

STATUTABLE HALF-YEARLY MEETING.-3rd MAY 1916.

The Statutable Half-Yearly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 3rd May 1916.

Present :- Messrs L. Barry, *Joseph* Redmond, John J. Kehoe, J. T. Mayler, R. Scallan, James Codd, J. J. O'Byrne, Philip Keating, N. J. Cowman, Michael Doyle, Mark Codd.

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

On the motion of Mr Codd, seconded by Mr Scallan, the Chair was taken by Mr John J. Kehoe.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed.

The late Mrs Elgee.

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

"That we offer our Solicitor Mr R. W. Elgee, our sincere condolence in the loss sustained by him in the death of his Mother and request our Secretary to convey this expression of our sympathy to Mr Elgee."

Proposals for Payment.

On the motion of the Chairman,  
Seconded by Mr Scallan,  
the following resolution was adopted: -

"That the several Proposals for Payment submitted by the Proposal Committee, and the several Rural District Councils of the County, and recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee, be and are hereby approved subject to the modifications and other Orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Proposals for Works.

On the motion of Mr M. Codd,  
Seconded by Mr Scallan,  
the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the several proposals for Works as appearing on Form 20 as regards the County-at-Large, and for Road 145W, in Wexford Rural District, be



and are hereby approved subject to the modifications and other Orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Postponement of Meeting.

On the motion of Mr Doyle,

Seconded by Mr M. Codd,

the following resolution was adopted:-

"That owing to the absence of so many Members of the County Council in consequence of the present state of affairs in the Country, the remainder of the business be adjourned to Wednesday 17th May, at Eleven O'Clock, a.m.,"

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(Signed)

John Bolger  
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 17 day of May 1916.



Adjourned Half-Yearly Meeting.- 17th May 1916.

The Adjourned Half-Yearly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Co Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 17th May 1916.

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

Also:- Sir T. H. G. Esmonde, Bart., Messrs M. Doyle, L. Barry, R. Scallan, A. Kinsella, James Codd, P. Whelan, J. J. O'Byrne, N. J. Cowman, J. J. Kehoe, J. Redmond, M. Codd, J. T. Mayler, James Lynch, T Asple, J. A. Doyle, and M. Cloney.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, and County Solicitor, were also in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Recent Disturbances.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Sir Thomas Esmonde, the Standing Orders of the Council were suspended to enable the Chairman to move a resolution.

The Chairman then moved the following resolution:-

"That we deplore the lamentable rising in many parts of Ireland, which occurred during Easter week. Particularly in the City of Dublin, when the loss of life and property has been appalling.

We firmly believe that this Criminal rebellion has been encouraged by Germany to promote her own selfish ends.

That we believe many young men that took part in the outrage had no idea of the foolishness of their action and were intimidated to join in such criminal folly.

We therefore call on Mr Redmond and our Representatives in Parliament to use their influence with the Government to deal mercifully with such young men who are now prisoners.

That we hereby renew our entire confidence in Mr John Redmond, and the Irish Party, and assure them of our unswerving loyalty."

Mr Kinsella seconded the resolution, which was supported by Sir T. Esmonde, and Mr Kehoe.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.



Sheep Dipping.

Under date 8th April 1916, the following letter (No. 1065-16 V B.) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 6th inst., embodying a resolution adopted at the meeting of your County Council on the previous day in reference to the carrying out of the Sheep Dipping Order in the County.

The Department note with satisfaction that the County Council have decided to appoint Sheep Dipping Inspectors, and there will be no objection, so far as the Department are concerned, to the remuneration proposed for such Inspectors, viz:- £26 each, to cover both the dipping periods.

Inasmuch, however, as it is contemplated to appoint only two Inspectors the Department will be glad to learn whether the County Council intend, as it is hoped they do, to make regulations under the Sheep Dipping (Local Regulations) (Ireland) Order of 1916, enabling the Inspectors to serve notices fixing the times, etc., of dipping, as, apart from such line of procedure, the object now aimed at of having all dipping under supervision is unlikely to be fully attained.

Please see in this connection the enclosed further copy of the Department's Circular respecting the last-mentioned Order."

The following recommendations were submitted from the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That the letter of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction (V.B.) under date 8th April 1916, and No. 1065-16, be referred to the meeting of the County Council of 3rd prox.,"

"That our Secretary advertise for two Inspectors of Sheep Dipping, one for Enniscorthy and Gorey Districts, and one for New Ross and Wexford Districts, as already agreed to by the County Council. That appointments be determined by a month's notice in writing at either side."

"That our Secretary advertise for names and addresses of persons who have erected swim baths for sheep, and who are prepared to carry out public dipping at a fixed fee."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Under date 9th May 1916, the following letter No. 1204-16, (V.B.) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-



"I have to advert to your letter of 20th ultimo, embodying a recommendation on the above subject which was adopted at a meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of your County Council on the previous day.

The Department observe therefrom that my letter of 8th ult., No. 1065/16, was referred to the then forthcoming meeting of the County Council, fixed at the time for 3rd instant, also that arrangements were made as regards advertising for two dipping Inspectors and for names and addresses of persons having swim baths who would be prepared to carry out public dipping at a fixed fee.

The Department will be glad now to learn, in the event of the letter referred to in the preceding paragraph having been considered since by the County Council, whether it is anticipated that the proposed arrangements will suffice to secure the desired end of having all sheep in the County dipped under supervision of the Inspectors."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Sir Thomas Esmonde:-

"That we request sheep owners of Gorey and Enniscorthy Districts to arrange so that sheep dipping shall take place in Gorey district on first three days of the week, and in Enniscorthy district on second three days of the week, and that the sheep owners of New Ross and Wexford districts be requested to arrange so that dipping shall take place in Wexford district in the first three days of the week, and in New Ross district on second three days of the week. That the terms of this resolution be advertised in local papers."

The following applications were received for the position of Sheep Dipping Inspector, for the Districts of Enniscorthy and Gorey:-

Michael Redmond, Ballincash, Ferns.

Myles Byrne, Coolishall, Gorey.

James Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns.

John Doyle, Shirsheen, Thomastown, Arklow.

John Higgins, Upper Island, Craanford, Gorey.

Mr John Doyle, Shirsheen, was not in attendance, and his application was not therefore considered.

A poll was taken between the remaining candidates, with the following result:-

For Byrne:- Sir T. Esmonde.-1

For Higgins:- Mr Kinsella.-1



**For Murphy:-** Messrs M. Doyle, Barry, James Codd, Whelan, J. J. O'Byrne, Kehoe, M. Codd, J. Lynch, Asple, J. A. Doyle, Cloney, and the Chairman:-12

**For Redmond:-** Messrs Scallan, Cowman, Redmond, and Mayler.-4

As Mr Murphy obtained a clear majority of those present, and voting, he was declared elected.

For the position of Sheep Dipping Inspector for New Ross and Wexford Districts, the following applications were received:-

James Doran, Seaview, Murrintown.

George Brett, Tannerhill, Ballycogley.

Edmund Murphy, Kilrane.

John Barry, Carrig-on-Bannow.

Maurice Kehoe, Upper Lacken, New Ross .

Edmund Morris, Butlerstown, Broadway.

John Cummins, Assaly, Killinick.

Thomas Fielding, Seaview, Barntown.

Patrick Delaney, Commerical Quay, Wexford.

Patrick J. Hayes, Little Johnstown, Duncormick.

John Lambert, Newcastle Kyle.

Mr Cummins wrote withdrawing his candidature, and Mr T. Fielding was not in attendance.

A poll was taken between the remaining candidates, with the following result:-

**For Barry:-** Mr Kinsella.-1

**For Brett:-** Messrs M. Doyle, Scallan, M. Codd, Mayler, Lynch, Sir T. Esmonde, and the Chairman.-7

**For Delaney:-** Messrs Barry and Kehoe.-2

**For Kehoe:-** Messrs O'Byrne, J. A. Doyle, and M. Cloney.-3.

**For Lambert:-** Messrs Redmond, and Asple.-2.

**For Murphy:-** Messrs James Codd, Whelan, and Cowman.-3

Messrs Doran, Hayes and Morris, received no vote.

Mr Barry then dropped out, and a poll was taken between Messrs Brett, Delaney, Kehoe, Lambert, and Murphy, with the following result:-

**For Brett:-** Messrs M. Doyle, Barry, Scallan, M. Codd, Mayler, Lynch, Sir T. Esmonde, and the Chairman.-8

**For Delaney:-** Messrs Kinsella, and Kehoe.-2

**For Kehoe:-** Messrs O'Byrne, J. A. Doyle, and Cloney.- 3.



**For Lambert:-** Messrs Redmond, and Asple.-2.

**For Murphy:-** Messrs J. Codd, Whelan, and Cowman.-3.

A vote was taken as between Messrs Delaney, and Lambert, who had received two votes each, as to who should be included in the succeeding poll.

The following was the result:-

**For Delaney:-** Messrs M. Doyle, Barry, Scallan, Kinsella, J. Codd, Whelan, Kehoe, M. Codd, Cloney.-9.

**For Lambert:-** Messrs J. J. O'Byrne, Cowman, Redmond, Mayler, Lynch, Asple, J. A. Doyle, Sir T. Esmonde, and the Chairman.-9.

The Chairman then gave his casting vote in favour of Lambert's name being retained in next poll, which resulted as follows:-

**For Brett:-** Messrs M. Doyle, Barry, Scallan, Kinsella, Kehoe, M. Codd, Mayler, Lynch, Sir T. Esmonde, and the Chairman.-10

**For Kehoe:-** Messrs O'Byrne, J. A. Doyle, and Cloney.-3.

**For Lambert:-** Messrs Redmond, and Asple.-2.

**For Murphy:-** Messrs J. Codd, Whelan, and Cowman.-3

Mr Brett having secured a clear majority of those present and voting was declared elected.

Mr R. A. Byron, Orristown, Killinick, and Mr M. Corcoran, Nash, New Ross, wrote that they were prepared to dip sheep in their districts at two pence per head, and Mr G. B. Deacon, Monart West, Enniscorthy, offered to do the work in his district at 1d per sheep.

Mr Asple mentioned that Mr Martin Laffan, Kereight, Kyle, would also be prepared to dip sheep in his district.

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

"That the offer of Mr G. W. Deacon to dip the sheep of his district at 1d per sheep be accepted. That our Secretary communicate with Messrs Byron, Corcoran, and Laffan, and ask them if they are prepared to dip the sheep at one penny per sheep as this is the fee which obtains in other counties."

#### Proposals for Works.

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

"That the several proposals for New Works and for Maintenance of Works received from the Rural Districts of the County, with the exception of the



maintenance of Road 145W (Wexford Rural District) -dealt with at the meeting of the County Council on 3rd May 1916- be and are hereby approved subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

#### Dates of Meetings.

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr J. Codd, the following dates of Meetings were agreed to:-

Gorey R. D. Council.-Thursday 26th October at 11.30 a.m.,  
 New Ross R. D. Council.- Tuesday, 31st October 11.30 a.m.,  
 Enniscorthy R. D. Council.-Thursday 2nd November at 11 o'clock, a.m.,  
 Wexford R. D. Council.-Saturday 4th November at 10.30 a.m.,  
 Proposal Committee.-3rd November at 11 a.m.,  
 County Council Quarterly Meeting,-2nd August at 11.30 a.m.,  
 County Council Half-yearly Meeting.-6th December at 11 a.m.,

#### Proposals for Payment.

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

"That the several proposals for payment relative to loans and University Scholarship payments (which were not received in time for Meeting of 3rd May owing to recent disturbances) and recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee, be and are hereby agreed to."

#### Gorey Road Contractors.

The following resolution was submitted from the Gorey Rural District Council:-

"That we the Members of the Gorey Rural District Council having heard the grievances of the Gorey Road Contractors respectfully request the County Council to make some concession as regards the existing contracts for which the Gorey Road Contractors have signed bonds, as we believe the grievances are real and deserve consideration, and we further respectfully request the County Council to give an audience to a Deputation from the Gorey Road Contractors' Association."

At the Finance & Roads Committee on 17th inst., a recommendation was adopted asking the County Council to hear the views of the deputation.

Mr Brennan, Solicitor, appeared before the meeting and laid before them the proposal that the County Surveyor should be given discretion to pay the Contractors a reasonable sum for the work they had carried out and that the



tonnage should be reduced.

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

"That the matter be referred to next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."

New Quarries for New Ross District.

The following resolution was submitted from New Ross Rural District Council:-

"That in view of the very large number of roads uncontracted for in our District, we recommend that the County Council should acquire additional Quarries in the District and have the stones broken for metalling, as we believe if broken stones were available in this manner, more contractors would come forward."

At the Finance & Roads Committee Meeting of 17th inst., the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the resolution of New Ross Rural District Council relative to new quarries be referred to the County Surveyor, and that he be instructed to use his best exertions to procure additional quarries for New Ross District in compliance with the wishes of the District Council."

"The recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Cowman."

Quarterly Payments to Contractors.

The following resolution was submitted from New Ross Rural District Council:-

"That the County Council be again requested to consider the advisability of reverting to the system of Quarterly payments to Road Contractors, as we are of opinion that it would increase competition."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was agreed to:-

"That the County Council be recommended not to revert to the system of quarterly payments as we believe there is no general demand for such reversion."

Defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants.

Under date 13th April 1916, the following was read from the Secretary, The Irish Land Commission, Dublin:-

"I am directed by the Irish Land Commissioners to acknowledge the



receipt of your letter dated the 6th instant, embodying a resolution of your Council asking for a list of the defaulting annuitants who may have paid by the 1st proximo. In reply I am to state that the Commissioners are not prepared to furnish the desired list, which in any case, would in their opinion, serve no useful purpose.

It may be sufficient to state that there are no persistent defaulters in County Wexford in the sense that their default leads to permanent and final charge upon the Guarantee Fund and thereby upon the County Rates. During the 25 years since the establishment of the Guarantee Fund there has been no case of default in the County (save one, in regard to a small sum of £6) in which the Commissioners have not eventually succeeded in recovering the arrears.

As showing the temporary nature of the charge on the Guarantee Fund in respect of arrears it may be stated that at the date of the balancing of the Account in February 1915 the total net amount for arrears which had been charged against the Guarantee Fund for County Wexford and still remained unpaid was £3603. By the 31st July following 95 per cent of this sum had been recovered and recouped to the Guarantee Fund, leaving only £197 outstanding, but in the meantime a further instalment had fallen due and fresh arrears had again to be temporarily drawn from the Guarantee Fund.

Your Council will therefore realise that there is not any permanent default on the part of Land Purchase annuitants involving a final loss to the rates, but so long as any appreciable section of the annuitants (as shown by the list recently furnished to your Council) are persistently late in making thier payment, the temporary and constantly-recurring drafts on the Guarantee Fund will necessarily continue.

The Commissioners will welcome any action which the Council are able to take with the object of securing the prompt payment of annuities and thus avoiding a temporary charge on the rates."

Marked "Read"

#### Sewerage of Newtownbarry.

Under date 27th March 1916, the Local Government Board forwarded copy of their Sealed Order No. 32,979-1915, fixing the Newtownbarry Dispensary District as the area of charge for cost of improving and maintaininh the sewerage of Newtownbarry.

Marked "Read"

#### Audit Accounts-Public Bodies.

Under date 9th May 1916, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No.



17681-1916, New Ross Union) forwarding copy of the report of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of New Ross Union for half-year ended 30th September 1915, with attested abstracts of the Accounts.

Under date 9th May 1916, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 17680-1916, New Ross Rural District) forwarding report of their Auditor on his audit of the Accounts of New Ross Rural District Council for the half-year ended 30th September last, with attested Abstract of the Accounts.

Marked "Read"

#### Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

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

"That Poisons & Pharmacy Licences held by the following, be renewed:-

Edward McQuillan, Creamery Stores, Taghmon.

Richard Breen, Commercial Quay, Wexford.

Israel Wallis, Arthurstown.

J. Donohoe, Ltd., Railway Stores, Enniscorthy.

Patrick C. Lett, Ferns.

James Cullen, Taghmon.

P. Mc Menamin, Ballycanew, Gorey.

Wm B. Jackson, 51 Main Street, Gorey.

N. Taskaberry, Newtownbarry.

Mr Bryan Hennessy, South Street, New Ross.

Henry Hill, Ballycanew, Gorey.

Mrs Kate Colfer, Ballymitty.

#### Rate Collection.

In connection with the manner in which Collector Doyle carried out his duties, the following recommendation was submitted from the Finance and Roads Committee:-

"That as regards the forthcoming Rate Collection, Collector Doyle be called upon to lodge at least 20 per cent of his collection at the end of the first month after receipt of his Warrant, and 40 per cent at the end of the first three months from date of receipt of his warrant. That Mr Doyle be informed that if he is not prepared to carry out this instruction the County Council will be requested to relieve him of his appointment."

Under date 17th April 1916, Mr Doyle submitted a certificate from Dr Garrett A. Hickey, New Ross, that Mr Doyle, had been suffering from Rheumathroid Arthritis and had not been able to be about continually owing



to the state of the weather.

As regards the manner in which Collector Mullett has been performing his duties, the following recommendation was submitted from the Finance & Roads Committee:-

"In view of the fact that Collector Mullett has ignored the directions of the County Council to attend the present meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee to explain his methods of collection, that Mr Mullett be suspended from office and that his books be not given to him until after the meeting of the Co Council on the 3rd May, when he is expected to attend and go into the question of his methods of collection with the Co Council. That the County Council at their meeting on 3rd prox., decide as to whether Mr Mullett is to be continued in office. That a copy of this resolution be furnished to the Local Government Board."

Under date 22nd April 1916, a medical certificate from Dr W. Kelly, Enniscorthy, stated that Mr Mullett was unfit to move at present, and was likely to remain so for a considerable time.

Under date 22nd April 1916, Very Rev Canon Sheil, P. P., wrote that Mr Mullett became ill on the 18th and was still in bed unfit to transact business.

Under date 11th May 1916, Mr Mullett wrote that as he only got out of bed on Tuesday after his recent illness he would not be able to attend the meeting of the County Council on the 17th instant, and apologised for any trouble he might have occasioned to the Council in connection with his rate Collection.

As regards Mr Doyle, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by the Chairman:-

"That the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee be adopted. That Mr Doyle be informed that if he cannot give the undertaking required by the Finance & Roads Committee the County Council will have to appoint a new Collector for his district."

In connection with Mr Mullett, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by the Chairman:-

"That as the Finance & Roads Committee were unaware of the illness of Mr Mullett, the County Council will agree to hand him his books provided he



gives an undertaking that he will collect 20 per cent of his collection during the first month after the receipt of his warrant, and 40 per cent of his warrant during the first three months after the receipt of his warrant. If Mr Mullett is not prepared to carry out this instruction the Co Council will determine his appointment as Rate Collector."

In connection with the liability of the County Council to inform Guarantee Societies as to the cases of Collectors who were not discharging their duties with all due diligence, the following letter under date 20th March 1916, was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council:-

"I have received yours with copy Resolution passed by the Roads and Finance Committee re above Collectors, and I am of opinion, that responsibility is thrown on the Council in the event of the Guarantee Society not being informed that the Collectors are not properly carrying out their duties with due diligence, and according to the terms of their Bonds.

I consider that the paragraph of the Bond set out hereunder would undoubtedly be an answer for the Guarantee Society in case of default by the Collectors unless they (the Society) had notice that the Collectors had not and were not doing their work in a proper manner, and therefore the Council are bound to at once give the Guarantee Society notice of what is happening, and that the Collectors are not doing their work with due diligence."

Paragraph in Bond above referred to.

"And shall in all other respects duly lawfully and faithfully observe, obey, perform, fulfill and keep all the Enactments, Laws, Rules and Regulations contained in the Acts which are or shall be at any time in force relating to the collection of such rates or in any Order of the said Board touching and concerning the Collection of Rate."

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

"That the Gresham Fire & Accident Insurance Society, St Mildred House, Boultry, London, E. C., with whom Messrs Doyle and Mullett Rate Collectors, have taken out fidelity guarantee bonds be furnished with copies of the recommendations adopted at the present meeting as regards these Collectors and that the Insurance Company be informed that they must regard the manner in which these collectors are carrying out their duties as unsatisfactory as such a very large percentage of their warrants is lodged a very short time before the close of the Collection."

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



"That the Gresham Fire & Accident Insurance Society be furnished with copies of resolutions adopted by the County Council at the present meeting in connection with Collectors Doyle and Mullett."

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

"That we confirm the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee:-

That John McLoughlin, Horetown North, Foulksmills, and Aidan McLoughlin Shanoule, Foulksmills, be accepted sureties for Mr John Banville, Rate Collector, vice Patrick Monaghan, deceased, and Stephen Martin, infirm."

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

"That the lists of Irrecoverable Rates as submitted by the Rate Collectors in respect of half-year ended 31st March 1916, be agreed to. We offer no objection to refund of rate for land in the cases of Nos 107 and 113 Kilmokea (E. Cummins, Collector) as we are aware these farms have been evicted and that there is no stock on the lands."

#### Official Checkers-Rate Collectors' Accounts.

On the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr M. Codd, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Messrs N. Kehoe, R. Creighton, and M. J. Finn, be appointed deputy checkers of the Rate Collectors' Accounts for the districts of Wexford, Gorey, and New Ross, respectively, in respect of the financial year to 31st March 1917, at a remuneration of 5/- per 100 ratings."

That Mr Jasper Whitty be appointed deputy checker for the Accounts of the Collectors in Enniscorthy District, at a salary of £30 per annum in respect of financial year ending 31st March 1917."

#### County Wexford Infirmary.

Under date 15th April 1916, the following letter was read from the temporary Registrar, County Wexford Infirmary:-

I am directed by the Management Committee of the County Wexford Infirmary to inform your Council that they have adopted the suggestion of the Local Government Board Auditor as to the new forms of Accounts.

They also wish to state that the expenses for provisions and supplies



have increased very much during the past year."

The Temporary Registrar of the County Infirmary reported the death of Very Rev Canon Doyle P. P., Tagoat, and the resignation of Mr Edmond Hore, Coldblow, two appointments made on the Infirmary Committee by the County Council.

On the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Rev J. Quigley P. P., Tagoat, and Rev R. Fitzhenry P. P., Lady's Island, be appointed Members of the County Infirmary Committee of Management vice Very Rev Canon Doyle P. P., deceased, and Mr E. Hore, Coldblow, resigned

#### Wexford Road Contractors.

Under date 17th May 1916, a letter was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, on behalf of Nicholas Fortune, William Flood, and Patrick Sullivan, road contractors Wexford district, stating that in consequence of the scarcity of labour and increased price of materials these contractors found it impossible to carry out their contracts except with substantial loss. They suggested that the County Council should add to the price of the contracts a reasonable sum which would be in proportion to the rise in the price of labour and materials, or grant them a reduction of 30 per cent on the tonnage.

Under date 16th May 1916, Letter No. 22830-1916, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding copies of correspondence they had with Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., dealing with the question of roads held by the contractors mentioned in Messrs O'Connor's letter and pointing out that this was a matter which must be considered by the County Council.

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

"That the matter be adjourned to the next meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee."

#### Recommendations Finance & Roads Committee.

The following recommendations were submitted from Finance & Roads Committee:-

**Duncannon Hulk:-** "That provided it be found that Duncannon Hulk is not seriously damaged, the County Surveyor have the structure put into berth as soon as possible."



"That the matter of replacing Duncannon Hulk on Station be left in the hands of the County Surveyor to make the best arrangement he can with the Waterford Harbour Board."

"That the services of Richard Breen, as Caretaker, of Duncannon Hulk be dispensed with and that he receive a month's notice as from Saturday 22nd inst., for the determination of his employment."

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

On the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr M. Codd, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That a Caretaker for Duncannon Hulk and Pier be appointed at the next meeting of the County Council. That in the meantime the Secretary advertise for applications for the position on the same terms and conditions as before."

That the County Surveyor be authorised to appoint a temporary Caretaker as from 22nd instant."

In connection with Insurance Policy effected by the County Surveyor relative to salvage of Duncannon hulk the following letter under date 3rd April 1916, was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council.-

"I duly received the Resolution of the last Meeting of the Roads & Finance Meeting re above, and I have to report as to same that I have carefully perused the Insurance Policy and I find that it only covers loss for damages done to the "Barges" that will of course cover, in my opinion any expense that may have been gone to in respect of raising the Barges that sank but will not cover the breaking of the Baulks as there is no provision made for same in the Policy."

The word "Tackle" in the Policy would in my opinion only include the ordinary "Tackle" belonging to a vessel and would not cover the Timber Baulks for lifting the Hulk."

At the meeting of Finance & Roads Committee the County Surveyor submitted from Waterford Harbour Board a Bill for £508. 17. 10d for salvage of Duncannon Hulk, and of £181. 15. 4 for salvage of barges.

The following recommendation was adopted by Finance & Roads Committee-

"That Messrs M. Cloney, J. J. Stafford, J. S. Hearn, A. Kinsella, and the Chairman be appointed a Committee, with the County Surveyor, to confer with representatives of Waterford Harbour Board as to replacing of hulk



on her station and as to account furnished for salvage."

The recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr Cowman.

Tara Hill Quarry.

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to advertise for quotations for a supply of second hand rails for tramway at Tara Hill Quarry."

The County Surveyor stated he had been unable to obtain quotations for the present..

**Courtown Harbour:-** "That a sum of £4 be allocated for repairing the floor of Watchman's House at Courtown Harbour."

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

**Second Hand Wagons:-** "That the County Surveyor be authorised to advertise in the "Irish Times" "Freeman" and "Irish Independent" and in the local papers for second hand wagons for haulage purposes. That the matter be adjourned to next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee, and in the meantime the County Surveyor inspect new and second hand wagons at Carlow offered for sale by Messrs Thompson & Co. That he bring before next meeting all quotations which he may have received for wagons."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr M. Codd."

**Steam Engines:-** "That the County Surveyor be directed to invite quotations from Manufacturers of Steam Engines for an eight horse power portable steam engine."

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

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr M. Codd."

**Jaws for Stonebreakers:-** "That the County Surveyor be empowered to order £200 worth of Jaws in view of the great delay which occurs in shipments from England."

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

**Machinery Overseer:-** "That the salary of Mr William Murphy, Overseer, be increased from 30/- to 35/- per week. Mr Murphy to carry out his duties under the instructions of the County Surveyor."

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

**Kerlogue Quarry:-** "That this Committee cannot recommend the County Council to take any step which would interfere with the contract of Moses Power to supply material from Kerlogue Quarry, but, in view of the fact that the



introduction of the Rock Drill to the quarry has caused him financial loss, we direct the County Surveyor to report as to granting a bonus to Mr Power and as to what the amount of this bonus should be."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Redmond."

**Footpath New Ross Bridge:-** "That the County Surveyor be instructed to report as to the cost of replacing present gravel footpaths New Ross Bridge by tar macadam."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cloney, seconded by Mr O'Byrne."

**New Ross & Wexford Bridges:-** "That the County Surveyor be instructed to invite quotations for pitchpine and creosoted deals for the planking of Wexford and New Ross Bridges to be considered at next meeting of Finance & Roads Committee."

The County Surveyor submitted quotations for pitchpine deals from Messrs Graves, Waterford, and T. & C. Martin, Dublin. The latter at 4/6 per c ft was the cheaper.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Redmond, the Minute of Finance and Roads Committee was confirmed, and the tender of Messrs Martin for pitchpine was accepted for Wexford Bridge only.

**Claim for erection of Sign Posts:-** "That the letter of John Fitzpatrick, Morriscastle, Kilmuckridge, claiming £2 for erection of sign posts in New Ross be referred to the County Surveyor."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Redmond."

**Petrol for Surveyors:-** "That the British Petroleum Company, East Road, North Wall, Dublin, be requested to instruct their local agent to supply the County and Assistant Surveyors with petrol for motor car and motor cycles, which is absolutely necessary to enable them to discharge their duties in connection with the repair and maintenance of the roads .

That a copy of this recommendation be furnished the Local Government Board and that they be requested to use their influence to have the terms of this recommendation put in force."

"Confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Application for Increase of Salary from Assistant Surveyors.

A joint application from Messrs Jones, Kehoe, Paddle, Flood, and Doyle, Assistant Surveyors, which had been adjourned on a couple of occasions was considered by the Finance & Roads Committee at their Meeting on 19th April, when the following recommendation was adopted:-



"That we recommend the County Council to increase the salaries of Assistant Surveyors G. Flood, and V. R. Doyle, by £10 per annum, each, provided the latter will arrange to reside within his district. That no increase of salary be voted in the cases of Messrs Jones, Kehoe, and Paddle."

Under date 5th May 1916, the following letter on behalf of the five Assistant Surveyors, was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford:-

"We are acting for the five Assistant Surveyors whose Memorial was presented to the County Council for their kind consideration about 8 or 9 months ago. It has been adjourned 2 or 3 times since then, and then at the last meeting of the Finance Committee held about a month ago, it was decided to grant an increase of salary of £10 to Mr Flood unconditionally, and £10 to Mr Doyle on condition that he would reside in his own district. They have fully considered the matter, and they are not disposed to accept this concession, which though kindly made is not sufficient. <sup>their</sup> ~~There~~ work has really been doubled and their pay has not been increased. In addition to what has been fully stated in the Memorial, they ask us to mention that Mr Hassett (who was formerly an Assistant Surveyor in this County) took up the same position in Waterford. He has 60 miles less to do there, and notwithstanding that, he has £180 a year salary, and £50 a year for travelling expenses, total £230, whereas his salary when leaving this County was £95 a year, and now he only works at the other side of the river.

We shall be glad, therefore, if the County Council will reconsider the decision of the Finance Committee. If not, our Clients will have no option but to reluctantly appeal to the Local Government Board, and place the case fully before them for their final decision."

The Finance & Roads Committee recommended that no order be made on the letter from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, on behalf of the Assistant Surveyors.

On the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Cowman, the recommendation of the Committee was confirmed.

Local Committee Naval & Military War Pensions &c., Act 1915.

Under date 12th April 1916, the following letter was read from the Secretary to the Statutory Committee, Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation,



17 Waterloo Place, London, S. W.:—

"With reference to the Scheme framed by the Wexford County Council for the constitution of a Local Committee, I am directed to inform you that it is urged that Labour should have as representatives at least one-fifth of the total number of members, and I am to ask whether this could not be provided for in the Scheme.

I am also to enquire what Bodies would recommend the Representatives of Urban Labour referred to in the Schedule."

Under date 5th May 1916, the following was read from the Secretary, War Pensions Etc., Statutory Committee:—

"I am directed by the Statutory Committee to say that they have considered the Scheme for a Local Committee submitted by the Council.

In view of the wording of clause 2, the Schedule should only contain the names of Bodies other than the County Council who are entitled to recommend persons to the Council for appointment.

The Statutory Committee observe that only 4 representatives of Labour are proposed out of a total number of 31. They have in all cases urged that no less than one-fifth of the total should be representatives of Labour, and they would suggest that Labour representation should be increased to 6.

The Committee also attach great importance to the point that so far as possible the Labour representatives should be recommended directly by organizations of Labour, and they suggest that if the National Trade and Labour League is considered representative of any substantial sections of Labour in the County it might be given increased representation.

With regard to the proposed representation of Urban Labour, I am to enquire whether there are not any Trades Councils in any of the towns which would be empowered to recommend representatives.

I am also to enquire whether the Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society has any active branches in the County and to suggest that if it has it might be empowered to recommend a representative. This could be done without increasing the membership of the Committee by reducing the number of representatives of the Women's National Health Association or the St Vincent de Paul Society. I am to request that the Scheme may be further considered in the light of the foregoing suggestions.

We shall be glad to receive a reply to this letter at your earliest convenience."



On the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in view of the letters of the Secretary to the Statutory Committee Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation of 12th April and May 5th the Local Committee appointed under Naval and Military War Pensions Etc., Act 1915, at the meeting of County Council on 2nd April 1916 be reconstituted as follows:-

Representatives of Co Council.-16. Nominated by Women's National Health Association,-1. St Vincent de Paul Society.-1, Workmen's Clubs Enniscorthy, New Ross, and Wexford, (One each) 3. Soldiers & Sailors Families Association.-5 Soldiers and Sailors Help Society.2. <sup>National Trade & Labour League - 3.</sup> Total 31.

That the Secretary to the Statutory Committee be informed that it is not anticipated that the Local Committee will be able to take over the work by 1st July."

#### The recent Disturbances.

The following resolution was submitted from the Tullamore Urban District Council:-

"That this Council desires to record their condemnation of the recent deplorable outbreak in Dublin, which they believe to be gravely detrimental to the real Political and Industrial Interests of Ireland, and that we call upon all Nationalist Irishmen to support Mr John Redmond's Constitutional Policy."

Marked "Read"

#### Importation of Pulp for Paper Making,

The following resolution was submitted from the Wexford Branch of the Typographical Association:-

"That we strongly protest against the proposed restrictions on the importation of pulp for paper making, as we believe such restrictions will be disastrous to the printing and allied industries and will result in many thousands of workers losing their employment. We demand that the Government allow sufficient raw material to be imported to prevent any serious dislocation of industry."

"The resolution as above was adopted on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne."

#### Scholarships for Agriculture

Under date 31st March 1916, a letter was received from the Co Council



of King's Co., that as regards Scholarships in Agriculture a student obtaining such a Scholarship and, having gone through the University Course of the Queen's University, Belfast, and the Constituent Colleges of the National University, would be unable without previous practical training to pass the preliminary examination for the College of Science and would not be qualified for employment under the Department of Agriculture.

The President of University College, Cork, was prepared to make arrangements to meet the difficulties in the matter if he received sufficient support, hence the King's Co Council recommended the County Councils of Leinster and Munster to have any Scholarships reserved for Agriculture tenable at Cork only."

"No Order"

Steam Boat Service-Liverpool and Dublin.

A resolution was received from the County Council of King's Co., calling on the President of the Board of Trade, to take steps to have the steamboat service between Liverpool and Dublin restored to its normal state.

"No Order"

Tuberculosis Scheme-Appointment of Tuberculosis Officer.

Under date 13th May 1916, the following letter (NO. 52, 705-1916, Wexford County) was read from the Local Government Board:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that in view of the opening of the Central Tuberculosis Dispensary at Wexford the Board have approved of the permanent appointment of Dr William O'Connor as Tuberculosis Officer for County Wexford, on the following conditions:-

- 1.- That he shall devote his whole time to the discharge of his duties.
- 2.- That he shall be precluded from accepting fees or reward of any kind for his services other than his official salary.
- 3.- That he shall discharge such duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Local Government Board, and shall carry out such duties as the Tuberculosis Committee or the County Council, may direct, with the approval of the Board.
- 4.- That he shall reside within easy reach of the Central Tuberculosis Dispensary."

Scarawalsh Road:- That Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, and Mr Flood, Assistant Surveyor, be requested to arrange to give as much supervision as is possible to the steamrolling of Scarawalsh Road."

"Recommendation confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr



O'Byrne."

On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we agree to pay the men engaged at Scarawalsh Road steamrolling a sum of 3/4 each day for the three days they were unable to work owing to the disturbances in Enniscorthy."

**Motor Car Fine:÷** "That in view of the statement made at this meeting by our Solicitor-Mr R. W. Elgee- as to what transpired at New Ross Petty Sessions on the hearing of the case of the County Council v New Ross Engineering Company, we decline to recommend the County Council to interfere in the legal proceedings which have been taken against the Company."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by the Chairman."

#### Ferryarrig Bridge Store.

At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of 17th May a tender was received from Margaret Murphy, fishdealer, Cornmarket, Wexford, for the sale of rent of store adjoining Ferryarrig Bridge.

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

"That we agree to rent store adjoining Ferryarrig Bridge to Margaret Murphy, Cornmarket, Wexford, at 10/- per month, provided she takes the place for 12 months certain, tenancy to be determined by a month's notice in writing at either side, the County Surveyor to put the premises into repair."

#### St Brigid's Inebriate Home.

At the Meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee of 17th May a report was received from the County Surveyor that during the previous week the County Inspector, R. I. C., by direction of the Military Authorities had required him to put St Brigid's Inebriate Home into repair and made suitable for reception of prisoners.

The following recommendation was submitted from Finance & Roads Committee:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to apply to the War Office for refund of amount spent in fitting up St Brigid's Inebriate Home, Wexford, for prisoners in connection with the recent disturbances."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan,"

#### Road 30R.

At the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 17th May, Mr Cloney



stated that the contractor for Road No. 30 R (New Ross District) was putting seagravel on road instead of material from Haggard Quarry.

Mr Jones, Assistant Surveyor, stated that the Contractor had obtained the permission of the New Ross District Council to do this, as Haggard Quarry was not in proper working order when the tender was under consideration.

The Finance & Roads Committee made the following recommendation:-

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

"On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed."

#### University Scholarship Scheme.

On the motion of Sir T. Esmonde, seconded by Mr Cowman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the University Scholarship Scheme for 1915-16, be re-adopted for 1916-17, without change."

#### Conveyance of Explosives to and from Quarries.

The County Surveyor reported at the Finance & Roads Meeting of 17th May, that according to Police Regulations it was necessary for him to have a responsible person to take charge of explosives to quarries and from one quarry to another.

On the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed:-

"That the County Surveyor be authorised to arrange with the Assistant Surveyors for the conveyance of explosives to Co Council Quarries, the Co Council to be responsible for locomotion expenses."

That Mr M. J. O'Leary, Assistant in the Office of County Surveyor be paid at the rate of 2/6 per journey for each journey he has to make in connection with the conveyance of Explosives from Wexford Railway Station to Kerlogue Quarry."

#### Destruction of Gellignite.

The County Surveyor reported that on 27th April he had been obliged by



the Police Authorities to destroy 70<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> lbs of Gelignite in Kerlogue Quarry, valued at about £4.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cowman, the following recommendation of Finance & Roads Committee of 17th May, was confirmed:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to apply to the War Office for the value of gelignite about £4 destroyed at Kerlogue Quarry by instructions of the Police Authorities."

Courtown Harbour Master.

An application for increase of salary from Mr P. Stapleton Harbour Master, Courtown, was considered at Finance & Roads Committee of 17th May, from which the following recommendation was submitted--

"That the salary of Mr P. Stapleton, Harbour Master, Courtown, be increased from 11/6 to 12/6 weekly."

On the motion of Mr Kinsella, seconded by Mr Scallan, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was confirmed."

Reply to Vote of Condolence.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehee, the following letter from Mr M. A. Ennis, 10 Longford Terrace, Monkstown, dated 24th April 1916, was ordered to be inserted on the Minutes--

"Would you favour me by conveying to the next meeting of the Wexford County Council my grateful thanks for the kind resolution of sympathy with me on the death of my dear wife passed by the Council at its meeting of the 5th inst., and would you assure the proposer and seconder and the Members of the Council generally how highly I value this mark of goodwill and friendship coming from a body of men whose company I had the great honour and the privilege of working for many years to the best of my poor ability to promote the interests and the honour of my native County of Wexford."

(Signed)

*John Bolger*  
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 16 day of

1916.