

Quarterly Meeting - 3rd November 1904.

The statutable Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on Thursday 3rd November 1904.

Present: Mr. E. Hore, and subsequently Sir J. H. B. Esmonde, Bart. M.P. Chairman (Presided)

Other Members: Messrs M. Browne, J. E. Mayler, E. H. Peacocke, M. A. Ennis, J. B. Hearn, J. Donohoe, D. Dempsey, John Sinnott, M. Murphy, J. A. Doyle, John Cummins, J. Bolger, James Shearne, A. Kinsella, James Sinnott, D. Kavanagh, M. J. Furlong, M. Hickey, John Bolger, J. F. Walsh.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, and the Solicitor to the Council were in attendance.

Isbergal Lane.

Mr. J. Bolger brought under the consideration of the meeting the following report:-

"In consequence of the County Surveyor, and Mr. P. Murphy, Deputy Surveyor, allowing £30 for work done on Isbergal Lane, Mr. J. Kavanagh D. C. for the Harrow division objected to the contractor Mr. J. Doyle, being paid that amount. As he - Mr. Kavanagh - could prove, that the work done on the lane so far, would not warrant the money £30. to be paid. Mr. J. Kavanagh, called a

meeting of D. C. and Ratepayers, whose names are subscribed, and who inspected the lane on the 25th October. They report as follows:-

"We the undersigned District Councillors and Ratepayers inspected Isbergal Lane, on the 25th October and we say, we are greatly surprised at the Surveyors allowing £30. for the work done on this lane.

After reading the specification which says in our

paragraph - "There are 250 tons of stones to be put out" we find, from what we see and the evidence of people living on the lane, that the contractor drew no stones to it so far, he only picked the sides and threw the stuff into middle of lane.

There are no sewers or Gulleys made. The lane is not the breadth; it might be in several places, the surface is extremely uneven, in a word the lane will be unfit for public traffic if it is not done according to specification.

So we pray the County Council, to pay no money on this lane until the specification is complied with, we may add, this lane if done well, will be a work of great public utility and a short cut for a very large district going to Enniscorthy, Ferns, and other places.

Signed James Long. D. C.
J. Bolger Esq. D. C.
J. Kavanagh D. C.
John Walsh D. C.
Arthur Gough D. C.

James Hall
John Doran
Danl Sweeney
Nicholas Breen
Michl Doran
Pat Doyle

Mr J. Bolger proposed - "That £30 certified by Mr. Webster, for J. Doyle, contractor for Bolgeral lane be not paid."

Mr. Webster in answer to the Chairman said that £14 : 7^s was being deferred.

Mr. Murphy, (Deputy Surveyor) said he thought the £30. was honestly earned. He found there were more stones spread on the lane by farmers repairing it, than were sufficient to put the lane into repair, if broken properly. Mr. Murphy read his report as to the inspections of the lane.

Mr. Kavanagh, D. C. said he never agreed that there were sufficient stones on the lane before the contractor began work, nothing in the specification had been carried out.

Mr. Hearn moved the appointment of a committee of the county council, to inspect the lane, and that payment be deferred in the meantime.
Mr. Donohoe, seconded. Passed.

Mr. Hearn moved - "That Messrs Ennis, Donohoe, M. J. Furlong, C. H. Peacocke, and J. Bolger be the committee." Mr. J. Bolger seconded. Passed.

It was decided the committee visit the lane at noon on 4th November, and that Messrs Webster, and Murphy, County & Assistant Surveyors attend."

Scarawalsh Road

Mr. Donohoe, complained of the manner in which the steam rolling of Scarawalsh road had been carried out. The road had cost about £782, and very little had been done on the road. He asked for information as to the supervision of the contract.

"At the suggestion of Mr. Hearn it was decided that the inspection of this road be left in the hands of the committee appointed to inspect Tobergal Lane, and on a day they consider suitable for the purpose.

It was decided that the payment to the Contractor, should be passed in this case."

Proposals for Payments.

Proposed by the Chairman: - "That the several proposals for payment for the Rural District Councils, of the county, and for the Proposal Committee, for the current quarter be approved, subject to the modifications, and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman.

That the payment of £30. to J. Doyle, in respect of repairs to Tobergal lane be held over, pending the report of the committee appointed to inspect the place.

Statutable Half yearly Meeting - 3rd November 1904.

The Statutable Half yearly Meeting of the County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Court-house, Wexford. on Thursday 3rd November 1904.

Present: Sir. J. H. G. Esmonde, Bart. M.P. Chm. (Presiding)
Other Members: Messrs E. Hore, M. Browne, J. E. Mayler
C. H. Peacocke, M. A. Ennis, J. B. Hearn, J. Donohoe,
D. Dempsey, John Sinnott, M. Murphy, J. A. Doyle
John Cummins, J. Bolger, James Ahearne, Alex.
Kinsella, James Sinnott, D. Kavanagh, M. J. Furlong,
M. Hickey, John Bolger, J. F. Walsh, and J. J. Kehoe.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, and the Solicitor to the Council, were in attendance.

The Minutes of the Meeting of 2nd August, and of Special Meeting of 14th October, were read and confirmed.

Prevention of Cruelty to Children Act.

Under date 27th October, 1904 the Local Government Board (letter no 174. M.) forwarded for the information of the County Council as local authority, a copy of the Prevention of Cruelty to Children Act, 1904.
4 Edw^d 7. Ch. 15.

Accounts of Co. Committee of A. & T. Instruction

Under date 12th August 1904, the Local Government Board, (letter no. 46,342) forwarded the following report of Mr. J. A. Baker, their auditor on his audit of the accounts of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, in respect of the half year ended 31st March 1904.

"I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of County Wexford Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for the half year ended 31st March 1904. and transmit

herewith, four copies of the abstracts duly certified.

The accounts do not call for any observations, I would however, desire to express my satisfaction with the manner in which they were prepared and submitted for audit by Mr. Frizelle, the Secretary of the Committee.

Audit of Accounts

Under date 1st September 1904 and 6th September 1904 the Local Government Board (letters No. 50,653 and 50,652) forwarded copies of their Auditor's report, as to his audit of the accounts of the New Ross Union and New Ross District Council in respect of the half-year ended 31st March 1904.

Agricultural Lectures

The following resolution from Enniscorthy District Council was laid before the meeting:-
Proposed by Mr. J. Cleary, seconded by Mr. D. Kavanagh and passed:- "That the services of some of the lecturers at present engaged throughout this Rural District, be dispensed with, as it is considered that the money paid to them could be applied to a much better advantage for the benefit of the country."

Mr. Browne moved the following recommendation of the Finance Committee. Mr. Ennis seconded.

"That we recommend the Council to confirm the resolution of the County Council of 2nd August, 1904 as follows:- The Finance Committee deny that the Technical Instruction Schemes of the County are carried out at great expense to the Ratepayers. Pioneer lectures are given entirely at the expense of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction and the amount spent in connection with the Agricultural and Technical schemes, represents less than half the sum realized by the rate of a penny in the £, the balance being applied for the live stock and Agricultural Instruction, and the Council is of opinion that the instruction generally has been attended

with good results.

Mr Donohoe moved: "That the following lines be omitted from the resolution of the Finance Committee - "That the Council is of opinion that the instruction generally had been attended with good results."

Mr Furlong seconded.

Mr Cummins moved: "That the consideration of the matter be adjourned." Mr Shearne seconded.

Mr Ennis moved: "That the words in the resolution 'has been generally attended with good results,' should read 'that the instruction in some districts generally has been attended with good results.'" Mr Dempsey seconded.

A vote was taken by show of hands when 10 were found in favour of the amendment, stating that the instruction in some districts ^{had} ~~has~~ been attended with good results: and 10 against.

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the amendment, which he declared carried.

Motor Pump - Enniscorthy Asylum

Under date, 7th Sept. 1904. (Letter No. 45,246: 1904) the Local Government Board wrote relative to the provision of a motor pump in connection with the water supply of the Enniscorthy District Lunatic Asylum, that if the cost of the proposal was not provided for in the loan of £6,500 sanctioned by the Board for the Electric Lighting of the asylum, the Board's approval should in the first instance be obtained to the application of an unexpended balance of that loan towards the cost of this undertaking. A plan and specification in respect of the work should be submitted to the Board.

Copy of this letter was forwarded to Dr Draper R. M. S. Asylum, and in reply he stated that the requirements of the Local Government Board in the matter would be carried out as soon as the plans were received from the Engineer.

Writing under date, 17th October, 1904, the

Local Government Board (letter No. 56,477) stated that they had informed Mr. Draper, that no objection would be raised to the proposal to provide the pump out of the unexpended balance of the loan of £6,500.

Advances. Food & Drugs Act.

Under date 8th Sept. 1904. the Local Government Board (letter No. 15,643- Miscellaneous) wrote:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that they have been in communication with the Irish Government respecting the payment of expenses of Members of the Royal Irish Constabulary acting as Inspectors under the Food and Drugs, and Weights and Measures Acts.

The Board understand that the Government have made arrangements whereby from the 1st proximo, the above mentioned expenses will be advanced in the first instance by the Constabulary Authorities, who will subsequently forward to the County Council, from time to time claims for recoupment thereof with the necessary vouchers.

The claims should then be submitted by you to the Finance Committee, so that they may recommend them for payment by the Co. Council at the quarterly meeting next following the receipt thereof."

Urban Council Demands.

Under date 24th September 1904. the Local Government Board (letter No. 54814) wrote forwarding copy of letter addressed to the Urban Council of New Ross, extending the time for payment of the demand of the County Council on that body in respect of quarter ended 31st of March 1904 to the 31st October 1904.

Mr. Peacocke proposed the following recommendation of the Finance Committee, which was seconded by Mr. Ennis, and passed:- "That the Urban District Council be requested to pay the Demand of the County Council in due course; and that any failure on their part

in this connection be reported to the Finance Committee.

Audit of Co. Council Accounts.

The Secretary reported to the Council, that Mr. J. L. King, Local Government Auditor had opened the audit of the accounts of the Council in respect of the half-year ended 31st March 1904.

Sanction Irrecoverable Rates

Under date 20th October '04 (letter No. 60,106-04) the Local Government Board, approving of the recommendations of the County Council, with reference to the lists of irrecoverable rates for half year ended 30th September '04

Two items in collector Somers list were returned for particulars of claim.

The Secretary said that Mr. Somers had made the necessary amendments in the list, and it had been again forwarded the Local Government Board for their approval.

Courtown Harbour.

Under date 26th August (letter No. 49,656) the Local Government Board, wrote forwarding copy of their provisional order, transferring the business of the Courtown Harbour Commissioners, to the Wexford County Council, and stating they understood that the order had been confirmed by Parliament without amendment. When copies of the amending act were available they would be forwarded, but meantime arrangements should be made for the management of the Harbour.

Pending the next meeting of the County Council when instructions could be obtained from the Council, the Local Government Board, were of opinion, that the Secretary should notify the Harbour Master that he should continue to act in that capacity."

The accounts of receipts and expenditure of the Harbour, for the last six years 1898 to 1903, and from 1st January 1904, to 15th August 1904, (the date of

the confirmation of the Provisional Order by Parliament) also the outstanding liabilities of the Harbour Commissioners were laid before the Council by the Secretary.

Under date 5th August 1904 (letter No. 2196 F. B.) the Department of Agriculture, etc., wrote; that they would contribute on certain conditions one half of the cost of certain works of improvement at Courtown Harbour; and we are prepared to approve of the scheme for repairs and dredging submitted by the County Surveyor.

Under date 20th October 1904 (letter No. 3043-04. F. B.) the Department of Agriculture, wrote that they were prepared to contribute the sum of £288, towards the cost of the works at Courtown Harbour. One half to be paid when plans and specifications had been received and approved of; and the balance when the work was certified by the County Surveyor, as having been properly executed.

The following report with regard to Courtown Harbour, from the County Surveyor, was read:-

"In accordance with your directions, I went to Courtown Harbour, on the 25th October, and made an inventory of the property which you are taking over from the Harbour Commissioners. I have attached the inventory to this note, I value the articles mentioned therein at about £128: 12: 6. In addition you take over the toll house and a small store house used by the watchman, but there is a large store house, which it would be well for you to acquire or rent. I am not clear as to whether the watchman's house is included in the property which you take over. Later on it would be advisable to purchase a small boat for inspection purposes.

With regard to the repairs to the piers, I don't think it would be wise to start the work, until next spring. It would be possible to do a

good deal of the dredging at once, if a small grab dredger could be borrowed. I have been in communication with the Board of Works, with reference to their small dredger, and I went up to Dublin and interviewed the Secretary, and the Engineer of the Board on the 24th inst. I also went to Kingstown and saw the dredger, and interviewed the Skipper.

I think the Board's dredger No. 2. would be very suitable for Courtown Harbour. She is a grab dredger and draws only 3 feet unladen and 5 feet 10 inches loaded. Her load is about 46 tons. The officials at the Board of Works, informed me that the charge for a loan of this dredger, would be about £28, per week. That amount would include everything, wages, fuel, insurance, and a percentage of her cost, but unfortunately they say that the dredger is required for some dredging at Howth, and that when she is done there, it would be too late in the year to send her to Courtown, and that you could not get her before the 1st April. I have written to the Board of Works pointing out that once the dredger got to Courtown, she would be quite safe, and that she could do a good deal of inside dredging during the winter, and discharge into lighters etc., and I have asked them if you decide on hiring her, could she be sent down soon.

A difficulty has arisen about the completion of the dredging of Kilmore Harbour; I would suggest that the difficulty could be got over by your acquiring the use of the dredger for this Harbour also, if the contractor agrees to pay the cost.

I understand the Board of Works would not hire the dredger to a private individual."

Inventory of Articles taken over by the Co. Council
from Courtown Harbour Commissioners

Coal bags.	211
Discharging boats	4
Carriage for hauling boats with winch.	1
Chain & Blocks	

winches for winching cone } etc with pulleys, etc.	2.
winches for other purposes } (slightly out of order)	1
wheelbarrows (one broken)	3
Hand barrows	3
Cars	5
Planks.	12.
Picks	2.
crowbars	3.
steel jumpers	5
jumper hammers	1
screw jack	1
Bench vice	1
Jampers	2
Ladders	1
tripping boxes	2
Adze	1
Hand saw	1
Chisels	2
Iron drag	1
Ropes for hauling boats	3
Lamps	2
mooring chains	6
mooring rope	1
Grindstone	1
Poles	8
Trestles	2
Bailing Buckets	4
Anchor.	1
<u>Office</u>	
Desks	1
block	1
Press	1
Weigh bridge	1
Books	9.

Mr Ennis proposed: - That Mr Webster, communicate with Messrs Stopford & Turner, and ask them to

furnish him with a map in order to ascertain if the stonebridge at Courtown Harbour is included in the property transferred from the Harbour Commissioners to the County Council, and also some retaining walls; also to ask Lord Courtown, at what rent he would let to the Council, the large store referred to in the report of the County Surveyor.

That the County Surveyor prepare the necessary plans and forward them to the Department of Agriculture.

That we make representations to the Board of Works requesting them to hire the Council their grab dredger, on the terms quoted to the County Surveyor, and allow the use of her immediately as the fishing industry at Courtown requires the cleansing of the mouth of the harbour without delay." Mr Kinsella seconded - Passed.

On the motion of Mr Dempsey seconded by Mr Walsh the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted: - "That a committee of the County Council, be appointed to consider the accounts of Receipts and expenditure of Courtown Harbour and of the outstanding liabilities to Messrs Stopford & Turner, in account with the Harbour Commissioners, with the County Council Staff and a representative of Messrs Stopford & Turner."

That Messrs Ennis, Keacocke, and Kinsella, be appointed the committee.

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

"That the services of the present Harbour Master and Nightwatchman at Courtown Harbour be retained, as a temporary arrangement until the next meeting of the Council, and at their present rate of remuneration. And that they be informed accordingly."

Swine Fever Regulations

Under date 5th August (letter no. 8734) the Depart-

ment of Agriculture, wrote acknowledging the receipt of the resolution of the County Council, as Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts, in reference to the Departmental letters on the subject of Swine Fever regulations.

By Laws New Ross Bridge

The following resolution was received from the New Ross Urban Council:-

"That we approve of the alteration in the By Law prohibiting Traction Engines from crossing the New Ross Bridge, under steam, as suggested by the Kilkenny County Council, and are prepared to adopt the alterations proposed by them and take the necessary legal steps to alter the existing By Law in accordance with them provided any expense incurred thereby will not have to be borne by this Council.

Mr. Ennis proposed, Mr. Peacocke seconded and the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Kilkenny County Council be asked if they are prepared to pay half the expense to alter the existing by-law relative to traction engines crossing New Ross Bridge, if Wexford County Council will bear the other moiety."

Gorey School Attendance Committee

Under date September 15th 1904 the Commissioners of National Education wrote that they had appointed as their Representatives of the Gorey Rural District School Attendance Committee, the following:-

Ven. archdeacon Furlong, Gorey, Very Rev Canon O'Neill P.P. Kilanerin, Rev J. Skipton, Kiltinnet, Gorey, Rev H. L. Scott Clonovan, Rev J. Murphy P.P. Braanford.

The Committee being now complete the members should be summoned as soon as possible to carry on the operation of the Act.

The Secretary said on receipt of this communication he had forwarded copy to Mr. D. Murphy, Secretary to

the School Attendance Committee, and directed him to carry out the instructions of the National Education Commissioners.

On the 30th September he had received the following resolution from the Gorey Rural District Council:— "That we request the County Council to take no steps in the matter of the application of the Education Act 1892 to this District until further advised by this Council."

The Secretary said that when he received this resolution he wrote the clerk of the R. D. Council that the Committee being now constituted, should remain in office for three years and pointed out that the following letter had been received from the clerk of the District Council under date 1st August.

"In reply to your letter of the 26th ult, the District Council recommend the old Members of the Gorey R. D. School Attendance Committee to be re-appointed."

Under date 18th October, Mr D. Murphy, clerk School Attendance Committee, Gorey, wrote that Lord Stopford had resigned his position as a member of the Gorey School Attendance Committee.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Ennis, it was decided to accept the resignation of Lord Stopford, and to request the Gorey District Council, to recommend to the County Council the name of his successor."

— The late Rev J. Corish P. P. —

The following letter was read from Rev P. A. Corish The Abbey, Clonmel, under date 6th August '04

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter containing resolution of condolence from the County Council of Wexford on the death of my brother Rev. J. Corish P. P. Ballymore. I will thank you to convey to the Council from the members of my family and myself our deep appreciation of their sympathy with us in the affliction

which it has pleased the almighty to permit to fall upon us.

Zaghmon Pound.

Under date the 22nd October, Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co. Solicitors wrote: "Mr Mark Browne, from whom your Council hold the Courthouse, and Pound in Zaghmon instructs us to inform you that he wants to take up possession of the pound, as it joins his own premises which he wants to enlarge."

He is satisfied to give the Council another yard in Zaghmon suitable for a pound, if your Council will agree to the exchange.

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

"That the letter of Messrs O'Connor & Co. Solicitors in reference to Zaghmon Pound, be referred to Mr Elgee, and if he is of opinion it is necessary, that Mr Webster, be requested to make a report on the matter to him."

Marine Works Bill - East coast of Ireland

Under date 17th October 1904. the Clerk Wexford Rural District Council, wrote that his Council had passed a resolution in favour of the proposed Marine Works Bill for the East coast of Ireland.

Superannuation - Prison Warden

Under date 19th October 1904 the following letter No. 13290- was read from Mr J. H. Douglas, Secretary, General Prisons Board, Dublin.

"I am directed to forward, and enclose herewith a copy extract from a letter which has been received from the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury awarding Peter Bender ex-warden Wexford Prison, a superannuation allowance of £43: 14: 2. per annum, of which £3: 11: 11 is payable by the County Council of County Wexford, as successor to the late Prison Authority, in consideration of his

services as Warder in Wexford Prison prior to 1st April 1878, the date on which the General Prison Board took over charge of the Irish Prisons and Bridewells.

I am to point out, for the information of the County Council, that if they are desirous of commuting their portion of this pension, they should intimate their intention to the deputy Paymaster for Ireland, Dublin Castle, who would thereupon forward to you a receivable order to enable the commutation amount to be lodged to the credit of H. M. Supply Account at the Bank of Ireland."

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

"That the County Council pay the superannuation allowance of £3: 11: 11. to Peter Bender, late warder Wexford Prison, and refuse to commute this sum."

Poulduff Pier

Under date 19th October 1904 (letter No 1470/04 F.B.) the Department of Agriculture, wrote that they had plans of the proposed works at Poulduff, prepared, and they had been approved of by the County Surveyor.

On the 24th February copy of resolution passed by the Wexford Co. Council, offering a contribution of £1000 to the cost of carrying out the project had been forwarded the Department, but as the contemplated improvement would in fact amount to a re-construction of the pier, the Department were now in a position to tender and enter into a contract for the execution of the work, according to approved plans at the sum of £1000, and were prepared themselves to provide the balance of the total expenditure necessary. Arrangements as to the mode of payment of the local contribution could be made in a subsequent communication.

Mr Ennis proposed, Mr Peacocke, seconded the following recommendation of the Finance Committee

"That the County Council accept the offer of the

Department of Agriculture, to undertake the contract for repairs and improvement of Poulduff Harbour at the sum of £1,000. from the County Council, as already agreed to by resolution of the Council, and that the works be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor. Passed.

Valuation

Under date 15th August the Commissioners of valuation wrote that Mr. H. D. Buckley, would make the annual revision of valuation of the Rural Districts in the County.

Asylum Committee

Under date 24th September, 1900. Drapes. R. M. S. Asylum Enniscorthy, wrote that the summons for meetings sent to Mr. J. D. Doyle of Barnadown Gorey, had been returned unopened through the post endorsed "Gone no address" and the Committee of Management of the Asylum wished to have Mr. Doyle's place on the Committee filled up by the County Council.

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Peacocke the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted:-
"That Mr. John Sinnott, Ballybeg, Co. Councillor, be appointed a Member of the Asylum Committee to replace Mr. J. D. Doyle, who has left the County."

Pot Still Whiskey

Under date 1st September '04 a communication was received from Mr. Denis Kilbride M. P. asking the County Council to support a bill which was proposed to be introduced into Parliament and which had for its objects:-

- 1.-Compulsory retention of all spirits in bond for at least three years before they are allowed into consumption
- 2.-Pot still whiskey Irish or Scotch to be sold for

what it is.

3- Patent spirit likewise.

4- When patent spirits are blended with pot still whiskey, the component parts of the blend to be clearly stated on both casks and bottles.

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, it was decided that the County Council support the Bill referred to in Mr. Kilbride's communication."

Education

A resolution was received from the Monaghan Co. Council protesting against the action of the Government in dealing with educational matters in Ireland. The refusal to Ireland of her Equivalent Grant for Primary Education, was, in the opinion of the Monaghan County Council an insult to justice, and a refusal to comply with the National demand.

The Monaghan County Council were strongly opposed to any transfer of the Management of National Schools from the Clergy who were the present managers."

"On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Browne the resolution from Monaghan County Council was adopted."

Taxation of Land Values

A resolution of a Conference of Municipal and other Rating Authorities held in London at the instance of the Corporation of Glasgow in favour of the principle of the taxation of land values for local purposes; was laid before the Meeting. Marked - "Read"

County Committee of Agriculture, Etc.

A letter was received from the Secretary of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, stating that Mr. J. D. Doyle, a member of the Committee, had left the County and pointing out that the County Committee, had recommended to the County Council, that Mr. John Sinnott, Ballybeg, Ferns, (who succeeded Mr. Doyle as the representative

of the Gorey Rural District Council, on the Co. Council) should be appointed in Mr. Doyle's place.

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

"That Mr. John Sinnott, County Councillor, be appointed a Member of the County Committee, vice Mr. J. D. Doyle, who had left the County."

Food & Drugs Act - Result of Sampling.

Under date 31st October, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, reported that 4 samples of butter had been taken in Gorey district by one of their officers, and on analysis were found pure.

Rural District Roads - Opposition to Contracts.

Mr. M. J. O'Connor Solicitor, appeared for Philip Hickey to object to a contract given to Walter Harpur, Bushertown, for 1074 perches (No. 145). Harpur had been accepted at 6^d per perch, while Hickey tendered at 8^d. The District Council had accepted Harpur as a contractor, against the advice of the County Assistant Surveyors.

Mr. Browne moved: "That the contract of Walter Harpur for No. 145. Wexford Rural District, be not sanctioned and the District Council of Wexford, be informed that the contract is rejected because Harpur has been found by Mr. Webster, County Surveyor to be a bad contractor." Mr. Hore seconded.

Mr. Webster in reply to Mr. Hore, said that Harpur was a bad contractor, and had been prosecuted by him.

Mr. Murphy proposed: "That the contract of Walter Harpur, be confirmed." Mr. Kavanagh, seconded.

In reply to Mr. Ennis, Mr. Webster said that he did not think the road could be kept in repair at 6^d per perch.

A vote was taken with the following result:- For rejection of the contract:- Messrs Walsh, Furlong, James Sinnott, Kinsella, John Bolger, Browne, Hore, Ennis, Hearn, Donohoe, Dempsey, John Sinnott, J. A. Doyle, J.

Bolger, James Shearne, W. Hickey - 16.

Against: Messrs Peacocke, Murphy, Cummins, and Kavanagh. - 4.

The Chairman and W. Mayler did not vote.

It was ordered that the road be placed in the hands of the County Surveyor for two months.

Proposals for Payments.

Proposed by W. Hore, seconded by W. Ennis, and passed:

"That the several proposals for payment ^{new works} in respect of the half year ended 30th September 1904, sent up by the Rural District Councils of the County and the Proposal Committee be approved, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

W. Webster objected to No 7. in Enniscorthy District - to put in repair about 200 perches of the road between Mrs Foley's of Kilanure and Mandoran turn, for which Patrick Murphy had been accepted contractor at £16 : 17 : 6. The County Surveyor said that in his opinion this was not a work of public utility and did not connect two thoroughfares.

(During the course of the discussion Sir J. H. G. Esmonde, vacated the chair, which was taken by W. Hore)

W. Elger considered that if the work was not one of public utility it would be illegal for the Council to adopt it, and they would leave themselves open to a surcharge.

The Chairman (W. Hore) said he would take a vote on the matter, and should the proposal be carried the members who voted for the proposal could settle the matter with the Auditor of the Local Government Board.

The following was the voting:-

For: Messrs James Sinnott, Kinsella, J. Bolger, Mayler, Peacocke, Dempsey, John Sinnott, J. Bolger, Murphy, Hickey, Cummins, Shearne - 12

Against: Messrs Browne, Walsh, Ennis, Hearn,

Donohoe, and the chairman (Mr E. Hore) - 6.

The latter declared the motion carried, and said he would decline to sign the paying order for this contract.

Mr Elger asked the following to be inserted in the Minutes:- "Mr Webster, and Mr Elger, advised the Council, that this work was not a matter of public utility."

With reference to No. 35. in Enniscorthy District contract of Patrick Barty, Rahun, for maintenance of 580 perches of road from John E. Whitney's and pound of Blonroche; annual amount £21. 15/- the following letter was read from Edward Blancy, who had tendered for the road:-

"In re No 35- The road from the pound of Blonroche to Mr John Whitney's gate. In justice to all concerned, I wish to draw the attention of the Members of the County Council, to the way in which the tenders were tampered with in the Enniscorthy Workhouse, on Wednesday 26th October. I got a tender filled by a policeman for the above road, I put this tender into the ^{tender} box at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday 26th Oct. I stopped speaking in the Porter's Hall, to another man, who was tendering for roads, for about 15 minutes, when Patrick Barty of Rahun, came in and went down to where the tender box was. My attention was drawn immediately after, by some one inquiring for the tender box. I went into the room where the box was, when I put in my tender, but it was not there. I then went into ^{another} ~~the~~ room, and found the Porter at the table on which was the tender box, and P. Barty at his back. There was another man in the passage between the two rooms. Beside the porter, on the table, were about 30 tenders or thereabouts. I turned some of them over till I got my own tender, and put it in the tender box again.

I then went into the Boardroom, and gave notice to Mr. Connolly, that I would report the matter to the District Council next morning. When I came down again, P. Barty told me the price per perch, I tendered for the road, and said he would have it the next day. Neither myself nor the policeman told anyone of the price I put in.

The District Council granted P. Barty the road by a majority.

I hope the County Council, will see its way to have such underhand proceedings stopped, and that the genuine tenders of good contractors, will get more fair play by having some tenders torn, and the road or roads re-advertised again."

Blancy came before the Council, and corroborated the statements in his letter.

Mr. Browne proposed: "That this contract be rejected and the proposal referred back to the District Council on the grounds that the proceedings in connection with the acceptance of the tender were irregular." Mr. Dempsey seconded. Passed.

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Donohoe, and passed: "That a copy of the letter of Edward Blancy, be forwarded the Chairman of the District Council, and that it be suggested to him that it would be more in conformity with ordinary practice if the tender box were sealed by the clerk previous to the receipt of tenders, and not opened unless in the presence of the Chairman, and Members of the District Council."

Provisional Proposals.

The following provisional proposals were received from the District Councils:-

New Ross District: 190 perches New Road Ballindoney.

Gorey District: To put in repair 300 perches from Monmore to Jorduff. Amount £300.

To put in repair the Broghan Lane, Amount £250.

Enniscorthy District: 401 perches, Ballyroe Lane Amount £603/6

No order was made on the above, except as regards Broghan Lane; the Council were favourably disposed to its adoption.

Informal Tenders.

Gorey District: - The Secretary reported that three of the tenders taken at the meeting of the Gorey Rural District Council, were not signed by the contractors.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman:-

"That the following contracts in Gorey be rejected as the tenders were not signed by the contractors - James Kavanagh, Ballygarrett, Graanford - No 150 - to keep in repair 364 perches from Mr. Poole's contract in Ballyowen and Mr. Fitzsimons in Ballygullen, (No 153) 760 perches from Carnew to Camolin not to exceed 6^d per perch. - Margaret Brown, Glonamona, Graanford - Abraham Swaine (No 156) 155 perches from Milltown Bridge, to the three roads at Corrigue, not to exceed 4/- per perch.

Should the County Surveyor consider it necessary he is to take these roads into his charge, until a new contract has been entered into by the District Council."

Analyst's Report

The following report of the County Analyst for the Quarter ended 30th June was received.

69 articles were received from the Food Inspectors R. J. G. as follows:-

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Milk	33
Butter	23
Whiskey	8
Buttermilk	2
Cheese	2
Rum	1
Total	<u>69</u>

Of the specimens of milk three were deprived of at least 16. 16. and 40 per cent of their fats respectively

and were therefore debased articles.

One of the butters was composed almost entirely of fats foreign to butter.

One of the specimens of whiskey was 27 degrees under proof, and was therefore adulterated with at least 2.67 per cent of added water.

The remaining articles were of good quality. For the Guardians of Gorey Union, twelve drugs twelve specimens of Port Wine and nine of whiskey were analysed. One of the drugs, namely, solution of bismuth, was slightly low in bismuth sulphide. The specimens of wine and whiskey were analysed to determine which were the best for use in the workhouse.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union, 18 drugs 7 specimens of wine, 4 of tea, 2 of butter, and one of milk were analysed. One of the drugs, namely, tincture of Chinchona, was low in gravity, solids and alkaloids. Another, namely, compound tincture of Cardamoms, was low in solids. The milk was slightly under the average quality of pure milk. The specimens of Wine, Butter, and Tea were of good quality.

For Enniscorthy District Lunatic Asylum, six specimens of milk were analysed. Two were of very poor and doubtful quality, but not sufficiently so to warrant certificates of adulteration.

Two specimens of water analysed for New Ross Urban District Council had the following compositions:-

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

	No 1.	No 2.
Total solid matters	9.800	9.800
including		
Albuminoid ammonia	0.010	0.007
Saline ammonia	0.0015	0.001
Nitric acid	Trace	Trace
Chlorine	0.894	0.894
Sulphuric Acid	None	None
Equal to calcium sulphate.	None	None

Both good waters.

For the Secretary Co. Committee of agriculture, Wexford nine Fertilisers were analysed.

For the Enniscorthy Co-operative Society Enniscorthy four Fertilisers were analysed.

For Mr. William Johnston, Clone House, Monamolin. Gorey, four Fertilisers were analysed.

Two specimens of water analysed for J. H. Talbot Esq Ballytrunt, Broadway, had the following compositions. One imperial gallon contained in grains:-

	No. 1.	No. 2.
Total solid matters	23.800	24.500
Including		
Aluminoid Ammonia	0.009	0.015
Saline Ammonia	0.006	0.008
Nitric acid	Trace	Trace
Chlorine	4.274	5.069
Sulphuric Acid	4.3236	1.4412
Equal to calcium Sulphate	6.0000	2.0000

No. 2. was an inferior water. No. 1. was a tolerably good one.

For Shillelagh Union which is partly situated in the County Wexford, six drugs were analysed. They were correct.

Total analyses 180.

Adulterated and defective articles 8.

County Surveyor's Report.

The following portion of the County Surveyor's report was referred to the County Council from the Proposal Committee:-

"A great many contractors have failed to get out their specified quantity of road metalling in time for measurement, I have been compelled to defer a very large proportion of the salaries this time. In some cases the stones in the depots are not yet broken and I have had to complain about the carelessness displayed by some contractors in allowing the heaps of stones to project too far out on the side of the road. Several cases have occurred in which the tender of a notoriously bad contractor has been

accepted by the District Councils, against my advice, with disastrous results; it will be necessary to prosecute these contractors and their sureties or break their contracts. I would ask you to give me permission to prosecute the ^{following} contractors, if I find such a course necessary, the fault in these cases being a considerable shortage of road metalling.

Gorey Rural District:- No. 22 Joseph Murphy no. 101. Joseph Murphy, No 116 - Eliza Warren, No. 125. John Breen, Nos. 128 and 128 A. Peter Whitty, No. 139 - Garrett Byrne.

New Ross Rural District:- No 15 & 15 A. Philip Kelly, No 199. Thomas Cloney, No 75 A. Thomas Cahill, No. 183. Martin Evoy.

Wexford Rural District:- No 16 A. John Codd, No. 205 & 206. Matthew Lacey, No 48. Matthew Doyle, No 80 A. Wm. Barty No 82 & 82 A. Patrick Fenlon, No 89 A. James Dowd, No 97 A. David Reilly, No 131 A. Laurence Crookie, No 161 - Patrick Doyle.

Enniscorthy Rural District:- No. 8. Edward Kavanagh No 8 A. & 189. Jeremiah Morrissey, No 107. Patrick Browne No 110. John Murphy, No 138 - Rep Michael Doran, No 186. Patrick Gorman, No 205 James Sinnott, No. 115. James Donohoe, No. 142. Denis Murphy, No. 196 James Murphy No. 197 Reps Denis Brennan, No 225. John Kelly, No. 226 John Maddock.

A good many proposals are coming before the District Councils this time to put lanes into repair. A couple of these lanes will not be through roads, but would be accommodation roads leading to mountain land. I shall draw your attention to any such work that may be passed. I am strongly of opinion that the ratepayers in general would get more value for their money, if better prices were allowed for leading roads; and less money expended on repairs to lanes.

The steam rolling of the Scarawalsh road is practically completed. I hope to have more rolling

carried out during the winter.

Proposed by Mr. Shearne, seconded by Mr. Cummins -
"That the County Surveyor be given permission to prosecute any of the contractors whose names appear in his report, should he consider it necessary to do so." Passed.

Notices of Motion

Mr. Donohoe was to have moved - "That the Council take into consideration the advisability of requesting Mr. P. Leary, Deputy Surveyor, to resign, owing to his advanced age."

Mr. Donohoe asked permission of the Council to postpone this motion till next meeting owing to the lateness of the hour.

Mr. Cummins objected.

Mr. Donohoe said that in order to avoid discussion he would withdraw the notice and serve a fresh notice for next meeting."

Hospital for Consumption

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Peacocke the following notice of motion standing in the name of Sir J. Esmonde was adopted:-

"In view of the necessity for making some effort to check the ravages caused by consumption in this country and the impossibility, owing to expense, of providing County Hospitals for the treatment of patients, we consider that County Councils should be empowered to levy for and contribute to the National Hospital to such extent as the requirements of the country may, in their opinion, justify, and thus secure for the afflicted, adequate care, by obtaining for the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary nominations to the National Hospital."

Main Road Declaration

Mr. E. How, had given notice of motion to move:-
"That at the expiration for the present Main Roads

Declaration in July 1905, no new declaration be entered into, but that all roads in the main roads scheme be scheduled as district roads."

On the same subject the following notice of motion was received from Mr. Browne:-

"That the present main road scheme be continued for the next five years."

And if this resolution is carried to move the following:- "That at each half yearly meeting when the contracts passed by the District Councils brought up for sanction it will be the duty of the County Surveyor to inform the Council of any case of a main road in which his estimate of the amount of tonnage required, has been reduced by the District Council, in order that the reasonableness of the reduction may be duly considered by the Council."

The following letter from the Local Government Board, under date 22nd August 1904 (No. 45, 246/1904) was read. "The Local Government Board, for Ireland have had before them the Minutes of Proceedings of the County Council of Wexford, on the 2nd instant; containing an entry with reference to the declaration as to main roads in the county, and the Board desire me to point out that the main road declaration does not necessarily expire at the end of five years from the date of its coming into operation."

The Local Government Board are advised that having regard to the terms of Section 8. of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, the County Council are not authorised to re-consider a declaration or make a new one until five years after the original declaration came into operation.

If the County Council decide to make a new declaration at any time after that period has elapsed, it is open to them to fix any convenient date for its coming into operation. In the event of their not making a new declaration, the existing declaration will remain in force."

By permission of the Meeting Messrs Hore, and Browne, withdrew the notices of motion standing in their names.

Cautaker Mountgarrett Bridge.

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

"That we request the County Council of Kilkenny to take steps to have a regular appointment for Mountgarrett Bridge made."

Dates of Meetings

The following were fixed:-

Gorey. Tuesday 10th January 1905 11.30. a.m.

Enniscorthy. Thursday 12th " " 11 a.m.

Wexford. Saturday 14th " " 10.30. a.m.

New Ross. do. 21st " " 12 noon

Proposal Committee. Friday 20th January

Co. Council. Tuesday 7th February.

The Secretary said that in consequence of the fact that the adjourned meetings of the District Councils, being held so late; it was impossible for him to guarantee the accuracy of the figures in Form 11 as some of those forms, did not reach the County Council Office until the day before the meeting.

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Ennis, it was decided that the Finance Committee be requested to consider the advisability of having some arrangement made, which would afford the staff of the Co. Council sufficient time to check Form 11. from the District Councils, previous to the Meeting of the County Council."

Works untendered for, at Proposal Committee & District

Council Meetings

Gorey District: No. 126. To maintain 596 perches between the chapel of Ballyfad and the said road to Arklow at 9^d per perch. - No tender was received, and the work was given in charge of the County Surveyor for six months, on the motion of Mr. Peacocke.

seconded by Mr. Ennis.

No 154 - 1009 perches between Grove Bridge and Little Limbrick at 6^d per perch.

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the work was given in charge of the County Surveyor till next meeting of the District Council.

Enniscorthy District:- No 252 - To maintain 295 perches between the crossroads of Cooladine and Kilpierce John Cullen, tendered at 4³/₄^d per perch, annual amount £5 : 16 : 9. Michael Dempsey tendered at 5^d.

Mr. Broune proposed and Mr. Donohoe, seconded the acceptance of Cullen's tender. Passed.

No. 4 - To make 65 perches of a new road at Killincooley James Kinsella, Ballyduboy, tendered at £22 : 15/- the amount allowed.

No 5 - To build the bridge at Killincooley. Bryan Murphy, Ballingore, tendered at £49 the amount allowed.

On the motion of Mr. Kavanagh, seconded by Mr. Ennis, the above tenders were accepted. No other tender was received for either of these works.

No. B. To make a pipe drain at Mary Kehoe's road at Searauash, not to exceed £4. On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the work was given in charge of the County Surveyor.

New Ross District:- No. 194 - To maintain 547 perches from Wexford to New Ross. - Walter Creane, Cloncrane, tendered at 5^d per perch, Annual Amount £11 : 7 : 11.

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Ennis the tender being the only one was accepted.

No 8 - To protect and repair causeway road at Kilmokea Amount £30.

Mr. Peacocke proposed, the Chairman seconded, and it was passed, that the work be given in charge of the County Surveyor.

Wexford District:- No 142 - Patrick Kelly, Redmoor tendered to maintain 777 perches, between Richfield cross and Duncormack, at 4^d per perch. The

annual amount was £12 : 19/- but Kelly had only put £11 : 19/- in his tender.

On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Ennis the tender was referred back to the District Council County-at-Large. No tender was received for work No 112 to put down a pile protection at Courtown Harbour, not to exceed £12.

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Ahern, it was decided that the work should be given in charge of the County Surveyor. (to be a County at Large charge)

Duncannon Pier

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Walsh the following report with reference to Duncannon Pier, was referred to the Piers and Harbours Committee:-

"I beg to inform you that a Meeting was held in Duncannon for the purpose of improving the Pier and Harbour of Duncannon by the erection of a Breakwater.

Mr. Thomas O'Shea, Clonsilla, was in the chair the following were also present:- Captain Botter, John Cummins, M.B.C. J. P. L. Heery, D.B. John Gunnip, Pierce Carey, Thomas Maher, and A. J. Stephens.

I wish the Council would give this matter their most serious consideration. I suppose you are aware that for a distance of ten miles round Duncannon, the people are at the mercy of one unprotected Pier, and should the worst happen they are without the means of any communication to any market. Just now the fishing season begins, I am sure that the County Council are aware that a fleet of Boats come from Scotland, Arklow, and the Isle of Man, every year, and they complain greatly of Harbour accommodation. Should any bad weather set in they are entirely at the mercy of the sea; they have no protection whatever, and

unless something is done, one of the greatest industries in the south of Ireland, will fall through.

You know a lot of money has been expended on repairs of piers in Duncannon during the last few years, and as the Committee suggested at this meeting unless a Breakwater is built at once, to protect the piers from further damages the County will be at more expense, as at any moment the piers, without protection, are likely to be damaged again. The fishermen at present cannot keep their boats working, owing to the unprotected state of the Harbour. Within the past few years the fishermen have suffered severely; their boats were greatly damaged, which was a very serious loss to them. When their harvest arrives, their boats are not in working order; and thereby lose their means of livelihood; if a breakwater was erected the fishermen could keep a larger class of boats in safety; and as it is a larger class of boats are required as millions of fish are around the coast every year, and as we have not those class of boats we can only watch the Scotchmen, who come over every year and reap our harvest; whereas if we had the proper harbour accommodation for boats we could do so ourselves. Hoping you will lay this matter before the County Council, and that they will give same their most serious consideration.

Special Meeting - 29th November 1904.

A special meeting of the County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 29th November 1904.

Present:- Mr. E. Hore, Vice Chairman, presided
also present:- Messrs M. J. Furlong, J. F. Walsh, C. H. Peacocke, M. A. Ennis, J. J. Kehoe, D. Dempsey, A. Kinsella, M. Murphy, J. A. Doyle, J. Bolger, J. Cummins, and J. E. Mayler.

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

Report of Committee appointed to inspect Tolergal Lane.

We the undersigned members of above Committee visited Tolergal Lane, on this date, where we met Revd. J. Long, C. C. Mr. Thomas Kavanagh, D. C. Mr. Doyle, Contractor, and Mr. J. P. Murphy, Deputy Surveyor.

We made a thorough inspection of the lane walking through it twice from end to end, and examined the work done by the contractor, comparing same with the conditions stated in the specification, a copy of which we had before us.

In no single detail do we consider that any reasonable effort to comply with the specification, had been made by the contractor, and we estimate the total value of the work done by him not to exceed £10. (Ten pounds)

The Specification provides that 250 tons of best stones should be procured in the neighbourhood and placed on the road, but the contractor does not allege that he procured even a single ton of stones, outside what he found in the lane itself, and this quantity which we estimate at 25 to 30 tons does not in any sense provide a fulfilment of his contract.

None of the gulleys specified, have been constructed and in many places the centre of the lane is lower than the watertables at the sides.

One portion of the laneway is at such a level that the existing watertables unless sunk to a depth of 18" to 24" cannot carry away the water, which in rainy weather converts this section of the road into a pond.

We regard this ^{as a} defect in the specification.

Dated this 4th day of November 1904.

(Signed) W. A. Ennis
John Bolger
J. Donohoe
M. J. Furlong.

Mr. Webster said he went over the lane, the day the Committee inspected it, and noticed a great deal of work done, a very considerable amount of stones on the road; and the bushes cut off in many places, which to his certain knowledge had been projecting very far out on the lane.

An enormous amount of material had been taken from the sides, so as to form watertables, though they were not finished, but were in the course of completion. A very considerable amount of good hard material had been put on the lane. There was a place where there was a dip downwards towards a hollow, which required more material undoubtedly. The whole surface required broken stones to be spread, so as to get the specified formation. But he was perfectly satisfied on his inspection the day the Committee were there, and from an inspection he made since, that the amount certified for £30 was not excessive for the work done.

The lane was so good that a traction engine might go over it with safety. A motor car could be driven over it, and he had driven his motor cycle over it. At the time the Committee saw the lane he calculated there was at least one third of a ton of stones put out to every

perch, which would work out at about 100 tons. The contractor had supplied him with a statement which showed he had put out 114 tons, but he (Mr Webster) thought 100 tons would be a fair allowance for the amount of work done. He had made a very careful measurement of the amount of stones yesterday, and the drawing of stones had not been completed. The contractor was employed drawing stones with a number of carts. He (Bounty Surveyor) counted six different heaps of stones, and according to his calculation the gross total of 122 tons, was there in addition to the 100 tons he had calculated for on the day of his visit.

The contractor had also made the watertables and he (Mr Webster) pointed out one part of a watertable, which required to be a little further sunk, so as to draw the water from the hollow which he had noticed on a previous day, and that will get over this difficulty of draining that hollow. There were several gateways leading into fields, that he had not yet put gulleys to, to carry off the water. This the contractor was going to do, and going to do it properly, not going to put down brick gulleys but pipe drain. It was rather premature to try and sit on the officials of the council.

Chairman:- That is not a proper observation, I think you should withdraw that.

Mr Webster said he withdrew this observation. It was stated on the spur of the moment. It would be an injustice to the contractor if he were not paid the amount which was certified for. If the council wished they could get an independent engineer - Mr Ryan, who was down before on previous business - or the Local Government Board, whichever they liked, and if this Engineer suggested that the specification is not

carried out when he gave a final certificate; he (Mr. Webster) would pay the difference to make the road what it ought to be, if the engineer said that the work done under the specification was not sufficient. He could not see that the fact that the stones were found in the locality had anything to do with the contract. The stones had been drawn off the fields by farmers and put on the side of the lane. Only for the stones were thus found on the lane, the work instead of costing 3/- would have cost at least 5/- a perch. This matter had been put before the councillors who were responsible for opening the lane, and they had been informed that were it not for the fact that these stones could be got on the side of the road, the consideration of the lane should come on twice. The time to find fault with the manner in which the work was done, was when the final certificate was presented.

Chairman:- That is a matter for the Council. Is it your opinion the work done is value for the money certified for?

Mr. Webster:- I do. I hardly think the Committee saw the enormous amount of material in the various fields along the lane.

Mr. Murphy, Deputy Surveyor, said he was asked by the District Councillors, to say the least this lane could be done for, and his statement was that the stones being on the lane, it could be done for much less than if the stones had not been there.

Mr. Bolger:- I deny that. I was there twice and you never said a word about it.

Mr. Murphy said that he visited the lane on the 19th September, and made a close examination of the lane. He calculated for 2/- a perch, to cover all which came to £30. The lane would cost 5/- to 6/- per perch only the stones were in it. There were 100 loads of stones there when the Committee visited.

Mr. J. Bolger: There were only 12 loads.

Mr. Murphy: A great many of the stones were covered up.

J. Doyle, contractor (who was represented by Mr. M. J. O'Connor, solicitor) said he began work on the lane on the 6th of May. He had employed Andrew Murphy Kilmuckridge, breaking stones for five weeks at 10/- a week, and support. He estimated this amount at 15/- per week. - Total £3: 15/-. John Martin, he employed for 16 weeks at 6/- per week and support. He calculated this man cost 12/- per week - Total £9: 12/-. This man was engaged picking, levelling, etc., William Hamilton, Glondaw, was employed for 4 weeks at 5/- per week and support. He calculated this man cost 12/- a week or £2: 8/.

There was his own time for 9 weeks, and his horse for three weeks, and he estimated the cost at £12; then there was 7/- for upkeep of tools, or a total of £28: 2: 6.

He took into consideration the amount of stones on the lane when he entered into the contract.

Mr. Ennis said as a member of the committee he had no hesitation in saying that when the committee went there, the amount of work did not exceed £10.

Mr. J. Bolger ~~denied the~~ denied the statements of Mr. Webster, in regard to the work on the lane. The contractor took the stones from the sides of the lane and threw them in the middle.

Mr. Ennis then examined the figures of the County Surveyor, and said that according to these figures, there were still £20. worth of work to be done, and only £14 of the contract left to do it. In his opinion it was the stones that had fallen out of the fences that had been used for the metalling of the road.

The Council then resolved itself into committee:

Mr. Peacocke moved: - "That we request the Local Government Board, to hold a public sworn inquiry into the facts connected with the issuing of a certificate by the County Surveyor, on the recommendation of Mr. Murphy, Deputy Surveyor, to the contractor, for repair of Tobergal Lane, for a sum of £30 on foot of his contract, and which sum it was alleged had not been earned."

The Chairman moved - "That Mr. Webster, County Surveyor and Mr. Murphy, Deputy Surveyor, be censured, by this Meeting, as the County Surveyor, on the Deputy Surveyor's report, certified for an amount of money which we believe was not earned by the contractor (J. Doyle) of Tobergal Lane, at the date of the certificate." Mr. J. A. Doyle seconded.

For the amendment of the Chairman there voted: Messrs Walsh, J. A. Doyle, Dempsey, Ennis, and the Chairman - 5.

Against: - Messrs Cummins, Kehoe, Murphy, J. Bolger, Mayler, Kinsella, Furlong, and Peacocke - 8.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost and put the substantive proposition, which he declared passed.

On the motion of Mr. Bolger, seconded by Mr. Dempsey, the following resolution was adopted: - "That pending the result of the Local Government Board Inquiry, the Paying Order for £30, certified for by the County Surveyor be withheld." Passed.

Lights - New Ross Bridge.

Under date November 7th 1904, Mr. George Lough, Manager Grand Canal Company wrote: - "As neither the New Ross Commissioners, nor the County Councils appear willing to have the lights put on the bridge, will you please say if your Council would have any objection to this Company putting a luminous painted disc, in the centre of the arch on both sides of the bridge, so that

it may be a guide to our steamer master in dark weather."

Mr. Kehoe proposed - "That we offer no objection to the Grand Canal Company exhibiting luminous painted discs in the centre of New Ross Bridge".
Mr. Furlong seconded. Passed.

Telephone Poles.

Under date 3rd November, a letter was received from the District Manager, National Telephone Co. asking for the consent of the County Council, to the erection of a line of telephone poles alongside the road close to Enniscorthy, for the purpose of enabling the company to connect Messrs S. & A. G. Davis's premises Hollymount and St John's Mills, to the telephone exchange in Enniscorthy.

"The permission required by the Telephone Co. was granted on the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Cummins."

Courtown Harbour.

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

"That we approve of the action of the Department of Agriculture, in sending down a beam dredger, to clear the mouth of the Harbour, to enable the fishermen to carry out their avocation, and that we agree to the cost of the hire, etc., of this dredger coming out of the joint fund contributed by the Department, and this Council for the improvements of the harbour."

Marine Works Bill.

The following resolutions were received from a Public Meeting held under the auspices of Wicklow Harbour Board and Urban District Council of Wicklow:-

Proposed by Mr. Frank McPhail J. P. Chairman Wicklow Urban District Council, seconded by Mr. Christopher

Murray M. D. C. Resolved:- "That this meeting convened under the auspices of the Harbour Board, and Urban Council of Wicklow, and representative of the maritime commercial, and industrial population of this portion of the east coast, hereby call upon the Government to promote a Bill in the next session of Parliament making applicable to the south eastern coast of Ireland the Marine Works Act, now operating so successfully, on the western coast. We view with alarm, the steady decay, and, in places, almost annihilation, of our fishing industry owing to insufficient harbour accommodation and inadequate transit facilities.

It is our conviction that were such an act passed it would, in a great measure, serve to check the emigration of our fishing population, and assist in the revival and strengthening of the industries now crippled for lack of Government support, as accorded with such remarkable results by the Governments of other countries on the continent.

We respectfully ask the leaders of the two Irish Parties to treat the introduction of the Bill as a non-contentious measure.

That copies of this resolution be sent to all the Cabinet Ministers, the Irish Members, and the several Local authorities within the joint counties."

Proposed by Mr. N. H. Haskins, Vice Chairman, Wicklow Urban Council, seconded by Mr. Patrick Short, Vice Chairman, Rathdrum Guardians. Resolved:- "That in view of the serious state of our harbours, we call upon the land owners, public companies, county councils, and local authorities, in the four counties concerned, to organise public meetings, pass strong resolutions supporting our Members of Parliament in their pressure upon the Government to have the Marine Works Act passed into law early in the coming session; and that copies of said resolutions be forwarded to the Members of the Government and

the public bodies referred to."

Proposed by Mr. Joseph McCarroll M. D. C. seconded by Mr. William Desaike M. C. Resolved:- "That in the interest of the fishing population of Arklow, this public meeting calls on the Government to take immediate steps to preserve the lives and property of the fishermen of Arklow, by at once so improving the harbour as to afford the fishing fleet ingress and egress during the coming winter."

Under date 22nd November a letter was read from Mr. F. W. MacPhail, Secretary Wicklow Harbour Board asking the county council, on the part of the joint committee of the Wicklow Harbour Board, and the Wicklow Urban Council, to name delegates to attend a meeting in Dublin on a date to be fixed in support of a Marine Works Bill, for South East Ireland.

Several Boards had already named delegates and as there was no time to be lost the Wexford Co. Council was requested to deal with the matter as soon as convenient.

The Council were also requested to pass a resolution requesting the co-operation of the Parliamentary Representatives of the county, and their attendance at the conference."

On the motion of Mr. Dempsey, seconded by the chairman, the Resolutions from Wicklow, were postponed, and the following appointed as delegates to the forthcoming conference:- Sir Thomas Comonde (chairman) Messrs Ennis, Peacocke, and Cummins.

Notice of Motion

The following notice of motion had been given by councillor Donohoe:-

"That the Council take into consideration the advisability of requesting Mr. P. Leary, Deputy Surveyor

to resign, owing to his advanced age."
 Mr. Donohoe was unavoidably absent.

Mr. Peacocke moved the following, which was seconded by Mr. Dempsey and passed unanimously:- "That we have full confidence in the ability of Mr. Leary, to carry out his duties as assistant Co. Surveyor."

A Divided Road.

Mr. Webster (Co. Surveyor) mentioned that Contract No. 24 in New Ross District for 1119 perches had been divided owing to its length, the division being- No 24-467 perches, and No 24A- 652 perches. In connection with the latter a mistake had crept into the figures before the contract had been accepted by the District Council, though he had not been able to trace exactly where it had occurred. Owing to this error the number of perches in 24A. had been made 562 instead of 652. and the contract had been accepted as if the length of this portion of the road had been 562. The contract was taken at 1/8 per perch which came to £48 : 16 : 8. instead of £54 : 6 : 8.

Mr. Peacocke proposed, Mr. Ennis seconded, and it was passed - "That the Local Government Board be requested to inform the County Council, if they can pay the contractor, on the number of perches which he has maintained, and if it is in the power of the County Council, to have the contract amended so that the correct number of perches included in it can be provided for."