the work, when completed, to the council, or alternatively to retain possession of it for such period as the council may think fit.

The matter is urgent, and it is desirable that the pond should be completed before September, next."

The following was received from the Bourtown Harbour Committee:-

A special meeting of the Bourtown Harbour Committee, was held on the 27<sup>th</sup> April.

Members present:- Mr. Kavanagh (in the chair) also Messrs Kelly; Goland; and Shuldham.

The Committee considered letter from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction re Oyster tank, and can see no objection to their utilising one on both creeks north of the men's bathing place.

As to the taking over of tank by the Co Council we are not in a position to form an opinion on the matter."

In connection with the improvement of Bourtown Harbour, the following letter was read from Mr R. Brighton, Clerk of Gorey Rural District Council

"At last meeting of my District Council a resolution in reference to the improvement of



Courtown Pier was received from the Gorey Town Commissioners and was unanimously adopted: It is as follows: - "That we press the claims of Courtown Harbour on the Development Grant Commissioners as being worthy of immediate consideration. Courtown is an important fishing centre, but the condition of the bar there, is destroying the industry. An extension of the pier is absolutely necessary in the interests of the general trade of the District and the town of Gorey in particular.

Proposed by Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Kinsella and passed: - "That the Co. Council agree to the Department of Agriculture constructing a seapond at Courtown Harbour for Development of Oyster Fishing; the Department to retain possession of the pond as long as they consider necessary in the interests of the Fishing Industry."

The Proposed appointment of Rate collector, vice Mr. John Walsh, resigned.

Under date 15<sup>th</sup> April 1911, the following letter was read from Mr. J. Walsh, Rate collector: -

"I will resign my position as Rate collector from this day so as it is made certain to me to get superannuation of £25. per year; it is small after thirtytwo years of honest work."

On the motion of Mr. J. Dolger, seconded by Mr. M. Doyle, the following resolution was adopted: - "That we accept the resignation of Mr. John Walsh, Rate collector, as we are aware that from the state of his health he is not able to satisfactorily discharge his duties.

That we recommend to next meeting of the Co. Council to agree to grant Mr. Walsh, a superannuation allowance of £25."



under date 20<sup>th</sup> April 1911, letter No. 19663-11 Wexford County, was read from the Local Government Board extending the time for the closing of Mr. John Walsh's collection to the 13<sup>th</sup> April."

The following notice of motion in the name of Mr. Cummins, was withdrawn by him with the approval of the Council:-

"That the Rate Collection District rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. John Walsh be divided into two districts and that two Rate Collectors be appointed at the same rate of poundage."

#### Irrecoverable Rates

The Lists of Irrecoverable Rates from collector Walsh, in respect of half-year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1911, were agreed to on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Suhol.

#### Gravel Pit - Ballyearney.

Mr. John Bolger proposed, Mr. M. Doyle, seconded and it was passed:-

"That Mr. Elger be instructed to have the agreement in reference to the purchase of Ballyearney Gravel Pit, completed as soon as possible."

#### Dates of meetings.

The following are the dates of meetings for Rural District Councils, Proposal Committee, and Co. Council, for the half-year ending the 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1911.

Enniscorthy	Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>	November	at 11 o'c. a.m.
Gorey	Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	"	" 11.30 o'c. a.m.
Wexford	Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup>	"	" 10.30 " "
New Ross	Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	"	" 11 " "
Proposal Committee	Friday	10 <sup>th</sup>	"	" 10.30 " "
Co. Council	Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	December	" 10.30 " "
Quarterly meeting Co. Council	Wednesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	August	10.30 " "



Irish Peace Society.

Memorial for signatures in favour of the peace of the world, was read from the Irish Peace Society.  
"adjourned."

Heating of National Schools.

The following resolution was submitted from the New Ross School Attendance Committee:-

"That this committee urge upon the state authorities the absolute necessity of having the National Schools properly heated, and disinfected daily; and that this committee consider that to compel children to attend schools badly heated and otherwise unhealthy amounts to a great hardship on children in the country; and that copies of this resolution be sent to Mr. French M.P., the County Council and other Educational Bodies in the County."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Fanning the above resolution was adopted."

Change of Suretyship.

Mr. P. Redmond, Rate Collector, wrote offering the name of Mrs. Kehoe, widow of Andrew Kehoe, Ballinamona, as one of his sureties, viz her husband, deceased.

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Kehoe:  
"That Mr. Redmond be requested to submit the name of a male surety instead of that of Mrs. Kehoe already submitted."

Sheep Dipping Orders.

Under date 10<sup>th</sup> April the following letter (No 1567-11 Z.B.) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"The Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for Ireland desire to transmit herewith, for the information of your local authority



copies of an Order made by the Department, on 31<sup>st</sup> ultimo, under the Diseases of Animals Act, entitled the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1911.

This Order revokes and re-enacts the provisions previously contained in the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1910, with the following principal amendments, viz:-

(1) Article 6 (2). A Declaration as to Dipping in the autumn Dipping period will now be required to accompany sheep exposed for sale at any Fair, market, or Saleyard in Ireland from 1<sup>st</sup> September, inclusive, instead of, as previously, from 1<sup>st</sup> October.

This change has been found necessary to meet conditions arising in connection with the sheep export trade.

(2) Article 9. The time allowed sheep-owners for sending into the Police the required Declaration at the close of each Dipping period has been extended to twenty-eight days, instead of, as formerly, a fortnight. It is hoped that this change will diminish the probability of offences against the Declaration requirements.

In other respects the new Order is practically identical with the Order of 1910.

A Notice drawing attention to the provisions of the Order is also enclosed, and the Department will, as before, forward, in due course, a supply of such Notices, for posting throughout the District of your local authority. Copies will at the same time be sent to the Police, to be displayed at the various Barracks.

A revised list of approved dips suitable for use under the Order is now in preparation, and copies thereof, when available, will be sent to your local authority.

The Department will further arrange, as in recent years, for the distribution to sheep-owners of envelopes (specimens enclosed) containing Forms



required for use under the Order; but, with a view of meeting the possibility of this supply proving insufficient, the Local authority should provide, on their part, for the printing and distribution to the Police Stations in their District of a moderate additional stock of the B (I), B (II), C (I) and C (II) Forms.

The Police will continue to give the same assistance as before in relation to the carrying out of the Order.

In conclusion it is suggested that one of the accompanying further copies of the circular, No 4507/07, of 12<sup>th</sup> September 1907, on the subject of precautions against the pollution by dip of streams, etc., containing fish, should be sent to each Inspector of the Local authority who may have had to do with the working of the Order."

The following resolutions were submitted from the Co. Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction:-

"That we request the Co. Council to adhere to their resolution not to put in force the autumn Dipping Order."

"That the Co. Council consider the advisability of purchasing three small swim baths for portion of Gorey District in which sheep scab has been prevalent."

With reference to autumn Sheep Dipping Order the following letter under date 24<sup>th</sup> April was read from Mr. Joseph R. Morris, Rahenduff, Foulkesmills:-

"Please let me know if we will have to dip brood ewes a second time this year. I, for one, object to it. Several of my ewes are barren, which is a serious loss, and I cannot think of any other reason only the second dipping,



besides it seems most unnecessary when ewes are bred on the one farm and none bought in."

On the motion of Mr. John Bolger, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That as recommended by the Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, the Department of Agriculture be requested to consent to the Co. Council renting three small swim baths at 10/- per annum from Messrs Cooper & Nephews for the portion of Gorey District in which sheep scab has been most prevalent."

— Polling Districts & Registration of Voters (I) Act 1898.—

On the motion of Mr. James Codd.

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

"We the Council of the Administrative County of Wexford, acting in pursuance of the powers vested in us by the Polling Districts and Registration of Voters (Ireland) Act, 1898, having duly considered the Report presented by the Committee appointed under Article 3 of the Polling Districts and Polling Places Order, 1909, do hereby make and adopt the scheme as set out in Schedule to the report for the alteration and constitution of Polling Districts in the North Parliamentary Division of the County of Wexford."

On the motion of Mr. James Codd.

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

"We the Council of the Administrative County of Wexford acting in pursuance of the powers vested in us by the Polling Districts and Registration of Voters (Ireland) Act, 1898, having duly considered the Report presented by the Committee appointed



under article 3 of the Polling Districts and Polling Places Order, 1909, do hereby make and adopt the scheme as set out in Schedule to the Report for the alteration and constitution of Polling Districts in the South Parliamentary Division of the County of Wexford."

— Proposals for Payment. —

Proposed by Mr Kehoe.

Seconded by Mr Asple, and passed :-

"That we approve of payments as recommended by the Co. Surveyor to the Rural District Councils of the County and to the Proposal Committee for the half-year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1911, and as appearing on Form 22, also the transfers to Public Bodies and payment for matters other than Public Works and recommended by the Proposal Committee and Finance Committee subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

— Proposals for Works. —

Proposed by Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Asple and passed :-

"That we hereby approve of the several contracts as appearing on Form 20 for the Rural Districts of the County and Proposal Committee of the County-at-large subject to the modification and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

The following report from the County Surveyor was read :-

"In my last report I called your attention to the matter of putting lanes into repair and maintaining them thereafter. At the recent Road Congress a paper was read by Mr. Shannon, Solicitor to the Dublin Co. Council, on the same subject which



is of exceptional value as that Council was in litigation last year with reference to this matter.

Although it is the Rural District Councils which initiate such matters, yet it is the Co. Council which pays for the work done, and the auditors claim the right to surcharge the latter in respect of these works and their claims has been upheld by a recent decision of the Law Courts.

It is necessary, therefore, to be very cautious in approving such proposals of the District Councils, and you should not approve any of them unless the Road or Lane had not been previously maintained by the County.

When the road has not previously been maintained by the County the procedure is different and it must be treated as a new road.

The Rural District Council must pass a resolution requesting you to acquire the land under Section 10 of the Local Government Act, 1898, and if there be any hitch you must obtain compulsory powers.

A new Road cannot be less than 16' 0" wide in the clear, and hence in treating lanes as new roads they must be, at least, that width throughout their entire length.

Three such proposals come before you from the Wexford District Council; two of which, viz: Lambstown Lane, and the track across the Forth Mountain, I reported as being in my opinion of no public utility. The third, Ballindinias Lane near Barnstown, is, in one place, not the requisite width. I think you should reject all three.

Two other cases from the Enniscorthy District they are near Newtownbarry, Borah, and Blonegal, I have not reported against them on the ground of public utility, but they are not the necessary breadth throughout, so I think you would be wise in rejecting them also.



I do not think that any such proposal passed before the decision of the courts, will be effected by that decision, but proposals after that date will be considered in an entirely different light."

No. 98. in Wexford was one of the proposals in the Co. Surveyor's Report referred to.

Mr. Walsh proposed and Mr. Kehoe seconded that tenders for this work be considered. Passed.

A tender as appearing on List of Proposals for Works (Form 20) was accordingly accepted.

With regard to nos 502 and 503 in Enniscorthy District referred to in Co. Surveyor's Report. On the motion of Mr. J. Bolger, seconded by Mr. M. Doyle the proposals were accepted.

#### Question of Lanes & New Roads

On the motion of Mr. Aspley, seconded by Mr. J. Bolger, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Elger, Solicitor to the Council, be directed to point out to the several District Councils of the County, their present position with regard to the repairs of lanes in view of the recent decision of the Lord Chief Baron."

The following letter signed by 9 residents of the Electoral Division of the Harrow, was read:-

"We, the undersigned, ratepayers in the above Division, protest against the proposed new bridge being built at Kilcoishy, as we consider the old one good enough, and with a little outlay capable of standing for years."

Under date 19<sup>th</sup> April the following letter was read from Mr. James Loughlin, Groustown, Loughmon relative to erection of Gullet at Groustown (Wexford District):-

"I saw by last week's papers a proposal was



made by Mr. Browley to put a gullet across the road at Groustown. I do not think this work is necessary. The water does not harm the road in any way and should the work be carried out in the way suggested it will deprive my two fields of water where there has been water for ages. I am in the place twenty years, and my fields were always watered from this stream during that time. If the gullet were put there now it would take the water away from those two fields, and the water would enter my lands again in a place where I do not want it and where it would only do me harm and cause me a great deal of inconvenience and expense. I attach a sketch showing the position of the stream."

Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford, wrote under date 12<sup>th</sup> April :-

"Mr. John Kenny, of Ballymore, Camolin, Road Contractor, has called on us and asked us to bring his case before you.

Several sums of money have been struck off this contractor, amounting in all to £ 18 : 19/-. The reason of this is that owing to the excessive traffic on this road the amount of stones specified to be put out by the contractor is not sufficient to keep the road in repair.

The contractor claims that he has put out the full amount required by his contract and in every way fulfilled the terms of his contract and it is only by reason of the excessive use of the road by traction engines that the road is not in a good state of repair. He claims, therefore, that he should be paid the full amount of the contract, and we would be glad if you would bring this matter before your Council at their next meeting.

We understand that one objection against



him is that the water-tables are not in good condition. This is entirely due to the fact that the road has sunk and it is impossible now to make any use of the watertables without sinking them correspondingly."

The following letter signed by Denis Murphy, Riverchapel, Gorey; and John O'Connor, Kildermot, Gorey; Road Contractors:-

"We desire to bring under your notice the fact that we had an excess in quantity of Road metalling on our contracts No 49. Quantity specified 86 cubic yards; Quantity measured 94 cubic yards - Excess 8 yards. No. 167 Quantity specified 110 cubic yards; Quantity measured 128 yards. - Excess 18 yards.

As we were unaware of the excess in quantity, and spread all metalling on the roads, we hope your Council will give us some consideration as is being given to contractors who having an excess becoming aware of same did not spread the extra amount on the roads.

We ask to be given credit for excess in next year's measurement."

"On the motion of the Chairman the letter from Messrs Murphy and O'Connor was referred to the Co. Surveyor."

— Capitation Grant for District Asylum —  
under date 22<sup>nd</sup> April, the following letter was read from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle:-

"I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to transmit to you herewith a draft for £2101 being a payment on account of the cost of maintenance of pauper lunatics for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1911, in the Wexford District Lunatics Asylum.

In previous years it was found practicable



when making this payment on account in April to supplement the amount of the advance, which has been annually made by the Treasury for the purpose in that month, from a balance of funds in the Local Taxation account under Section 58 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, thus enabling the payment made in April to be equal, approximately, to 50 per cent of the preceding year's asylum claims against the account. There is no balance, however, at present available in the account and it becomes necessary, therefore, to make a rateable distribution of the amount of the advance, the sum included in the enclosed Order being calculated on this basis."

marked "Read."

#### Erection of Danger Signs.

The following letter from the Irish manager of the automobile association & motor union, 12 College Green, Dublin; to the Co. Surveyor, was read :-

"many thanks for your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> inst. re Danger Signs. I believe the matter of the supply of Danger Signs for your County by the automobile association and motor union has been brought before you on a former occasion.

I do not know, however, whether anything definite has been settled and in view of the approach of the touring season, I think some move should be made in the matter. At the moment I have received a requisition for the supplying of a large number of Danger Signs for erection throughout Ireland. In view of the magnitude of the work entailed in getting the dangerous places properly marked it is the custom of the association to make arrangements with the local authorities on the lines that the association will supply the



signs provided they (the local authorities will bear the cost of erection. I would draw your attention to section 10 of the motor car act under which local authorities are empowered to erect danger signs when deemed necessary.

You will therefore see that our offer to assist in this case by supplying the signs provides a very desirable opportunity for your Council to carry out this work at a minimum cost.

With regard to the Direction Signs, I believe the Co. Council were willing to erect such provided we supply them, but they also make the stipulation that the wording should be done in Irish as well as English.

To be perfectly frank, this constitutes an insuperable barrier, since it would put us to a very considerable expense.

I think it most desirable that your Council should give their decision and I would be obliged if you would put this matter before them as well as the question of Danger Signs, at their next meeting.

"Adjourned."

#### Tara Hill Quarry.

A number of tenders were received for supplies for Tara Hill Quarry: viz: - Oils, coals; Sledge Handles, etc.,

On the motion of Mr John Bolger, seconded, by Mr Fanning:-

For supply of oil, Messrs Tuck & Co., were accepted at 1/6 per gallon of machine oil; and 1/6 per gallon for cylinder oil, to be supplied in 10 gallon drums.

For coal - Messrs Wallace Bros. Ltd. were accepted at 23/6 per ton.

For Sledge-handles - Martin Kinsella, of Gorey was accepted at 6/- per dozen.



Under date 22<sup>nd</sup> April the following letter was read from John Davis, Mongarrow Cottage, Inch, Castle town :-

"I the undersigned, being an employe at the Carastill Quarries since it first started find it necessary for me to have to apply to the kindness of your Council for some relief, as I have been sick of the last eight weeks with influenza and I will be unable to resume work for the next three weeks. The Doctor and the S. B., for the division have made two applications to the Gorey Board for some provisional relief which they were unable to get for me.

Wishing Gentlemen you will kindly consider my case at your next meeting as I have three in family depending on me."

"No Order."

The following Report was read from the Co. Surveyor:-

"I beg to report as follows on the progress of the works at Carastill Quarry:-

The earth works and retaining wall to the feeding bank have been completed as at first intended. Certain alterations were, however, suggested by the Committee which visited the site on Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. These are being actively carried out.

The weigh-bridge and brake gear machinery are on the ground and the work of erecting them is proceeding. As soon as these are fixed the rails will be laid and the work finished off."

#### — Confirmation of minutes. —

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Ennis, the minutes of the Finance Committee meetings since last Co. Council meeting were confirmed. These included the following in



reference to repair, etc., of Wexford Bridge:-

"That our County Surveyor be instructed to communicate with Mr. G. B. Webb, and ask him to furnish an estimate as to the replacing in creosoted pitch-pine the timber work of the present bridge above water, and any iron work where necessary, and that Mr. Gaffney report on the matter to the Co. Council."

"That the scheme submitted by the Secretary under the Polling Districts and Registration Order of 1908 be approved of."

"That the date of election for the vacancy of Rate collector in No. 8 collection District be fixed for Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> May."

"That as recommended by the Courtown Harbour Committee, 12 oar poles required for Courtown Harbour be procured at a cost not exceeding £2."

#### New Quarries.

On the motion of Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following resolution of the Finance Committee was adopted:-

"That in cases of Road contracts for which new Quarries are specified by the County Surveyor, and to which contractors find difficulty in securing entrance, the Council's Solicitor be instructed to appear on behalf of the contractors and assist them in obtaining an Order from the magistrates."

G. H. Peacocke



meeting - 16<sup>th</sup> May 1911.

A meeting of the county council, was held in the council chamber, Courthouse, Wexford on 16<sup>th</sup> May 1911.

Present :- Mr. E. Hore, Chairman, Presiding.  
Other members :- Messrs J. Asple, Mr. Browne, John Bolger, J. Bolger, John Cummins, Mark Codd, James Codd, Michael Doyle, J. A. Doyle, Patrick Fortune, P. J. Fanning, J. S. Hearn, Mr. Hickey, A. Kinseella, John J. Kehoe, P. Creane, Patrick O'Hill, G. H. Peacocke, Jas. J. Stafford, G. Walsh.

The County Secretary, the County Surveyor and Mr. R. W. Elger, Solicitor to the Council, were also in attendance.

#### Wexford Bridge

A communication from Mr. Webb, was referred to a special meeting of the Finance Committee.

#### Supplies Tara Hill Quarry.

Messrs Wallace, Bros., Gorey, who had been accepted contractors for supply of coal for Tara Hill Quarry, wrote that they could not supply the coals as per advertisement, viz :- 40 tons of Orrell coal and 40 tons of Newport, mixed; as they did not import Newport coal. They however offered to supply 80 tons of Orrell coal.

The County Surveyor stated it was necessary that the coal should be supplied as per advertisement, and it was decided on the motion of the Chairman that Robert Connors of Courtown, who had tendered in accordance with the advertisement at 25/- per ton be accepted.

#### Election of Rate Collector.

Applications for the position of Rate Collector



were received from the following :-

James J. Bolger, Boolnahorna, Ferns.  
 James Byrne, Kilbora, Ferns  
 Joseph Cummins, Oylegate, Enniscorthy  
 Owen Cloney, Forristalstown  
 Denis Kavanagh, Knockekimolun  
 Randal McDonald, Tinnahack, Oylegate.  
 James Murphy, Boolbawn, Ferns  
 Thomas Murphy, Ballypaleon.  
 Peter O'Brien, Kiltomas, Ferns.

Messrs O'Brien, and McDonald withdrew their applications.

Mr J. Bolger proposed, Mr M. Doyle seconded the appointment of Mr J. J. Bolger.

Mr John Bolger proposed, Mr A. Kinsella seconded the appointment of Mr James Byrne.

Mr Stafford proposed, Mr Peacocke seconded the appointment of Mr Joseph Cummins.

Mr Creane proposed, Mr P. Fortune seconded the appointment of Mr Kavanagh.

Mr Fanning proposed, Mr M. Codd seconded the appointment of Mr James Murphy.

Messrs Cloney and Thomas Murphy were not proposed.

A Poll was taken with the following result:-  
 For Mr Bolger :- Messrs J. Bolger, and M. Doyle. - 2.  
 For Mr Byrne :- Messrs Kinsella, and J. Bolger. - 2.  
 For Mr Cummins :- Messrs Browne, Stafford, Hore, Peacocke, Kehoe, Walsh, J. Codd, Asple, Cummins - 9.  
 For Mr Kavanagh :- Mr Fortune. - 1.  
 For Mr James Murphy :- Messrs O'Neill, Fanning.



breane, m. bodd, james Doyle and Hickey. - 6.

Mr. Kavanagh dropped out, and a poll was taken as follows:-

For Mr. Bolger:- Mr. J. Bolger. - 1.

For Mr. Byrne:- Messrs Kinsella, and J. Bolger. 2.

For Mr. Cummins:- Messrs Browne, Stafford, Hore, Peacocke, Kehoe, Walsh, J. bodd, Asple, Fortune Cummins. - 10.

For Mr. James Murphy:- Messrs O'Neill, Fanning, breane, m. bodd, james A Doyle, Hickey, m. Doyle. 7.

Mr. Bolger having dropped out, the following poll was taken:-

For Mr. Byrne:- Messrs Kinsella, J. Bolger, J. Bolger. 3.

For Mr. Cummins:- Messrs Browne, Stafford, Hore, Peacocke, Kehoe, Walsh, J. bodd, Asple, Cummins, Fortune. - 10.

For Mr. Murphy:- Messrs O'Neill, Fanning, breane, m. bodd, james A. Doyle, Hickey, m. Doyle:- 7.

Mr. Byrne dropped out, and a poll was taken between Messrs Cummins and Murphy:-

For Mr. Cummins:- Messrs Browne, Stafford, Hore, Peacocke, Kehoe, Walsh, James bodd, Asple, Fortune Cummins:- 10.

For Mr. James Murphy:- Messrs O'Neill, Kinsella, John Bolger, Fanning, breane, m. bodd, james A. Doyle, m. Doyle, J. Bolger, m. Hickey. 10.

The Chairman then gave his casting vote for Mr. Cummins and declared him elected.

The following is the application of the successful candidate:-

"I beg to offer myself as candidate for the position of Rate Collectorship of Division no. 8 in accordance with the terms of your advertisement. If elected I promise faithfully to discharge the duties entrusted to my care in accordance with the



wishes of your Council, and to the satisfaction of the Ratepayers."

As security I am prepared to enter with an approved Guarantee Society."

M<sup>r</sup>. Cummins submitted recommendations from Rev W. Codd, President St Peter's College, Wexford; Rev J. Murphy P. P., Oylegate; and Rev. Thomas Hore, adm., Wexford.

### The Road Board Grant.

Under date 19<sup>th</sup> April, the following letter (which was adjourned from last meeting) was read:-

"I am directed by the Road Board to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> April and note that your Co. Council have decided to incur a liability of only one-fourth of the cost of work of improvement on the selected road in County Wexford.

The Board would be prepared to contribute up to three-fourths of the net cost of the expenditure ascertained as shown on the enclosed form, but if the total expenditure is dealt with, without isolating the cost of improvement, and deducting from the total the sum which should be charged to maintenance account, then their contribution will not be more than 50 per cent of the total."

"Referred to Finance Committee, who are to report to the County Council at the next meeting."

### Proposed Pier at Blackwater.

Under date 8<sup>th</sup> May the following letter was read from Sir Thomas H. G. Esmonde:-

"I telegraphed to the County Council last Wednesday, as soon as I learned the result



of their deliberations on Blackwater but I fear my message arrived too late for the meeting.

I will therefore ask you to convey to the members of the council my sincere thanks for their prompt action in the matter, from which I hope for a good result."

marked "Read."

### Ballyhack Harbour.

Under date 6<sup>th</sup> May the following letter (No 3,855-F. B) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> instant, on the subject of the improvement of the landing accommodation at Ballyhack; and to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council that the Department are prepared to carry out their undertaking as promised to the Harbour Commissioners when they shall have learned that the property is vested in your Council."

marked "Read"

### Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

The following applied for renewals of Licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Edmund Doyle, Broadway.

James Sinnott, The Ballagh

J. J. Turcell, Broadway

Alexander Kinisella, Gorey

John Lambert & Son, Enniscorthy

Margaret Roche, Ballyanne

Edward Brennan, Loughmon

Mr. Pierce Barron, Co-operative Society Ltd. Enniscorthy and Messrs J. Donohoe, Ltd. Enniscorthy; applied for new licences under this Act."

"On the motion of the Chairman the applications were granted."



— Mr. M. Howlin, Assistant Surveyor. —

The following letter under date 29<sup>th</sup> April, was read from Mr. Michael Howlin, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I have now twelve months service as Assistant Surveyor to your Council, which term entitles me to an increase in my salary (£5). During this period I have laboured incessantly with a view of performing my duties satisfactorily, and I hope your Council will consider that in the performance of my several duties, I have earned their esteem. I shall always be glad to please the Council in everyway and hope they shall favourably consider this application.

The following recommendation was made by the Finance Committee, and adopted on the motion of Mr. Leacocke, seconded by Mr. Kehoe:-

"That in view of the favourable report of the County Surveyor we recommend that an increment of £5 be added to the salary of Mr. Howlin in accordance with the terms of his appointment."

— Collector Redmond —

Rate Collector Pierce Redmond, submitted the name of John Colleton, of Ballytarena, Oulart; as one of his sureties, vice Andrew Kehoe, Ballinamona; deceased.

On the motion of Mr. Creane, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the surety submitted by Mr. Redmond was approved."

— Danger Posts Etc. —

A letter (which appears on last minutes) under date 28<sup>th</sup> April, from the Irish manager of the Automobile Association & Motor Union; was read.

"Referred to Co. Surveyor."



By-Laws.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the following resolution was adopted:— "That By-Laws of new Ross Bridge and Bridges over the River Slaney be sealed and signed."

Sheep Dipping Order.

In connection with the autumn Sheep Dipping Order the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Peacocke:—

"That as this County Council have decided not to enforce the autumn Sheep Dipping Order our Secretary be instructed not to have the posters forwarded by the Department of Agriculture published in accordance with the resolutions of the Co. Council, and Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction."

Road Contracts

Letters were read from messrs Walter Dooley, Ennraun, Blackwater; and Richard Howlett, of Grange, Campile; in connection with Road Contracts; and it was ordered that they be referred to the County Surveyor.

Irrecoverable Rates.

The lists of Irrecoverable Rates of collector J. L. Doyle, as submitted by the Secretary, were approved.

Road metalling.

Proposed by Mr. John Bolger, seconded by Mr. Scafford, and adopted:—

"That the agreement submitted by messrs Sinnott & Co., Solicitors, Enniscorthy; as regards Ballycarney Gravel pit be accepted."

"That the Co. Council take the management of



of this pit into their charge, and have it properly opened.

That it be placed in the hands of the Co. Surveyor and his deputies, and that the material be supplied to Road Contractors at such a price as will cover working expenses."

That a sum of £10 be set aside for the proper opening of this gravel pit, said amount to be a County-at-Large charge."

That the County Surveyor or his Deputy employ the necessary men to open the gravel pit.

That the Committee which reported in connection with this matter meet the Deputy appointed to take charge, by the Co. Surveyor."

Mr. M. A. Ennis.

The following letter, under date 14<sup>th</sup> May 1911, was read from Mr. M. A. Ennis:-

"I very sincerely regret my inability to attend next Tuesday's meeting of the Council, by section 2 (6) of the L. G. Act is so clear that there can be no doubt that I ceased to be a member of the Council the moment I ceased to hold the necessary qualification, viz: that of being a local government elector for the County, and having satisfied myself that I have at least temporarily forfeited this qualification I should not, in my view, treat the Council fairly by attending a meeting after this fact had come to my knowledge.

I was particularly anxious to have had an opportunity to personally express to my late colleagues my very grateful appreciation of the many acts of kindness and courtesy for which I am indebted to the members of the Wexford County Council collectively and individually to convey to them how highly I value the fact that through their confidence in me I have been honoured



with a seat at their Board as a co-opted member during the past nine years, and to record the regret which I feel at severing my connection with a body which has won for itself a position second to that of no other county council in Ireland in regard to wise and prudent administration.

To you personally, for the great help you have always given me particularly during my term of office as vice chairman, I wish to offer my sincere thanks and to say that at all times you may command my poor services in any small way in which I may be helpful to my native county just as fully as I were still a member of the Wexford Co. Council."

Mr. Peacocke proposed, Mr. John Bolger seconded the following resolution which was adopted:

"That we desire to place on the records of this council our appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Mr. M. A. Ennis. while our colleague, and sincerely regret that he is no longer able to continue as one of our members."

B. H. Peacocke