

Statutable Half-yearly Meeting- 7<sup>th</sup> November 1905.

The statutable Half-yearly meeting of the Co. Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford; on 7<sup>th</sup> November 1905.

Present :- Sir T. H. G. Esmonde, Bart. M.P. (Chairman) presiding.

Other Members :- Messrs Browne, J. Bolger, Ennis, Peacocke, Hore, Kehoe, Aspley, Kinsella, Mark Lodd, Dempsey, J. A. Doyle, Cummins, M. Doyle, James Lodd, N. C. Murphy, J. Donohoe, John Sinnott, M. Hickey, and Thaddeus Bolger.

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

Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed.

Wexford Prison

Sir Thomas Esmonde moved the suspension of the Standing Orders to deal with the matter in connection with Wexford Prison. This having been agreed to - he moved that the following be appointed a Committee for purpose of considering and discussing the utilisation of the Wexford Prison: Messrs Donohoe, Peacocke, Ennis, Hore, & Browne.

Adopted

Law costs.

Proposed by Mr Ennis, and seconded by Mr Peacocke: That a requisition to tax the costs of Mr R. W. Elger Solicitor for the Council, for carrying out the purchase of the lands for the purpose of lighting the Enniscorthy Lunatic Asylum with Electricity; obtaining Grants of Way-leave etc., be sealed and that Mr John A. Sinnott, 43 Dam Street, Dublin, be appointed to represent the Council on taxation.

Passed.



Main Road Scheme

The following was read from the County Surveyor, under date 8<sup>th</sup> July 1905 :-

"Five years having elapsed since your last declaration of Main Roads, it is necessary for me to furnish you with a report on the subject, as I understand you can now revise the whole scheme, and should you so desire, declare that there shall be no main roads in the county.

The principal on which you should go as regards the selection of roads suitable to be declared main roads, is, as I understand it, that those roads should be roads leading from one district to another or to important centres such as towns and harbours, the idea being that a good deal of the traffic on these roads would not be local traffic and that therefore the whole county should share in half the cost of upkeep.

It must be remembered that in these days of traction engines, and motor lorries, the metalling of the surface is not the only item of expense in the upkeep of the leading roads, which roads may be called the main arteries of the county; bridges and culverts have to be maintained at very considerable expense, and the expense of maintenance of these bridges might press unduly on the Rural District in which they are situated, unless the roads over them were declared main roads.

In the Grand jury times the roads which were half county charges, were the post roads; that is roads over which the mail cars ran, but these post roads were, in many cases roads which would not now be considered main roads.

In making out the list for the first declaration of main roads, I tried to make the proportion for each district as fair as possible; but owing to differences of cost of maintenance per perch, it was not easy to adjust the mileage quite accurately.

I find now that the Rural District of Gorey



has been paying more towards the maintenance of the main roads of the county, than the other districts when the valuations of the districts are taken into account, this is accounted for by the fact that the main roads of Gorey Rural District are maintained at a low average price per perch.

From my point of view there are advantages in having main roads; it is easier to get a fair price allowed for the maintenance of these main roads, and I have often pointed out that when steam rolling a road the cost in the first year is heavy, and it will take five years to recoup the outlay, and therefore it is a great advantage to have half the cost spread over the whole county. at the same time there is no getting over the fact that if there were no main roads, financially each district would be treated more equable than at present.

As regards the Urban Districts, I find that if special works are omitted, New Ross and Enniscorthy, gain by the present system.

Should you elect to continue the main road system, I would suggest that you should let the old declaration of main roads stand, with the following modifications:-

Wexford Rural District

add No. 69, 254 perches, Coolhull to Balloughton @ 5<sup>d</sup> per perch.

Omit No 13, - 200 perches, Mill of Rags towards Ballycross. @ 3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> per perch.

Omit. - 423 perches of No. 32, and leave in 300 perches between Larkin's cross and the turn to Tighmon @ 10<sup>d</sup> per perch.

Gorey Rural District

add No. 108. 47 perches from the sea at Mourisecastle towards Kilmuckridge @ 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub><sup>d</sup> per perch.

add the line from Kilmuckridge to Courtown as follows. - No. 80. 165 perches to Ballynure @ 4<sup>d</sup> per perch.  
No. 137. 838 perches @ 6<sup>d</sup> per perch.



No. 137A- 623 perches @ 4<sup>d</sup> per perch  
 " 78 730 " @ 9<sup>d</sup> " "  
 " 133. 316 " @ 1/- " "

add Ballygarrett to Couduff Pier, viz No. 136- 465 perches  
 @ 4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub><sup>d</sup> per perch.

add Camolin to Craanford. viz:-

No. 98- 317 perches @ 1/- per perch.

" 161 - 880 " " 1/3 " "

" 132 - 314 " " 1/2 " "

The following are the old post roads; you may possibly decide that they only shall be main roads:-

#### Enniscorthy Rural District

481 perches, Ryland Schoolhouse to Ryland crossroads.

874 perches, Straharth crossroads to Tombrack Bridge.

765 perches, Ferns to Tombrack bridge.

#### Gorey Rural District

1280 perches Gorey to Courtown.

520 perches Essex bridge to Millmount gate.

161 perches Millmount gate to main street, Gorey

552 perches Bounds of the Barony Coolnavagh to Coolnahinch

1323 perches Craanford to Ballyellis.

412 perches Essex Bridge to Thomas Bassett's gate.

1408 perches Mr. Bolton's to Ballycanew.

1331 perches Scallan's crossroads to the bounds of the barony.

537 perches Glandoran to Craanford Bridge.

627 perches Gorey Hill to Margery Bridge.

#### Wexford Rural District

38 perches near Bridgetown (Devereuse's contract)

580 perches, Kilmacree to Killinick

1406 perches, Tagoat to the bridge of Ballask

1320 perches, Taghmon to Whelan's house, Knockea.

964 perches, Ferryarrig to Larkin's cross.

726 perches, Blastknock to Foulksmills.

100 perches, Kilmore road (Busher's contract)

490 perches, Wexford to Ferryarrig.

564 perches, Ballask to Baldwinstown.

301 perches Killinick to Hilltown

978 perches, Tagoat to Killinick



1030 perches Maudlintown to Kilmacree.

280 perches Bary Bridge to James Harpur's crossroads.

New Ross Rural District

635 perches Ballyanne to New Ross.

476 perches Ballyanne to Ballywilliam

624 perches Blacknock to Foulkesmills

287 perches Riverview to Ballyhack

260 perches, Ballinaboola bridge to Brownstown

555 perches Rev Mr. Murphy's gate to Duncannon

1229 perches Foulkesmill to Tinnecarrig

640 perches Carrigdaggin to Bushinstown Chapel.

1178 perches Bushinstown to the Three Bullet Gate.

926 perches Fardys cross to Duncannon quay

96 perches Ely's Walk to New Ross.

100 perches streets of New Ross

496 perches Fithard bridge to Boley cross.

It will be seen that the old post roads would not suit without modifications, as the basis of a main road declaration. Enniscorthy District would fare very badly.

Mr. Hore moved that there be no main Roads, in the county from March 31<sup>st</sup> 1906.

The Chairman seconded.

Passed.

Auditor's Report - Co. Council Accounts.

The following report of the Local Government Auditor Mr. James W. Drury, was considered:-

No. 85,641 : 1905

Wexford County

Dublin.

23<sup>rd</sup> October 1905.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the County Council of Wexford for the two half years ended 31<sup>st</sup> March last, and I forward herewith abstracts thereof duly certified.

The Council are to be congratulated generally upon the manner in which their fiscal business



is carried on; the accounts bear testimony to a careful and intelligent discharge of their respective duties by the officers concerned, and the work of the audit was consequently facilitated.

I had occasion, however, to complain of the manner in which the Road Schedules had been prepared by several of the District Clerks, and, acting on the suggestion of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council, I required the officers concerned to attend and produce their books. I found, as I anticipated, that the provisions of the County Councils Order, 1899 in relation to the Register of Applications had been indifferently observed in the past, so that the Schedules of proposals for payments were rendered most difficult to verify and very liable to lead to errors.

Having explained at some length the requirements of the Public Bodies Order, 1904, and having indicated how the new forms are to be used, the officers stated they now fully understand the new system, which they recognise will prove simpler and more efficient than that formerly prescribed, and they give me their assurance that this branch of their duty will be so performed in future as to leave no cause for complaint.

It was with regret I observed that the County Surveyor has found it necessary at inspection after inspection to withhold from very many of the Road Contractors, portions of the moneys which would have been payable to them had they carried out their contracts properly. The system of deferring money should, in the interests of the County, be most sparingly adopted, and particularly now when payments are to be made only once in each half-year.

The contracts for road maintenance provide that the road is to be maintained during a period of generally five years, at a fixed price per annum, payments to be made half-yearly. The County Surveyor



may, under special circumstances, feel justified in deferring the whole or part of the half-yearly money if not earned during the first half of the financial year, but save in very exceptional circumstances, he would not appear to have any sufficient justification for deferring in the second half of the year; if the money be not earned within the period to which it is properly applicable, he should apparently strike it off, the contractor having failed to fulfil the obligations of his contract. It would be desirable that the contractors should be given to understand that the leniency which has been extended to them in the past cannot be continued, and that if during the remainder of the financial year they do not fully earn their money, they will incur loss.

I examined the accounts of the Harbour Master of Courtown Harbour, which has been taken over by the County Council in pursuance of the Provisional Order Confirmation Act of 1904. The form in which the accounts have been rendered in the past was not quite suitable for a public body and consequently new books have been provided in which the accounts will be kept from the first October. To enable these to be satisfactorily opened, I carried the audit of the Harbour Accounts down to the 30<sup>th</sup> September, that is to say, six months in advance of the period to which the County Council accounts were being audited. The Harbour Master must use more diligence in collecting the small annual charges payable by fishing boats; otherwise he may find himself made personally accountable for the deficiency in the funds, under section 20 Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1902. I am of opinion that it would be more satisfactory to the Council if a separate banking account were kept for this Harbour.

The examination of the accounts of the Kilmore Harbour Master disclosed the fact that he had made no lodgment of dues or other receipts since 11<sup>th</sup> February last. He was liable to account for £2. 19/- up to



31<sup>st</sup> March, and a further sum of £26: 7/- appeared to be due by him in respect of the September half year. Having required him to produce these sums before the conclusion of the audit, he sent in the moneys, not being able to attend personally owing to illness, and they were handed to the Secretary for lodgment to the account of the Council. He should be required to collect all dues promptly in future and lodge the amounts monthly, as the irregularity of retaining public moneys for lengthened periods is a most serious one, and should not be permitted.

The County Council should adopt some means of obtaining an independent record of the number and tonnage of vessels availing themselves of these Harbours, and of the cargoes. There is at present no method by which an adequate check can be applied to the returns made by the Harbour Masters, or to the accounts founded on them.

During the period under audit the County Surveyor expended £511: 3: 1, on repair of roads damaged by the carting of material for the new railway leaving £112: 6: 7 to be expended subsequent to 1<sup>st</sup> April. His account of this expenditure was rendered most accurately, and the balance was in the Bank upon a separate account kept for the purpose.

The collection of Rates was, on the whole, very satisfactory, and indeed were it not for collector James L. Doyle of the No 20 (New Ross) Collection District, no qualifying words would be necessary. I understand this officer has occasioned the Finance Committee of the Council much trouble, and in spite of frequent remonstrances and reprimands, he has failed to show improvement in the matter of collecting and lodging "with due diligence". The Council might find it desirable to warn him that if very considerable improvement be not immediately manifested and maintained, he will not be entrusted with the collection of another rate. I examined the Surety Bonds of officers, and the



Insurance Policies; all appeared to be in order."

In connection with the report of the auditor the following resolutions passed at a special meeting of the Finance Committee, on 4<sup>th</sup> November came up for consideration:-

"That where a road is taken up by the County Surveyor under the 54 section of the Grand jury Act, it is desirable (unless in exceptional circumstances) the County Surveyor should hold that road in his hands only up to the first opportunity at which it can be advertised, and a new contract taken."

"That it is the opinion of the Finance Committee and we recommend to the County Council for adoption; that the proper course of procedure in the cases of the majority of defaulting road contractors (unless where exceptional circumstances arise which might make it desirable to proceed under Section 54 of the Grand jury Act, or otherwise) is to proceed against them and their sureties at Petty Sessions under Act of 19 and 20 Vic c 63 Sec 17."

"That the County Surveyor prepare a list of contractors for roads whom he thinks should be prosecuted; and that he submit this list to the next meeting of the County Council for sanction to their prosecution at Petty Sessions."

#### Roads Committee -

"The recommendations of the Finance Committee dealing with the prosecutions of Road contractors were considered:-

"Mr Ennis moved that a small committee of the Council as Roads Committee be appointed to take action on the matter of road measurement; that this committee pick out at random some roads for measurement of quantities."

That the County Surveyor accompany this committee and that the amount of the stones in the depots of these roads be accurately measured. That this committee consist of Messrs Hore, John Bolger, J. Donohoe, Ennis, and C. H. Peacocke; and the Chairman of the four



District Councils be added to the Committee."  
 That the result be reported to the next meeting of the  
 Council. Three to form a quorum of the Committee."  
 Mr Donohoe, seconded. Passed.

"Mr Peacocke moved that Mr Webster be given directions  
 to immediately measure the stones in the depots of  
 Road No. 28 (Enniscorthy) as Mr Ennis states that there  
 is only 167 cubic yards of stones out; whereas, the Deputy  
 Surveyor had reported that there were 250 yards."  
 Seconded by the Chairman. Passed.

The Chairman proposed :- "That Mr Webster be given  
 permission to prosecute at Petty Sessions any of the  
 following contractors whom he may consider necessary:-  
Enniscorthy Rural District

- No 5- Thomas Murphy
- " 14. James Foley
- " 19 Aidan Kehoe
- " 19a. Michael O'Connor
- " 21. Patrick Leary
- " 23. Owen Kinsella
- " 39. John Roche
- " 304. Michael Whitty
- " 308. John Kelly
- " 41a. Chas Nolan
- " 58 Walter Skelton
- " 102. John Wilkinson
- " 107. Patrick Broune
- " 111. Patrick Curran
- " 113. Peter Kehoe
- " 114. Wm Stafford
- " 115. James Donohoe
- " 128. Patrick Lacey
- " 134 James Nolan
- " 139. Wm Whelan
- " 149. Hugh Bruen
- " 157. Joseph Bullen
- " 161. Richd Fortune



- No. 161a. Edward Brien  
 " 182. James Donohoe  
 " 187. Patrick Barty  
 " 197. Rep Denis Brunnan  
 " 213. John Breen  
 " 214. Martin Goddard  
 " 218. Aidan Kehoe  
 " 224. Patrick Martin  
 " 225. John Kelly  
 " 228 & 228a. Denis Whelan  
 " 265. Denis Bullen  
 " 198. Patrick Gorman  
 " 276. William Whelan  
 " 280. Kate Murphy.

Gorey Rural District

- No. 14. Michael Murphy  
 " 20. John Doran  
 " 21a James Bolger  
 " 22 & 22a. Joseph Murphy  
 " 38. Patrick Murphy  
 " 46 & 93. Terence Dunne  
 " 57. Thomas Redmond  
 " 69. John Boland  
 " 86. Patrick Scully  
 " 95. John O'wley  
 " 96. Wm Corcoran  
 " 105. Mary A. Donohoe  
 " 125. John Breen  
 " 141. Michael Lawless  
 " 175. Matthew McDonald  
 " 48. Patrick Scully  
 " 142a. Terence Donnelly  
 " 163. James Murphy.

New Ross Rural District

- No. 33. Bridget Murphy  
 " 5. Mary Magee  
 " 6. James Hayden



- No. 17a. John Doran  
 " 24. James Doran  
 " 26 & 26a. Nick's Fortune  
 " 28a. John Howlan (junr)  
 " 4. Robert Devereux  
 " 1. Michael Barry  
 " 283. Wm Roche  
 " 54. Edw<sup>d</sup> Fitzgerald  
 " 68. Stephen Donnelly  
 " 70a. Edward Brady  
 " 80. Patrick Kennedy  
 " 88. Patrick Sullivan  
 " 88. Philip Kelly  
 " 97 & 97a. Patrick Power  
 " 98a. Nicholas Egan  
 " 105. Michael Carroll  
 " 62. Lawrence J. Lacey  
 " 117. John Howlett  
 " 125. John Foley  
 " 126. John Conway  
 " 131. Nick's Park  
 " 145. Thomas Shanahan  
 " 148 & 148a. Patrick Bolfer  
 " 177. Peter Moran  
 " 178. James Nolan  
 " 180. James Keely  
 " 182. Wm Power  
 " 183. Martin Crooy  
 " 188. James Murphy  
 " 202. Patrick Connors  
 " 203. Patrick Rowe  
 " 207. Andrew Lennon  
 " 209. Patrick Kinsella

Wexford Rural District

- No. 2. James Murphy  
 " 10. Wm Doyle  
 " 17a. Patrick Ryan  
 " 22a. Thomas Furlong



- No. 29. John Keane  
 " 205, 206 & 207 Matt<sup>o</sup> Lacey  
 " 45. Patrick Doyle  
 " 48. Matthew Doyle  
 " 50. Edmond Pierce  
 " 56. Mary Byrne  
 " 71. Patrick Carroll  
 " 75. John Dowd  
 " 77a Walter Scallan  
 " 78. James Irvine  
 " 79 & 79a. Nich<sup>s</sup> Howlin  
 " 81. Patrick Kennedy  
 " 82 & 82a Patrick Fenlon  
 " 86. John Barrett  
 " 87. John Dowd  
 " 90. George Browne  
 " 90a. John Doran  
 " 97 & 97a David Rully  
 " 107. Michael Gahan  
 " 120. John Breen  
 " 129a Thomas Merriman  
 " 136. Peter Dwyer  
 " 137. John Roche  
 " 139. John Devereux  
 " 141. Robert Bullen  
 " 145a. Philip Hickey  
 " 146. James Moran  
 " 152. Laurence Brosby  
 " 158. W<sup>m</sup> Harpur  
 " 159 & 160. Pat<sup>k</sup> Keeling  
 " 161. Patrick Doyle  
 " 165. John Coggrave  
 " 171. Patrick Fortune  
 " 185. Michael Breen  
 " 186. Patrick White  
 " 187. John Walsh  
 " 189. Patrick Boyse

"The minutes of the Finance Committee in reference



to the roads were then confirmed on the motion of the chairman."

The following recommendations of the Finance Committee in connection with the auditors Report, were confirmed on the motion of the chairman:-

"That the following committee for Kilmore Harbour be appointed:- Messrs M. Browne, N. White, Father Rowe Peter Parle, G. F. Walker, Canon O'Gorman, Michael Murphy, Mr. Bruen (junr) and the two district councillors of the District; the above committee to have power to add to their members."

#### Courtown Harbour.

As this committee had already been appointed it is not necessary to make any reference as to names. That these committees be requested to meet monthly for the discharge of their business, that a Register be kept of the boats with the names and tonnage; that these be supplied half yearly to the county council, together with a statement of their accounts. That the Registers of the incoming shipping and their cargoes and Bills of Lading be checked by these committees."

#### Collector J. L. Doyle.

"That collector Doyle, be informed that if considerable improvement be not immediately manifested in the manner of his collecting and lodging of the Rate, the county council will not entrust him with the collection of another Rate."

#### Courtown Harbour.

The following was read for the meeting:-

"I beg to report that I attended at the Harbour Master's office, Courtown Harbour, on the 5<sup>th</sup> October 1905 for the purpose of instructing the Harbour Master as to the manner in which a new system of accounts, prescribed for him, should be kept.

Some of the books used prior to the time of taking



over Courtown Harbour by the County Council were not suitable, and as the accounts of receipts and expenditure have now to be presented to the Local Government Auditor, it was deemed advisable that Financial Statement Books of receipt and expenditure should be kept. Accordingly the Harbour Master has been supplied with these books and full directions as to the method of keeping them.

The receipts of the Harbour in all cases required to be more adequately vouched and the Harbour Master has been provided with a receipt book numbered consecutively, stating full particulars of the receipts. An Order book for stores and sundries required, has also been supplied.

On examination of the dues book I found the sum of £19 : 12 : 9, due by boat owners up to 30<sup>th</sup> September 1905. It would be desirable that these charges should be collected by the Harbour Master quarterly.

The abstract of the Harbour Master's account from August 1904 (the date of taking over Courtown Harbour) to 30<sup>th</sup> September 1905 showed that the sum of £197 : 9 : 3 had been received, whilst the ordinary expenditure - apart from repairs to the Pier - was £126 : 5 : 9. This showed a profit of £71 : 3 : 6 of which amount £56 : 14 : 6, is brought to credit of the County Fund, and the balance £14 : 9 : 0 is in Harbour Master's hands to meet current expenses.

Patrick Donohoe.

5<sup>th</sup> October 1905.

"On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, it was decided that the Report be referred to the Local Committee, for their observations."

— University Education Meeting —

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted, on the motion of the Chairman:-

"That the opinion of counsel submitted to the Finance



Committee be printed and circulated with the notice of motion which Sir J. H. G. Esmonde is to give on the matter. That a special meeting of the Council be held on the 17 inst., at 1.15 p.m. to consider resolution, which Sir Thomas Esmonde will move."

"The Chairman gave notice of his intention to move the following resolution at a special meeting of the Council, which it was agreed should be summoned for Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 1.15 p.m.:-

"That in order to promote higher Technical Education in this County. the County Council of County Wexford, - will during the next 3 years, award each year, 2 scholarships of the value of £40 each, tenable for three years, to 2 students from this County, - one from North Wexford, - and the other from South Wexford - who, in the judgment of this Council, shall, at the Intermediate Examinations in these years have made the best record in the Experimental Science group, of the Intermediate programme.

The subjects for study for which these scholarships will be granted, will be the following; in no less than 2 of which the students must present themselves for examination, at the yearly examinations of the Institution at which they hold their scholarships, viz:- Mathematics, Mathematical Physics, Chemistry, Electro-Technology, Agriculture, Botany, Geology, Zoology.

These scholarships shall be tenable at an institution of University standing to be determined by this Council when the scholarships are awarded.

Reports of the students' progress shall be regularly furnished to this Council by the authorities of the institution at which they hold their scholarships, and this Council reserves to itself the right of withdrawing these scholarships at any time, should these reports prove unsatisfactory."

Notice of Motion - Contractors as Sureties

The Chairman said he would move at the next



Meeting of the County Council, that the Council adopt a rule that no Road Contractor, be allowed to become security for another Road Contractor."

### Proposals for New Works.

The Chairman moved:—"That the several proposals for New Works, from District Councils and Proposal Committee, be agreed to, as per the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

As regards the lane at Cloncranny (Gorey District) Mr Cummins proposed and Mr Kinsella seconded that the recommendation of the District Council be adopted."

It was proposed that the matter be adjourned till the 17<sup>th</sup> November, to allow of an arbitration being carried out.

On a poll being taken the following voted for the adjournment: Messrs Ennis, Sir J. Esmonde, Peacocke, Horu, Kehoe, Murphy, Donohoe, J. A. Doyle, Dempsey, Asple, Mark Lodd, James Lodd, Browne, and J. Bolger. 14.

Against: Messrs Kinsella, John Sinnott, J. Bolger, Cummins, M. Doyle, and M. Hickey - 6.

### Arterial Drainage.

A Circular letter under date 31<sup>st</sup> October 1905, was read from the Arterial Drainage Commission Office, 25 Kildare Street, Dublin, asking if the Co. Council would nominate some one on their behalf to give evidence before the Commission:-

"On the motion of the Chairman it was decided that this matter be referred to the Finance Committee to deal with it."

### Acknowledgments of Resolutions.

The following were read:-

3<sup>rd</sup> August 1905.

"I am directed by Mr Long (Chief Secretary for Ireland)



to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> instant, enclosing copy of Resolutions adopted at a meeting of the Wexford County Council held on the previous day, with reference to the Marine Works Bill." marked "Read."

3<sup>rd</sup> August 1905

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication dated 2<sup>nd</sup> August, with resolution passed by the Co. Council. I am happy to say, that, I have always been on the side of union and conciliation amongst Irish Nationalists, and I agree with the County Council, that dissention is a National calamity."

Yours Faithfully

Peter French (M.P.)

marked "Read"

### Education in Ireland

The following resolution was received from the Waterford County Council:-

"That in view of the present unsettled and unsatisfactory condition of Education in Ireland, due we believe to the incompetency and mismanagement of the National Board, we consider the time has now arrived when the people of Ireland should demand that the present Board be replaced by a representative Board in close touch with the classes who use the primary schools and are conversant with the educational needs and wishes of the County generally.

But while desirous that the present effete Board should be abolished, we shall strenuously oppose any attempt which may be made to override the wishes of the Irish people by the establishment of a Department of Education which could only result in even still greater disorganisation and dissatisfaction than exist at present."

Mr. Broune proposed, Mr. Peacocke seconded that the resolution be adopted. Passed.



Irish Education (Afflicted children) Bill.

Under date 11<sup>th</sup> September the Secretary of the National Education Commissioners wrote that it was the intention of the Chief Secretary for Ireland to re-introduce in the next Parliamentary Session a Bill to make better provision for the Elementary Education of afflicted children in Ireland."

Copy of draft Bill for the consideration of the Council was forwarded.

"Referred to Finance Committee."

Teaching of Irish

The following resolutions for adoption by the Council were received from the Executive Committee of the Gaelic League, Dublin:-

1.- That we declare the action of the Lords of the Treasury in attempting to dictate to policy of Irish Primary Education to be a gross and intolerable abuse, and declare determined resistance to such an encroachment to be a public duty.

2. That we strongly protest against the proposed withdrawal of fees for Irish as an extra subject in the National Schools and we pledge ourselves to resist to the utmost this threatened injustice.

3.- That the Commissioners of National Education by allowing the Treasury to usurp their functions, have been guilty of a grave breach of trust, the more disgraceful since the Commissioners were aware of the persistent injustice of the Treasury in withholding large funds due to primary Education in Ireland; and should have met every approach of the Treasury, with a demand for full restitution of all moneys wrongfully withheld.

4.- That it is now evident that the Board of National Education have lost irrevocably the confidence of the public, and have forfeited all claim on the sympathy and co-operation of the Managers and Teachers of the Primary Schools; and that the existing deadlock between the Board and the Schools of the country



can only be remedied by the retirement of the present Board, and by the substitution of a representative Board, which shall have the confidence and support of the school managers and teachers, and of the Irish public.

5.- That we call upon any of the commissioners who do not wish to be held responsible for the present crisis to dissociate themselves publicly from the Board's policy of meek subservience towards the Treasury, and dominating exasperation towards the Irish public and the schools.

6.- That in the present crisis we call upon Managers and Teachers throughout our County to assist the efforts of the Gaelic League in reforming Primary Education, and to devote themselves even more earnestly than heretofore to the teaching of the National Language.

7.- That copies of the foregoing resolutions be forwarded to the Right Hon Arthur J. Balfour, M.P. Treasury, Whitehall, S.W. London; to Victor C. W. Cavendish, M.P. Secretary, Treasury, Whitehall S.W. London; to P. E. Lemass, Secretary National Board, Marlborough Street, Dublin; to the Right Hon W. Long M.P. Chief Secretary, Dublin Castle; and to the Freeman's Journal;

"The County Wexford Committee of the Gaelic League also wrote asking that these resolutions should be adopted."

"On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr J. Bolger the foregoing resolutions were adopted."

#### Revision of Valuation

"The Chief Clerk, General Valuation Office, wrote under date 4<sup>th</sup> August 1905 that Mr W. J. Bastow had been appointed to make the annual Revision of Valuation of New Ross Rural District."

Marked "Read"



Cork Industrial Development Association

Under date 25<sup>th</sup> August the Council of Cork Industrial Development Association wrote asking that a delegate from Wexford County Council, be appointed to attend the Irish Industrial Conference to be held in Cork on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1905.

"The Chairman proposed that Mr. Ennis Vice-Chairman of the Council, be appointed to represent the Wexford County Council, at the meeting of the Cork Industrial Development Association."

Mr. Kehoe seconded.

Passed.

Missing Cheque

The Secretary said that on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1904, a Paying Order for £3: 9: 2, portion of ground rent of the County Courthouse, had been forwarded Mr. W. J. Devereux, Wexford. As the cheque was outstanding at the end of the half-year, Mr. Devereux was written to, that he should have it cashed at once.

Mr. Devereux wrote under date 4<sup>th</sup> August 1905.

"In reply to your letter, I have no recollection of receiving the cheque referred to, and would feel greatly obliged if you would give me a duplicate cheque for same."

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

"That a duplicate of Paying Order for £3: 9: 2, be issued to Mr. Devereux, in lieu of missing order, on his giving a Guarantee to indemnify the Co. Council against loss in connection with the matter"

Provisional Order (No. 1) Act 1905.

The Local Government Board forwarded with circular letter No. 46, 246-1905, Miscellaneous; copy of their Provisional, Order (No. 1) Act 1905, partly annulling and varying certain provisions of the Procedure of Councils Order 1899, and which will come into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> April,



or on such earlier date as the Local Government Board may appoint, for any county."

Audits of Accounts.

The Local Government Board forwarded copies of the reports of their auditors in reference to audit of accounts of County Wexford Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction; and Gorey Guardians and District Council."

Direct Labour Scheme.

Under date 30<sup>th</sup> October 1905. (Letter No. 53,975 Miscellaneous) the Local Government Board forwarded copies of Order by which the Provisional Declaration and scheme of direct labour can be considered at a special meeting of a County Council on the expiration of two months after the making of a provisional declaration and scheme."

Demands on Urban Councils

Under date 15<sup>th</sup> September the Local Government Board (Letter No. 125. M. 1905 Mis.) forwarded copy of circular letter which they had addressed to each Urban District on the subject of quarterly payments of the demands of the County Council, on the Urban Councils.

The circular letter pointed out that the payments in question should be paid on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1<sup>st</sup> September, 1<sup>st</sup> December, and 1<sup>st</sup> March in each year, and intimated to the Urban Councils that if they failed to discharge their obligations in a reasonable and equitable manner the Board would be compelled to make such further modifications in their Order as would enable County Councils to enforce payment at a much earlier period in each quarter than is now possible. The cost of any legal proceedings instituted for non-compliance with the Order constituted a deficiency or loss such as contemplated by Section 20 of the Local Government



(Ireland) Act 1902, for which members of the Urban Councils concerned might be held to be personally responsible."

— approving of Mr. Bogley as Rate collector —

Under date 11<sup>th</sup> August 1905, (letter No. 48,536-1905) the Local Government Board wrote approving of the appointment of Mr. James Bogley as Rate collector for No. 21 Collection District.

"On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:— That the Bond of Mr. James Bogley Rate collector for No. 21. Collection District, which has received the approval of the Local Government Board, be hereby sealed on behalf of the County Council."

— Arthurstown & Fethard Piers —

Under date 25<sup>th</sup> September 1905 (letter No. 96,38) the Board of Works wrote stating that it had been reported to them that the berths of the pier at Arthurstown were becoming silted up. They would be glad to hear whether any steps have been taken to remove this silt."

"Under same date the Board of Works, drew attention to their letter of 6<sup>th</sup> May stating that the County Council had accepted a tender for repairs to Fethard Pier, and asking if the works had been yet completed."

"Under date 26<sup>th</sup> September the County Surveyor, wrote that the repairs to Fethard Pier, had been completed, but no steps had been taken to remove the silt at Arthurstown Pier."

"Under date 20<sup>th</sup> October 1905 the following letter No. 4443/05 J. B. was read from the Department of Agriculture, & Technical Instruction:—

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> instant, embodying copy of a resolution passed by the Wexford County Council on the 13<sup>th</sup> instant, requesting the Department's assistance in keeping the harbours in charge of the county, free from silt."



In reply, I have to state, for the information of the Co. Council, that the Department have already contributed to the cost of clearing stones and silt out of Courtown Harbour; and they are prepared to consider applications in connection with specific schemes for the improvement of other harbours in charge of the County, which may be submitted."

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

That the County Surveyor prepare a statement as to the dredging which requires to be done at the scheduled and other piers under the control of the Co. Council, and furnish same to the Department of Agriculture."

"With reference to the letters of the Board of Works the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman:- "That the Board of Works be informed the County Surveyor has had the repairs to Fethard Pier carried out, and the Council has asked the Department of Agriculture, to dredge Arthurs town and other County Wickford harbours."

#### Poulduff Pier

Under date 16<sup>th</sup> September 1905 (letter No. 3941. F. B) the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction wrote, that the contract for execution of the proposed works at Poulduff Harbour has been completed, and a counterpart was in the hands of the contractor."

"On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Department of Agriculture, be requested to state for the information of the Council (1) the name of the contractor for Poulduff Pier. (2) The terms of the contract (3) when the work is to begin, and when to be completed."

#### Sheep Scab Orders 55 & 56.

The consideration of the adoption by the Council as Local Authority, of Sheep Scab Orders 55 & 56 of the



Department of Agriculture, on reference from the Executive Committee entrusted with the business of the Contagious Diseases (A) Acts; was then taken up.

Order 55 in brief- extended the existing powers of local authorities, and made it compulsory that animals affected with the disease should be dipped to the satisfaction of an Inspector of the authority, who had also power to isolate animals, that from their proximity to the place of outbreak, association with any animal in a diseased flock, or from other cause, may be suspected to have been exposed to infection, isolation to continue for 56 days unless in the meantime animals are satisfactorily dipped under official inspection."

"Order 56 empowered the county council to regulate the movement of sheep into the county, and to provide swimming baths for dipping."

On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:- "That in present circumstances the council do not consider there is any necessity for enforcing Order 56 (Sheep Scab Regulations) of the Department of Agriculture."

#### Electric Lighting- Town of Enniscorthy

The following letter under date 7<sup>th</sup> October 1905, was received from Mr P. J. Shaw Town Clerk, Enniscorthy:-

"I am directed by the council to ask the county council upon what terms they could have the use of the extra power at Kilcarbery for Electric Lighting of the Town."

On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Enniscorthy Urban Council be informed that the Wexford County Council, are quite prepared to give careful consideration to any representations from the Urban Council when the latter have arrived at a definite scheme to lay before the Co. Council, stating the number of lights, terms; etc."



Enniscorthy Quay Walls.

Under date 9<sup>th</sup> September the following was read from Mr P. J. Shaw, Town Clerk, Enniscorthy.

"I have been directed by the above Council to bring under the notice of the County Council the dangerous state of the Quay Walls. My Council have on several occasions called the attention of Lord Portsmouth (who claims them as his property) to the matter, but although he has promised to have the quay walls put right, nothing has been done up to the present; the protection rails, which are put up at a great cost to the County, are in some cases down, and with further floods this winter further damage will be done.

This quay being a main road the Council consider that pressure should be brought to bear on Lord Portsmouth by the County Council."

"On the motion of Mr Donohoe, seconded by Mr Dempsey the following resolution was adopted:- "That the County Council call the immediate attention of Lord Portsmouth to the dangerous condition of the quay walls at Enniscorthy, and request that he put them in order at once."

Additional Member - Co. Committee.

Councillor Broune moved the following motion of which he had given previous notice:-

"I hereby give notice, that I will move at the next meeting of the Co. Council, that Mr E. Hore, be appointed a member of the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, as the representative of the Forth Agricultural & Industrial Association."

Mr Ennis seconded the motion. Passed.

University Education.

Sir Thomas H. F. Esmonde Bart. M.P. moved the following motion, of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the provisions for Higher Education in Ireland are wholly inadequate to the wants of the



people; that the present distribution of public educational funds is wasteful and unjust, and that it is essential to the interests of the country that there should be at once introduced into Parliament such a measure as will remedy existing grievances, and establish under conditions of equal justice to all, a system of higher Education suited to the requirements and satisfying the just claims of the Irish People."

Mr. Ennis seconded the motion which was passed.

"On the motion of the Chairman it was decided that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded Mr. P. J. O'Neill, Chairman Dublin County Council."

"Under date 26<sup>th</sup> October, Mr. A. Keogh Nolan, Secretary of the Irish County Councils General Council, forwarded copy of Council's opinion as to the powers of county councils to aid University Education.

He also wrote that the next meeting of the General Council would be held on 8<sup>th</sup> December to consider this question, and asked to have submitted any matters which the Wexford County Council might desire to have considered."

Ordered:- "To be considered at special meeting of the Council on the 17<sup>th</sup> instant."

#### Postal Facilities.

With reference to the proposed telegraph office at Ramsgrange, the Postmaster General wrote that it would be established under a seven years guarantee, and if the receipts did not equal £20 per year one-half of the deficiency should be paid by the Guarantors; the other half would be borne by the Post Office."

"The Postmaster General also wrote under date 16<sup>th</sup> October 1905 (letter No. 470.035) that the resolution of the county council asking for additional postal facilities for Galbally District would receive attention."

"The letter with reference to telegraph station at Ramsgrange was referred to the Rural District Council."



Wexford Prison.

Under date 11<sup>th</sup> September 1905 the Secretary of the General Prisons Board (No. 12350) wrote in reply to a resolution of the County Council:-

"With reference to your letters of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> ultimo I am directed to state for the information of the County Council that the General Prisons Board are advised that they are liable for the payment of the rent of Wexford closed prison up to the date when the premises become vested in the County Council, - the 16<sup>th</sup> instant, but that the Board have as a matter of grace obtained the authority of the Lords Commissioners of H. M. Treasury for the payment of the rent up to the 29<sup>th</sup> instant, the close of the half-year. The rent will accordingly be paid by the Board up to the latter date."

"Under date 4<sup>th</sup> August 1905 the General Prisons Board wrote that the Wexford Prison was <sup>not</sup> insured while in their possession."

Bridewell for Wexford.

"Under date 14<sup>th</sup> August 1905 (10892) the Secretary of the Prisons Board wrote, that the Board were apprised that Government could not authorise the establishment of a Bridewell in Wexford."

"Referred to Prison Committee, already appointed on the Recommendation of the Finance Committee."

Refund costs- Prosecution

"Under date 4<sup>th</sup> September 1905, Mr. R. W. Elgee Solicitor to the Council, wrote:-

"I have to-day lodged to credit of the County Council the sum of £11 : 1 : 0, being the amount of costs incurred in defending the malicious Injury cases of John Byrne, and Andrew Doyle, both of which cases were dismissed, and which costs were paid to me by the Council on the 1<sup>st</sup> August ult. and have since been levied by the Sheriff from the claimants."



Courtown Harbour Boat-House.

arising out of letters from Mr R. W. Elgee, County Solicitor the following resolution of the Courtown Harbour Committee came up for special sanction:-

"That the boat-house, now in possession of the Coastguards at Courtown Harbour be offered to the Admiralty on a 31 years lease together with two feet of ground on the land side for £4: 10/- per annum."

"On the motion of the Chairman the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted:-

That the boat-house now in possession of the Coastguards at Courtown Harbour be offered to the Admiralty on a 31 years lease together with two feet of ground on the land side for £5 per annum; the lease to contain a clause allowing of surrender every 7 years."

General Councils' Resolutions.

The following resolutions from the Irish County Councils General Council adopted at meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> August were laid before the Council for consideration:-

Redistribution

Resolved:- "That should the English Parliament enact a law reducing the representation of the Irish Nation as fixed in 1800, without either conceding the right of self-government to Ireland or proportionately reducing the Parliamentary representation of England, and Scotland, we will regard it as an additional proof that no promise, however sacred, made by England to Ireland can ever be relied on, and as an additional infamy to the infamous act of Union- an act which Ireland has never regarded as legal or constitutional or of any moral force whatever, and which she will never regard as such. And in the event of the Redistribution proposals becoming law, it will certainly be the imperative duty of this nation, to take into serious consideration its attitude and policy towards



Great Britain. That we note with satisfaction the expression of the Orangemen of Belfast, that they are Irishmen first and Unionists after."

University Education.

Resolved:- "That having considered the resolution passed by the county Wexford county council, we authorise our Executive Committee to obtain legal opinion as to whether and how far the Technical Instruction acts of 1889, 1891, and 1892, and the acts relating to Intermediate Education, and any other acts, can be utilized to further the cause of University Education in Ireland."

The Department's contribution to county schemes of Agricultural & Technical Instruction.

Resolved:- "That the Department and the county committees, be requested to take steps to insure that all county schemes for Agricultural and Technical Instruction, dates shall be inserted by which the amount then actually due of the Department's contribution for the year shall be inserted by the county committee."

Utilization of disused Bridewells, etc., for Technical Instruction purposes, etc.,

Resolved:- That in view of the immediate pressing need of suitable buildings in rural and urban centres for purposes of itinerant technical instruction in agriculture, it is advisable that county councils should acquire rural courthouses and discontinued bridewells in towns, and, subject to the necessary employment of the former for Petty Sessions, that they should place these buildings in the control of the county committees of Agriculture and Technical Instruction to be used by them for the various purposes of itinerant technical instruction, and instruction in agriculture, and also for village libraries.

That the county council when necessary or



advisable, should purchase these buildings, and have control of same, with powers to enlarge or otherwise render them suitable for the purposes of committees; and that the Department should contribute towards enlargement and proper maintenance."

Mode of scheduling congested Districts

Resolved:- That as the Congested District Board is at present doing most useful work in districts scheduled as congested, this Council urges on the Parliamentary Party the advisability of pressing on legislation to improve the mode of scheduling congested districts, with the view of increasing the scope of the Board's operations."

Expenses of members attending joint Lunatic Asylum Committees.

Resolved:- That the attention of the General Council of county councils, be called to the fact that owing to the arrangements in several parts of Ireland by which one Lunatic Asylum is maintained for two or more councils, and managed by a joint committee; county councillors are obliged to travel out of their own counties to attend <sup>committee</sup> meetings; and thereby incurring frequent and in several cases heavy travelling expenses, and that the General Council be requested to suggest that powers be given to county councils to recoup the actual expenses incurred by members of committee in attending meetings."

Re-afforestation

Resolved:- That we call upon the Government to allow the accumulated funds derived from Quit and Crown rents to subsidise and create a Forestry Department for the re-afforestation of Ireland, the management of said Department to be shared by representatives chosen by delegates elected by Irish



to Councils."

Valuation Lists, & Estimate of Rates.

Resolved:- "1) That the Local Government Board be informed, with reference to their statement - that as the revised valuation lists are supplied to Rural District Councils on the 1<sup>st</sup> February in each year, the rates are assessed on the new valuations - that careful inquiry and practical experience confirm the facts given in this Council's resolution of the 12<sup>th</sup> January 1905, viz:- "That the certified lists are not supplied till the 1<sup>st</sup> March, by the Commissioner of Valuation to County (not Rural) Councils, and that consequently the estimate and rates are founded on the old valuation, as the rates must be assessed previous to the 1<sup>st</sup> March."

If the revised and certified lists were supplied by the 1<sup>st</sup> February the case made by this Council would be met; but County Councils have no power to insist on this being done, as the Commissioner of Valuation has till the 1<sup>st</sup> March to perform the duty under the valuation Acts."

"2) The Local Government Board having stated that the meaning of a resolution adopted by this Council on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 1905 with reference to the impossibility of framing estimates and striking rates on the proposals passed by Rural Councils and confirmed by County Councils, was not clear, and that rates are properly assessed on the basis of estimates, it is hereby resolved that the Local Government Board be informed that under the Local Government Act 1898, Rural Council proposals are adopted or rejected by County Councils, that by the present mode of procedure the County Council meeting to deal with such proposals must be held prior to the date on which these proposals, or some of them, come up from the Rural Councils, and that, consequently, the estimate and rates, are based, not on the proposals actually adopted by the County Council, but on a rough guess as to



what may be adopted."

In the opinion of this Council an anomaly of this kind should have the attention of the Local Government Board with a view to rectification."

Powers to Co. Councils to Promote Bills in Parliament.

Resolved :- "That in the opinion of this Council, County Councils should have power to promote Bills in Parliament as well as Urban Councils, and that the Local Government Board be requested to have clause 17 of the Local Government Act 1898, amended so as to effect this object."

Suggested Legislation.

Resolved :- That the following matters be brought under the notice of the Chief Secty for Ireland, with a view to the introduction of legislation to remedy the defects complained of :-

"(1) The absence of satisfactory statutory provisions with respect to the chargeability of lunatics and paupers to the various districts in which they have permanently resided."

"(2) The inadequate control of local authorities over advertisement hoardings."

"(3) The unsatisfactory state of the law with reference to the storage of petroleum in large quantities close to premises occupied as dwellings."

"(4) The advantages of a provision that loans obtained for the purpose of erecting houses for the working classes shall not be taken into account when calculating the borrowing of municipalities."

"The above resolutions were adopted on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. More."

Imported Frozen Meat

The following resolution was received for adoption from the Irish Cattle Traders & Stock Owners Association  
"That in view of the laudable effects now being made to support Irish industries and products this Association



condemns the practice followed by many public Boards, charitable institutions, training and educational establishments, and hospitals, wholly or partly, maintained by public rates or Irish subscriptions, in largely purchasing imported frozen meat and we call upon the controllers of such institutions to assist the native producer by giving their custom to the home article, and, by thus helping to develop Irish industries, and in stopping the fatal tide of emigration."

"On the motion of the chairman, the resolution was adopted."

— Epizootic Lymphangitis, etc. —

The following resolution was received for adoption from the Irish Cattle Traders & Stockowners Association:-

"That as Epizootic Lymphangitis and Glanders have been introduced into Ireland from South Africa and other places by troop horses, this association protests against Irish County Councils being compelled to pay compensations arising from slaughter of horses to prevent the spreading of such diseases, and it is of opinion that all such claims should be paid out of Imperial funds by the War Department."

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

— Seating Accommodation - Duncormack Courthouse —

Under date 25<sup>th</sup> July the following letter was read from Mr. R. P. Corish P. S. C. Duncormack:-

"I have been directed by the Magistrates at Duncormick Petty Sessions to ask you to bring before the next meeting of your Proposal Committee the want of seating accommodation in Duncormack Courthouse."

There are no chairs there, for Magistrates or witnesses, except a few old and broken ones, and chairs have frequently to be borrowed on Court days.

I trust your Council will be good enough to grant a supply of say a dozen chairs, somewhat similar to those supplied to Loughmor, some few years ago,



and also an arm chair, for the presiding magistrate."

"On the motion of the chairman the following resolution was adopted:-

"That this matter be referred to the Finance Committee which are empowered to provide seats for Duncormack Courthouse, same as were supplied to Tighmon Courthouse. That if considered necessary the matter be scheduled in the Requirement Book of the Council."

— Notice of motion. —

Councillor Ennis moved:- "That the Lord Lieutenant be requested to make an order under the Wild Birds Protection Act 1894 prohibiting for five years the taking or destroying of the eggs of wild birds of any sort, on the Saltu Islands, and the Kevagh Islands, and to declare the said Islands to be protected areas within the meaning of the said act."

Mr. Kehoe seconded the motion which was adopted.

— Meeting for consideration of Rate Estimate —

"On the motion of the chairman it was decided that the meeting of the Council, for consideration of Rate Estimate for next year be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 1906."

— Railway Bridge - Wexford Bridge. —

"On the motion of the chairman the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the attention of the Wexford Urban Council be called to the state of the railway bridge over the Wexford Free Bridge, and that the Urban Council be requested to have same put in <sup>proper</sup> repair, or be good enough to arrange with the D. W. & W. Ry Co., to have this done. The County Council Contractor for Wexford Bridge has complained that the manner in which the surface of the railway bridge in question is kept is causing him unnecessary trouble in carrying



out his contract."

### Council of Agriculture

The Chairman asked the Council to accept his resignation as one of their representatives on the Council of Agriculture, as he found it impossible to attend the meetings.

The resignation having been accepted Mr. James Donohoe was appointed to the vacancy, on the motion of Mr. Kinsella seconded by Mr. John Sinnott."

### Direction Posts

Councillor Donohoe moved the following motion of which he had given previous notice:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at next meeting of the County Council, to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 1905, that the Council take into consideration the advisability of having direction posts erected on the main roads of the county, and invite tenders for the execution of the work. To be a County at Large Charge."

"Mr. Donohoe in moving above notice asked and received permission to substitute "principal roads" for "main roads" in view of the abandonment of the Main Roads Scheme, and to add to the resolution - "That the County Surveyor be instructed to make inquiries as to the cost of these posts, and that he submit same to the Finance Committee."

"Mr. Kehoe seconded the resolution which was adopted."

### Sealing Bonds

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

"That the Bonds of Road Contractors, Etc. for this meeting be sealed by our Secretary."

### Untendered Contracts

Proposed by the Chairman:- "That contracts for works untendered for at District Council meetings and at



Proposal Committee, be confirmed as per Form 20 in each case respectively." Passed.

Proposals for Payment

Proposed by the Chairman: - "That the several proposals for payment in respect of all matters - public works and otherwise - sent up by the Rural District Councils of the County, and by the Proposal Committee, and as recommended by the Finance Committee, be adopted; subject to the modifications and other orders thereon noted and initialled by the Chairman."

Memorial from Rate Collectors

The following was read for the meeting:-

"To the members of the County Council of the County of Wexford.

The Memorial of the undersigned being the Poor Rate Collectors, of the County of Wexford, humbly sheweth -

1.- That a meeting of our body was held in Ennis-corthy on the 16<sup>th</sup> October, when it was unanimously decided that we should submit our claims for the consideration of the Council.

2.- The Finance Committee of the Council at one of their first meetings recommended that the poundage to be paid to the Poor Rate Collectors would be at the rate of 8<sup>d</sup> in the £.

3.- all the Poor Rate Collectors in the County are paid poundage at the rate of 7<sup>d</sup> in the pound except three who have been recently appointed at 6<sup>d</sup> in the pound. The three who accepted the poundage at that rate, did not know that they should have to lodge the amount of the Rates in full according to their warrant, and they will appear before the Council, to state that if necessary.

4.- Heretofore under the Grand jury system it cost the County for the collecting of taxes 1/5<sup>d</sup> in the pound; namely 1/- for County fees and about



5<sup>d</sup> for Poor Rate.

5.- Your Memorialists respectfully submit that having regard to all the circumstances, a sum of 8<sup>d</sup> in the pound, as recommended by the Finance Committee would be a fair sum to pay for the collection. This would be only one half the poundage it cost the County heretofore.

6.- The collectors think it is an unnecessary hardship upon them that they should have to go to the expense of giving security by Guarantee Society. This expense amounts to 15 per cent on the amount of the security. In all cases except one the collectors have had to give security for £900, so that they have had to pay £6. 15/- each, and they submit this is an unnecessary expense because each of these can give reliable personal security instead. Besides this, the Local Government Board informed the collectors that in every County in Ireland except this, the County Council have paid the Guarantee Society's expenses or otherwise recouped the collectors for this expense.

7.- Your memorialists would respectfully bring to your notice the fact that as the full amount of their warrants should be lodged at the close of each half-year, they would have to advance from their own private means between them all a sum of something about £2,000. In many cases the money remains out for two and three months, a very large portion would be out for six months, and some would be out for a couple of years. The interest from this sum comes altogether out of the pockets of the collectors, and it is a serious difficulty with which they have to contend. Of course over this the County Council has no control, but the collector urge that it is a matter that ought to be taken into consideration when their poundage is being considered.

Your Memorialists therefore humbly pray that the poundage of the Poor Rate collectors of



the County Wexford be increased to 8<sup>d</sup> in the pound, and that personal security be accepted from them in lieu of security of the Guarante Society, or that in the alternative the expenses of said Guarante be recouped to them as is done in other counties.

And your memorialists as in duty bound will ever pray.

(Signed) H. J. Poole, Ballyowen Gorey  
 Robert Earl, Ballynahown Gorey  
 J. C. Smith, Gorey  
 Patrick Nolan Clologue Ferns  
 John Sinnott, Ballyland, Enniscorthy  
 John Mullett, Bree  
 John Walsh, The Harrow Ferns  
 Pierce Redmond, Ballincash Clondaw  
 Laurence Lacey, Ullart  
 Edward Somers, Dunsinane  
 J. F. Sullivan, Kiltaly  
 John Banville, Horstoun North  
 James L. Doyle, Carriglyrne  
 James Barron, New Ross  
 Alexander Barron, Dunmain, New Ross  
 Nicholas Moore, Ballyfrory  
 N. H. Walsh, Wexford  
 Francis Blake, Kilmore  
 Andrew Lennon, Edenval, Castlebridge  
 Patrick Rossiter Ballykilliane, Durragh.

Mr Donohoe gave notice of motion as follows for next meeting of the council on 17<sup>th</sup> inst., "That in future from next pay day the council undertake to refund to the Rate Collectors, or pay direct to the Societies the amount of payment of guarantee in the case of Rate Collectors given a fidelity bond."

"Sir Thomas Esmonde said that he would also move that the collectors supply the following information for the next meeting of the council: 1. Amount of collection. 2. Amount of remuneration. 3. Amount of



guarantee payment. 4.- Amount out of pocket each year since appointment. 5.- Gross cost of collection now to County. 6.- Amount proposed to be paid for collectors."

— Confirmation of Minutes of Committees —

Proposed by the Chairman :- "That the Minutes of Finance, Proposal, and Diseases of Animals Acts Committees, from August Meeting of the County Council to date, be confirmed"

— Dates of Meetings —

Enniscorthy R. D. - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 11 o'clock  
 Gorey R. D. - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> " 11:30 "  
 Wexford R. D. - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> " 10:30 "  
 New Ross R. D. - " 20<sup>th</sup> " 12. "  
 Proposal Committee - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> "  
 Co. Council Meeting - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

— Analyst's Report —

The following report was read :-

City Laboratory  
 17 Castle St. Dublin.  
 30<sup>th</sup> October 1905.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, B.Sc. M.D. Public Analyst for the County Wexford, on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1905.

25 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C. as follows:-

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Butter	10
Milk	6
Whiskey	5
Buttermilk	2
Margarine	1
Port Wine	1
Total	<u>25.</u>

They were all pure.

Five specimens of water analysed for New Ross Urban District Council had the following compositions.  
 One imperial gallon contained in grains.



	<u>No. 1.</u>	<u>No. 2.</u>	<u>No. 3.</u>	<u>No. 4.</u>	<u>No. 5.</u>
Total solid matters	18.900	28.000	18.900	24.500	25.500
Including					
albuminoid ammonia	0.006	0.010	0.008	0.010	0.009
saline ammonia	0.005	0.006	0.005	0.005	0.007
Nitric acid	5.600	5.300	5.100	4.900	5.300
chlorine	3.081	3.081	3.081	4.873	4.174
Sulphuric acid	2.8824	2.8824	2.8824	2.8824	2.8824
Equal to calcium sulphate	4.0000	4.0000	4.0000	4.0000	4.0000
All good or fairly good waters.					

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union three drugs and four specimens of tea were analysed. The drugs were correct. The specimens of tea were of good quality.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union fifteen drugs were analysed. One of them namely Cherry Laurel water, was deficient in hydrocyanic acid.

For the Enniscorthy District Lunatic Asylum five specimens of milk, and two of water were analysed. One of the milks was adulterated with at least 10 per cent of added water. The specimens of water had the following compositions.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

	<u>No. 1.</u>	<u>No. 2.</u>
Total solid matters	28.700	77.700
Including		
albuminoid ammonia	0.007	0.012
saline ammonia	0.005	0.005
Nitric acid	Trace	Trace
chlorine	2.485	1.988
Sulphuric acid	4.3236	1.4412
Equal to calcium sulphate	6.0000	2.0000

No. 1. was a fairly good water. No 2. was not quite so good.

There were five specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper Merrion St. Dublin, which were taken up in the county of Wexford. They were pure.



One specimen of water analysed for Mr. Hodge, Newtownbarry had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matters	7.000
Including	
Albuminoid ammonia	0.018
Saline ammonia	0.004
Nitric acid	Trace
Chlorine	0.994
Sulphuric acid	2.8824
Equal to calcium sulphate	4.0000

An inferior, peaty water.

One specimen of butter analysed for the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture, was pure.

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

More detailed reports on the waters above referred to were made to those who sent them, but the main points in their composition, are given in the present report.

Total analyses - 76.

C. A. Cameron.

W. E. Morris

12. 2. 06



Quarterly Meeting - 7<sup>th</sup> November 1905.

The Statutable Quarterly meeting of the county council, was held in the council chamber, Court House, Wexford, on 7<sup>th</sup> November 1905.

Present :- Sir J. H. G. Esmonde Bart., M.P. (Chairman) presiding  
Other members :- Messrs Brown, J. Bolger, Ennis, Peacocke, Hore, Kehoe, Asple, Kinsella, Mark Gadd, Dempsey, J. A. Doyle, Cummins, M. Doyle, James Gadd, N. C. Murphy, J. Donohoe, and Michael Hickey.

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

— Proposals for Payments. —

Proposed by the Chairman :- "That the several Proposals for Payments in respect of matters in connection with public works, be adopted, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

M Ennis

12. 2. 06



Special Meeting - 17<sup>th</sup> November 1905.

A special meeting of the County Council was held in the Courthouse, Wexford, on 17<sup>th</sup> November 1905.

Present :- Sir J. H. G. Esmonde, Bart., M.P. (Chm) presiding.  
Other members :- Messrs M. A. Ennis, John Sinnott, James Donohoe, John Bolger, Mark Codd, James Codd, J. Bolger, John J. Kehoe, M. Broune, J. E. Mayler, Matthew Doyle, J. Asple, A. Kinsella, John Cummins, D. Dempsey, Edm<sup>d</sup> Hou, and A. C. Murphy.

The County Secretary, the County Surveyor, the County Solicitor, (Mr R. W. Elger) and Deputy Surveyors Leary, Jones, and John Kehoe; were in attendance.

Advertising

On the motion of Mr Cummins, seconded by Mr James Codd, the following resolution passed by a majority at the adjourned meeting of the Proposal Committee was agreed to :-

"That the tender of Mr B. Hughes, 'Wexford Independent' to insert the advertisements of the County Council, and the advertisements of the Offices of the Clerk of the Crown & Peace, and the County Surveyor; for two years from 31<sup>st</sup> March '06 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 1908, at £70 per annum be accepted."

University Education.

The Chairman moved the following resolution of which he had given due notice :- "That in order to promote higher Technical Education in this County, we the County Council of County Wexford, will, during the next three years, award each year, two scholarships, of the value of £40 each, tenable for three years, to two students from this County - one from North Wexford, and the other from South Wexford - who, in the judgment of this Council, shall have made the best record in the Experimental Science group of the Intermediate programme



provided they have passed in Irish, and also in such other subjects, as may be required, in order to qualify them for admission to a University College, without further examination.

"The subjects for study, for which these scholarships will be granted, will be the following; in not less than two of which the students must present themselves for examination at the yearly examination of the Institution at which they hold their scholarships, viz:- Mathematics, Mathematical Physics, Chemistry, Electro-Technology, Agriculture, Botany, Geology, Zoology, and the students must also present themselves for examination in Irish.

"These scholarships shall be tenable at an Institution of University standing to be determined by this Council when the scholarships are awarded.

"Reports of the students' progress shall be regularly furnished by the authorities of the Institution, at which they hold their scholarships, and this Council reserves to itself the right of withdrawing these scholarships at any time, should these reports prove unsatisfactory."

M<sup>r</sup> M. Browne seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

"On the motion of M<sup>r</sup> Donohoe, seconded by M<sup>r</sup> J. Bolger, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in the opinion of this Council, the scholarship fund inaugurated by the Bishops at their last meeting at Maynooth, offers a simple way of providing University Education for the talented boys and girls of Ireland, pending Government restitution for this purpose of some of the overtaxation extracted from our country, and we pledge ourselves to support the fund by our individual contributions, and by our influence in our respective districts."

"Proposed by M<sup>r</sup> Ennis, seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Donohoe:-  
"That we commend to the careful consideration of the Irish County Councils' General Council Meeting to be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> December the resolution on the



subject of Irish University Education adopted on the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, seconded by Mr. Browne."

Road Contractors as Sureties.

The following notice of motion standing in the name of Sir Thomas Esmonde was withdrawn by him after discussion:—"That the Council adopt a rule by which a Road Contractor will not be accepted as Surety for another Road Contractor."

Blonranny Lane

At the last meeting of the Gorey District Council a proposal was adopted that the lane leading from the Blonranny Road to Thomas Canavan's house, that passed by the townlands of Blonranny, Blones Lower, and Middle, and Kilpatrick, be put in repair, a new road to be made from the end thereof to the seabank at Blones, together with a branch to the lane leading to the sea at Kilpatrick.

The Gorey District Council had adopted the following resolution:-

Resolved- "That we hereby adopt the proposal No. 3. for Kilmichael lane at £300. That the question of receiving tenders for the work be postponed until we are informed by the county council that they have acquired the necessary land for the widening (or making as the case may be) of this road; that the county council be requested to take the necessary steps to have the land required to carry this proposal into effect, acquired."

Mr. M. J. O'Connor, solicitor appeared for the promoters of the proposal, and Mr. J. R. Brennan (Huggard & Brennan) appeared to oppose on behalf of Messrs. Manifold & O'Reilly.

After a long discussion, the county surveyor in reply to the chairman, said that the road in question if made would benefit a good number of families. He was quite satisfied to swear that in his opinion this was a road of "public utility."



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

"That Mr. Elger Solicitor takes the necessary steps to bring this proposal before the judge of assize with a view to having the land required for the carrying out of the proposal compulsorily acquired."

#### Rate Collectors Remuneration.

Mr. Donohoe moved:- "That in future (from next pay day) the Council undertake to refund to the Rate Collectors or pay direct to the Societies, the amount of payment of guarantee, in the cases of Rate Collectors giving a fidelity bond."

After discussion the Chairman moved:- "That the motion of Councillor Donohoe, be postponed to next available meeting of the Council, that our Secretary be directed to have printed and circulated amongst the members of the Council the Return presented to this day's meeting adding a column for the amount of Irrecoverable Rates paid to collectors."

This proposal was adopted.

#### Report of Roads Committee

The following report was presented and read by Mr. Ennis-  
Wexford County Council.

##### Report of

Sub-committee appointed by the Roads Committee to investigate alleged errors in County Surveyor's certificate as to road metalling quantities.

Gentlemen,

We, the undersigned members, of above Sub-committee beg to report to you as follows, viz:-

As a preliminary to further investigations we visited Killann where Mr. John Bolger in conjunction with Mr. Webster, County Surveyor made careful measurements, of the twelve stones depots on the road reported to the Council by Mr. M. A. Ennis.

These measurements were taken without knowledge of, or access to the measurements made by



M<sup>r</sup> Ennis, and on being worked out resulted in a total of 167 cubic yards, the exact figures furnished by M<sup>r</sup> Ennis to the Council.

We then proceeded to visit and measure the stone depots on other contracts in various parts of the County, and in the limited time at our disposal since the meeting of the Council on 7<sup>th</sup> inst., we have succeeded in measuring up 23 contracts. The particulars of these measurements we append in tabular form, the figures as regards each individual contract being vouched by the marginal signature of the members of the sub-committee taking the measurements:

	Number	District	Contractor	Quantity specified in contract-Cubic Yards.	Quantity certified by County Surveyor-Cubic Yards	Quantity measured by Road Committee-Cubic yds. Cubic feet	
J. Bolger	28	E.	Martha Brien	310	250	167	18
M. A. Ennis	6	N.R.	James Hayden	190	130	123	4 *
J. Bolger	79	E.	Thos. Cloney	70	68	68	21
	26	E.	Martin Dunbar	70	60	34	15
M. A. Ennis	26a	E.	Thomas Roche	115	115	60	3
J. Donohoe	15	E.	A. Kavanagh	235	225	181	26
J. Bolger	16	E.	Martin Ryan	240	200	193	1
	297	E.	Nich. Hagerty	88	70	70	4
M. A. Ennis	16	W.	James Wadding	215	230	270	18 †
N. b. Murphy	16a.	W.	John Codd	270	200	220	22
	5.	G.	Mary McDonald	97	97	58	14
M. A. Ennis	98	G.	Aidan Kenny	50	45	42	24
John Sinnott	132	G.	Lucy Doyle	45	45	35	19
	16	G.	Kate Kenny	160	130	98	21
	17	G.	John Savage	200	180	119	13
	5	W.	William Flood	270	230	221	19
	22	W.	Philip Doyle	165	130	131	1
M. A. Ennis	11	E.	Aidan Kehoe	147	58	63	15
John Bolger	18	E.	Hugh Brien	65	65	65	22
	36	E.	James Murphy	60	60	57	13
	30	N.R.	Thomas Murphy	58	56	52	2
M. A. Ennis	17a	W.	P. Ryan	62	30	36	
	25, 25a, 27	E.	J. Lambert	420	318	326	17



\* Contractor's men claim to have placed 28 cubic yards in depots since measurement.

†. Committee and Surveyors differ as to depth of depot.

This is a point to be settled accurately when depot has been emptied.

A study of the above figures may probably lead the Council to the conclusion that the certificate showing the quantity of broken stones deposited on each road for the winter of 1905-6 measured in September 1905, to which your County Surveyor has attached his signature is an utterly worthless, inaccurate and misleading document.

If we assume the test cases we have investigated to be a fair average sample of the bulk of road contracts in the County Wexford, and we have taken them with a view to their being such a fair average, and if payments be made in respect of 76,168 cubic yards specified for the roads on the basis of the figures contained in the County Surveyor's certificate, the overpayment by the County Council, taking five shillings, the County Surveyor's own estimate, of the average value through the County of a cubic yard of stones spread on the road, would according to our calculation amount to £1852. 5/-

This amount would not however in our opinion by any means represent the total loss or nearly the total loss because according to the County Surveyor's certificate a shortage of 13204 cubic yards is shown against the contractors. We have made earnest inquiry as to how this deficient quantity is to be measured or checked provided it be supplied by the contractors, but we have failed to obtain any satisfactory explanation. The County Surveyor informs us that instructions have been given to contractors to place their deficient quantities in special depots on the roads. In the course of our inspection we have failed to find any such special depots, and in two instances we have been informed by the contractors' men that stones have been



placed in the ordinary depots and in two instances we have been informed by the contractors men that stones have been placed in the ordinary depots subsequent to the measurement taken by the deputy surveyors.

The contractors are now actively engaged in spreading the stones from the depots on their respective roads, and we fail to see how any efficient check can now be applied to the proper provision of the deficient quantities.

Measurement of unbroken stones in the depots by the Deputy Surveyors we regard as unsatisfactory and irregular. The certificate furnished to the Council by the County Surveyor professes to be a return of "the quantity of broken stones".

The Council in this matter appear to be faced by a difficult problem arising from grave defects in the Local Government Act, which deprive the Council of proper and effective control over their own officers, and in view of the fact that last week the Local Government Board wrote to the Monaghan County Council, and to the Ballinrobe District Council, informing them that neither a County Council nor a Rural District Council has legal power to alter the decision of the County Surveyor as regards payments to contractors, accuracy on the part of a County Surveyor, becomes a matter of vital importance.

M. A. Ennis

J. Donohoe

John Sinnott

John Bolger

J. Bolger

H. B. Murphy.

M<sup>r</sup>. Hore proposed :- "That the consideration of the Report of the Roads Committee be adjourned; that the Report be printed and circulated amongst the members of the Council and that a copy of same be sent to the clerks of the



four Rural District Councils."  
 Mr N. B. Murphy seconded - "passed."

"Mr Webster in reply to Mr Ennis, said, that the figures in the report were accurate and agreed with the calculations which he had made."

On the motion of Mr J. Bolger, seconded by Mr Kehoe the following resolution was adopted:- "That the report of the Roads Committee be considered at a special meeting of the Council, to be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 1905 at 1.30 o'clock p.m."

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

"That the best thanks of this Council are due and are hereby tendered to the members of the Roads Committee for their arduous labours, so efficiently discharged, in the matter of the report upon the County roads which has been submitted to this Council."

— Telegraph Station at Ramograngi-wayleave. —

"The Post Office authorities wrote asking for the consent of the Council to the placing of an underground telegraphic line along the public road between crossroads west of Mursheen and Ramograngi Post office."

"On the motion of the Chairman the requisite consent was given."

— Kilmore Pier. —

"On the motion of the Chairman the following Minutes of the Kilmore Pier Committee were confirmed.

"The first Meeting of the newly formed local Committee for Kilmore Harbour was held at the Wooden House, Kilmore on the 16<sup>th</sup> November 1905.

Present:- Rev J. Rowe B. C. in the Chair, other members present Messrs M. Browne, M. B. C., M. Murphy



D. C. John Furlong, D. C. and Nicholas White, Kilmore.  
 Mr. Frizelle Assistant Secretary Co. Council was also present.

"On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. White, Very Rev Canon O'Gorman P. P. was elected Chairman, and Rev. J. Rowe D. C. Vice-Chairman."

"On the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Furlong - Mr. M. Browne consented to act as Hon. Secretary to the Committee."

"The following rules for the guidance of the Committee were agreed to:-

"The Committee will meet on the first Monday of the month, hour 5 o'clock p.m. in winter and 7 p.m. in summer.

"Three members to form a quorum.

"Special meetings will be held on the requisition of three members to the Secretary.

"The Committee shall report to the Co. Council on any structural repairs to the Harbour, which they may consider necessary, or, on any matters which they believe should be brought to the attention of the County Council in connection with the management of the Harbour.

"The Committee shall hold office during the life of the present Co. Council.

"The Committee shall, at each monthly meeting check the Harbour Master accounts.

"The Harbour Master shall keep a register of fishing boats with the names and addresses of owners, tonnage, etc., using the Harbour, and the Committee shall satisfy themselves that the amount of dues payable on these boats are paid within reasonable time.

"That so far as possible the Committee shall examine the bills of lading of incoming vessels or otherwise satisfy themselves that the proper dues have been paid.

"That the Harbour Master lodge all dues immediately after the examination of his accounts by the Committee.

"That the next meeting of the Committee be held



on the second Monday in January, as the first Monday will be New Year's day."

— Proposal Committee —

"on the motion of the chairman the minutes of the Proposal Committee for the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> November were confirmed."

M. J. Morris

12. 2. 06