

Special meeting - 10th November 1911.

A special meeting of the Wexford Co. Council was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse Wexford, on 10th November, 1911.

Present :- Mr. John Bolger, (Chairman) presiding.
Other members present :- Lord Viscount Stopford,
Messrs R. A. Rice, A. Kinsella, M. Browne, P. Rossiter,
J. J. Stafford, C. H. Peacocke, P. J. Fanning, James
Codd, M. Cloney, J. Aspley, M. Doyle Senr., Mark
Codd, J. L. Emond, J. J. Mayler.

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

Co. Council meeting.

Mr. Peacocke proposed, Mr. Rice seconded :-
"That next meeting of Co. Council be held on
4th December owing to the fact of the Winter
Show being held on the 6th December the date
already selected."

"Passed."

Resignation of Co. Surveyor.

The Chairman moved the suspension of Standing
Orders to allow of a letter from the Co. Surveyor
to be read.

Mr. Rossiter seconded.

Passed.

The following was read from the Co. Surveyor :-
"For sometime past it has been evident to me
that I am unable to satisfy your requirements
in my position as County Surveyor.

Under these circumstances I think it would be
most unsatisfactory both for you and myself if I
retained the position and accordingly the only
course open to me is to place my resignation in
your hands.

Needless to say this decision has not been come to on my part without full and anxious consideration and I regret that I see no other course open to me."

Mr. Rossiter proposed :- "That Mr. Gaffney's resignation as County Surveyor be accepted."
Mr. Cloney seconded. Passed.

Mr. Gaffney arranged to retain office to the end of January 1912.

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

"That a special meeting of the Council be held on Monday, 20th instant, at 10 a.m., o'clock, for the purpose of considering the appointment of Mr. Gaffney's successor etc."

— New member - Finance Committee. —

Mr. Peacocke proposed, the Chairman seconded "that the name of Lord Stopford be added to the Finance Committee."

Passed.

— New member - Tara Hill Quarry Committee. —

On the motion of Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Kinsella :- "The name of Lord Stopford, was added to the Tara Hill Quarry Committee."

— Adamstown Wall. —

Mr. Peacocke read the following of which he had given previous notice :-

"That the resolution of the Council adopted on 22nd February 1911, giving permission to Mr. M. J. Stephenson, to erect a wall at Adamstown be brought up for reconsideration, and, if the Council so decide, that said resolution be rescinded."

The following is the resolution which was adopted at the meeting of the Council on 23rd February :-

"That the Co. Council have no objection to Mr M. J. Stephenson erecting at Adamstown the wall shown on map submitted to this meeting provided he has a clear and valid title to the ground on which it is proposed the wall should be built."

The memorial from ratepayers of the district protesting against the erection of the wall and which appears on the minutes of the Council of 25th October was also read.

Under date 25th October 1911, Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford; wrote on behalf of Mr Stephenson, that the memorial was brought on thro' spite, that the wall protected her property, and did not harm any one's property or rights; and if it did they could have recourse to the law.

The following letter was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors :-

Referring to your favour informing us that Mr Peacocke is going to bring on a motion tomorrow with regard to the leave which has been given by the County Council (as far as they could give leave) to Mr Stephenson for the building of a wall at Adamstown we have asked Mr Hanrahan to make a map which we send you herewith; we also attach Mr Hanrahan's letter. In addition we send you Landed Estates Court Rental showing the plot which Mr Stephenson bought in the Land Judges Court. Of course, when Mr Stephenson bought from the Land Judges Court her title, is absolute against the world, because, before the

Land judge would sign a conveyance to a purchaser public notices are given to everybody to make any claims they may have for rights of way or otherwise. As Mr. Stanrahan points out in his letter, there is no right of way given to the public over the plot colored yellow. This can be seen from the Rental. That being so, we claim that the public have no right of way there, since Mrs. Stephenson purchased the place in fee simple without any right of way reserved to the public or to anybody else.

Mrs. Stephenson only built the wall to improve the appearance of the place. The plot is ^{not} being used by her at all and these people who are sending the memorial are not in anyway inconvenienced, so that the business is not bona fide on their part.

They say: "They are going to assert their rights in the Law Courts." If so, we shall meet them there, and the Co. Council would not be called upon to interfere in the litigation and we hereby indemnify the Co. Council against all costs of any actions that may be taken against them by reason of their granting leave to Mrs. Stephenson to build the wall at Adamstown, provided that the members of the Co. Council stand by their resolution granting such leave to Mrs. Stephenson.

The County Council has already given leave for the wall to be built, and on faith and on foot of that leave Mrs. Stephenson has built the wall, so that the resolution of the Council granting her leave could not now be withdrawn or altered without her consent.

Should the Council think well of rescinding the resolution, we shall have to bring an action against them for damages. It would be manifestly unfair to give leave to Mrs. Stephenson to build the wall, and then when Mrs. Stephenson has

built the wall, because, forsooth this memorial is presented by these people in this fashion, that that leave should be withdrawn or altered to the disadvantage and loss of Mr. Stephenson to whom the leave was given."

By permission of the Council, Mr. Peacock altered his motion to read as follows:-

"That as we believe from correspondence submitted to us at this meeting it is claimed that the Public Rights existing in connection with the plot at Adamstown on which permission was given Mr. Stephenson to erect a wall, are interfered with, we hereby rescind the resolution passed at the Co. Council meeting on 22nd February 1911, stating that the County Council had no objection to the wall being erected."

"The motion not being seconded fell through."

Ballyhack Harbour.

under date 6th November 1911 (letter N^o 7,801/11.F.B.), was read, from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the protection of the fishing boats at Ballyhack, I have to state, for the information of the Wexford Co. Council, that the demands made on the Department's fund preclude the possibility of their allowing the offer contained in their letter of the 17th November, 1910, to remain open after the end of the present month."

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

"That the Department be asked to accede to the request contained in the letter of our Solicitor - Mr. R. W. Elger - under date 7th November."

Reports of auditors

under date 1st November (letter No 56,713) the Local Government Board, wrote forwarding copy of report of their auditor on his audit of the accounts of New Ross Union for half year ended 31st March 1911, with abstract of accounts.

under date 1st November (letter No 56,714) the Local Government Board wrote forwarding copy of report of their auditor on his audit of the accounts of the New Ross Rural District for the half-year ended 31st March 1911, with an attested copy of the abstract.

marked "Read."

Sheep Dipping Order.

under date 28th October 1911, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote stating that the suggestions of the Council as to dates of Summer and Autumn Dipping Orders would have the Department's careful consideration.

"Head Constable Kidney, Gorey; and Sergeant Bredon, New Ross, forwarded list of persons from their districts who had failed to send to the police stations, "Form B," or who had failed to produce Form B (III) when exposing sheep for sale at New Ross fair, and asked for instructions as to what action the Council would direct the police to take."

under date 9th November 1911, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, wrote (letter No 5185/11) as follows:-

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 8th instant, and its enclosed copy of a report as to proceedings at Saghmon Petty Sessions on 12th ultimo. The Department presume they will hear further from you

in the matter when the report has come before your Local authority. Meanwhile it is not observed that such report contains any allusion to the provision made in the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1911, Amendment Order - further copy enclosed - which allowed of sheep being exposed for sale in the early part of September with a Declaration as to their having been dipped at anytime within 28 days preceding such exposure."

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

"That the Department be informed that we consider a 28 days' allowance for exposure at fairs etc., should be made as regards both Dipping periods."

Mr Keacocke proposed, Mr Rice seconded:-

"That as we understand that owners of the sheep reported to this meeting as not having sent in Form 6. or Form B (1) having dipped their sheep, we consider that no prosecution should be instituted against them."

"That we direct our Secretary, to in future, advertise the dates for sending in Form 6."

"That we instruct our Inspectors to draw the attention of sheep owners to the necessity of sending in this form within the proper time."

That we request the Department to allow of Form 6. being sent in immediately after dipping.
Passed.

Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

On the motion of Mr Fanning, seconded by Mr Bloney, renewals of licenses under Poisons and Pharmacy Act were granted to :-

Matthew Hart, Campile.

George Stafford, John Street, Wexford
 Thomas Cullen, North Main St, "

Trunk Road Scheme.

The following was read from the Co. Surveyor's Report in connection with the Trunk Road Scheme.

"I have estimated the cost of maintenance and the necessary re-rolling over a period of twenty years, and worked out the annual cost for all three routes during that period. I also made out the present annual cost of these roads, and I give two sets of figures according to the various Rural Districts, viz:-

	<u>Present System</u>
Gorey	£ 597 : 2 : 0
Enniscorthy	1247 : 18 : 9
New Ross	444 : 17 : 6
Wexford	804 : 16 : 7
Total	£ 3094 : 14 : 10.

	<u>New System</u>
Gorey	£ 548 : 4 : 0
Enniscorthy	1260 : 13 : 0
New Ross	599 : 16 : 4
Wexford	911 : 9 : 1
Total	£ 3320 : 2 : 5

The proposed grant to the County, so far, is £2,120 but the amount will not be so much for some years to come, at all events.

The Road Board make the grant in two ways. They will contribute three-fourths of the nett cost of the improvements, or they will give one-half the total cost of the same. You have, I believe, passed a resolution agreeing to the first method, but on going into the matter more closely I think the second method, to take half the total cost of the improvement

will be more advantageous to you. The figures given above have been calculated on this assumption.

It should be realised that the Road Board only make grants for the improvement of a road, and that any subsequent rolling required must be paid out of the County funds.

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

"That the Local Government Board be requested to introduce into the House of Commons during the present session a Provisional Order vesting main Roads and Trunk Roads in the absolute discretion of the Co. Council."

"That the question of agreeing to a scheme of trunk roads be postponed for the present."

Waterford Bridge.

Under date 9th November 1911, the following letter (No 58,010-1911, Wexford Co.) was read from the Local Government Board:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, relating to the loan sanctioned to the County Council of Wexford for the purpose of defraying their proportion of the cost of erecting a bridge over the river Suir at Waterford, etc., and, in reference thereto, I am to state that the Board authorise the raising by the Council of a further sum of £3,000 in this case."

marked "Read"

Enniscorthy Roads.

The following resolutions were received from the

Rural District Council of Enniscorthy:-

"That contractors receive instructions from the County Surveyor at the proper time as to what they are to do in connection with the trimming of hedges and cleaning of water-courses, so as to put an end to having payments deferred by the Co. Surveyor."

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

"That we request the Roads Committee to visit Road No. 227 as the contractor in this case has been supplied with two different certificates as to the amount of stones he had out, which made a vast difference to him."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Fanning:-

"That Messrs Asple, Esmonde, and Lynch, be requested to inspect and measure the metalling of Road No. 227 Enniscorthy (James Hall, contractor) and report to next meeting of Co. Council."

That the Co. Surveyor be requested to accompany the Committee."

"That all contractors be required to put out on their roads, the specified quantity of stones taken from the specified quarry, or quarries; should this not be done, the contractor to be penalized by having the difference in the price of the material with 20% added, struck off."

marked "Read"

Anthracite Outbreak

The correspondence with the Department of

agriculture & Technical Instruction in regard to the recent anthrax outbreak, as appearing on last minutes, having been read, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Fanning:-

"That the Department be requested to introduce a Bill into Parliament to have anthrax treated as one of the Scheduled diseases under the Diseases of Animals Act 1894."

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Stafford the following resolution was adopted

"That as our Veterinary Inspector - Mr. R. Malone - informs us that he has had no experience of the treatment of Anthrax by anti-toxin, we request the Department to supply this Council with the data already promised in connection with such cases."

Prohibition Importation Hay & Straw from Sweden.
Under date 19th October, the Department of agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarded copy of their Order (No 120) prohibiting the landing of hay and straw from Sweden.

marked "Read."

Ferryarrig Bridge.

Under date 28th October 1911, the following letter was read from Mr. Robert Colhoun, Contractor for the erection of Ferryarrig Bridge:-

"In reply to yours of the 26th inst., re Ferryarrig Bridge contract. It is impossible for me to say when this contract will be finished. Scarcely any of the Piles were the proper length, and had to be lengthened, and I am waiting until they are sufficiently hard before re-driving.

This extra lengthening has caused more than double the cost to construct, and altered altogether the order for carrying out the work.

I certainly entirely object to you charging me with any of the penalty, as the cause of delay is not through any fault of mine.

I am sure your Council cannot be unaware of the facts of the case. I cannot be bound to carry out ^{an} impossibility. When these files required extra lengthening in such a wholesale manner, it alters the conditions of contract for which I will require remuneration and consideration."

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

"That in reply to the letter of Mr. Colhoun submitted to this meeting, we fail to see that the delay in finishing this contract has been caused by the action of the Co. Council, or any of its officials. In this connection we would refer Mr. Colhoun to the terms of the specification, clauses 4 and 32."

"That we request Mr. Elgee to inform Mr. Colhoun that we intend to hold him strictly to the terms of his contract."

Opening of Roads.

An application was received from Rev P. J. Kehoe P.P., Clonroche; for a gullet to be made across the road to take surface water from the chapel yard, and for a delivery pipe from a hydraulic ram to be laid down under road known as Chapel lane.

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

"That the request of Rev P. J. Kehoe P.P. be acceded to, work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

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

That the Committee of the Carlow & Island Hounds be given permission to open road at Baylands, Camolin; for the purpose of laying a waterpipe, the work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

Application from Co. Wexford Infirmary for
Increased Grant.

The following was read from Mr. M. J. Kavanagh Registrar of the County Infirmary, Wexford:-

"In accordance with directions received from my Board, I beg to state that at the meeting of the Committee of management, held 11th September, 1911, Lady Doran's notice of motion "That an extra nurse or wardmaid be appointed in consideration of the increased number of patients in the house," was considered, and, after a discussion, it was proposed by Mr. Elgu, and seconded by Archdeacon Latham, and passed unanimously:- "That Lady Doran's notice of motion be deferred to a later date, and that a request be laid before the Co. Council to increase the grant from £1050 to £1200, and that Registrar place particulars and information before the County Council.

It was stated by Lady Doran that she had heard several complaints about the attendance on patients in the Institution not through neglect of the nurses or wardmaids but through the strain of a large number of patients on a small staff. The expense of appointing a nurse would be £50 for salary, rations, etc.,

Other members concurred with Lady Doran, Dr. Furlong, the Resident Surgeon, explained to the Board that he was very anxious to have another nurse appointed. He did not approve of a wardmaid being appointed. Mr. R. W. Elgu

pointed out that after paying accounts at that meeting, the Board was in debt to the Bank to the amount of £136 : 17 : 6, and he then proposed the above-mentioned resolution which was passed unanimously.

Of late years, the number of patients treated as Interns and Externs has greatly increased as the following figures will show:-

		Interns	Externs
1 st	April '09 to 31 st March '10. (12 months)	327	468
1 st	" " '10 " " " " " "	381	1325
1 st	" " '11 " 20 th Sept '11. (not 6 months)	218	834

The services of a special trained nurse from City of Dublin Nursing Institution has had to be requisitioned on several occasions, and such expenses come to about £1 : 15/- per week. As can be seen by the table above-mentioned, there has been a considerable increase of patients, and consequently an increased strain of the staff. The average cost per patient has been for year ending 31. 3. 10 - £3 : 9 : 11½, for year ending 31. 3. 11 - £3 : 9 : 0½; to date (23. 9. 11) £5 : 0 : 9.

The amount due to the Bank will be still further increased by the payment of accounts due next month, viz:- for supplies for six months ending 30th September 1911 (terminating contract) and as the next payment from Co. Council will not be made till December, this will mean a considerable increase in amount due to Bank.

With reference to a legacy bequeathed by the late Col White, Dr. Furlong, having been called before the Board, mentioned that several very essential articles were necessary in the operating room, and that he would make a list of same by next Board meeting. The Board decided that this was a very important matter and made a resolution proposed by

Mr. Elger, seconded by Mr. J. J. Kehoe, and passed unanimously: - "That as much of Col. White's legacy as is necessary be expended in properly equipping operating theatre, and that the Surgeon produce a list of such articles at next Board meeting." This will involve a considerable amount of Col. White's legacy, as a number of articles are, as I am informed, by the Doctor, absolutely necessary."

The Secretary stated that when this list was before the Finance Committee, the latter had asked for certain information, and, in reply, the following letter was received from the Registrar of the Infirmary: -

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter and beg to state in reply to your queries therein that 1. - Re amount expended on medicines for extern patients: -

No account has been kept in respect to this as medicines and prescriptions are compounded in the same compounding room, and no distinction has ever been made in keeping them (Externs & Interns) separate accounts.

I attach a table showing amount expended on medicines in general for last three years: -

1 st April 1908 to 1 st April 1909.	£ 61 : 9 : 9
1 st " 1909 " " " 1910.	57 : 8 : 6
1 st " 1910 " " " 1911.	65 : 0 : 3
1 st " 1911 to date (5 : 10 : 11)	76 : 7 : 4

2. & 3. - Re number of cases treated for three years to 30th September 1911, distinguishing surgical and medical cases: - As some of these cases were before the present Surgeon's appointment, and my own, we went over the Register together and he pointed out in his opinion the cases as follows: -

	Surgical	medical
1 st Oct 1908 to 30 th Sept 1909.	155	141
" " 1909. " " " 1910	187	146
" " 1910 " " " 1911.	274	159.

re last question (4), number of patients admitted as pay patients for period required, are as follows:-

No of Patients	Year.	Amount Paid.
16.	1. 4. 08 to 1. 4. 09.	£36 : 19 : 8
18.	1. 4. 09 to 1. 4. 10.	26 : 9 : 6
20	1. 4. 10 to 1. 4. 11	34 : 10 : 11
14	1. 4. 11 to date	17 : 1 : 0

The following was also read from the Registrar of the Infirmary:-

"The Nursing Staff at present in Co. Infirmary consists of two nurses and two wardmaids. Nurses take alternate night and day duty. The average number of patients in house per day since 1st April of present year has been 30.3. The greatest number having been 45 and seldom less than 25."

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Stafford

"We consider the grant of £1,000 a year to the upkeep of the County Infirmary to be ample considering that since the Co. Infirmary was instituted the Poor Relief acts have been passed.

With respect to the special vote of £50 per annum on 9th February 1911, it is clearly understood such vote was to enable the Governors of the County Infirmary to superannuate the then retiring Surgeon, and as the death of that official has taken place the special vote of £50 should be discontinued.

The County Council are of the opinion as the Grant of £1,000 a year is a County-at-Large charge and few ratepayers living at long distances from the County Infirmary can take much, if any, advantage of inter-medical

treatment, that cases treated in the County Infirmary should be generally surgical ones, and the medically treated should be principally pay patients.

The County Council think it desirable to draw the attention of the Governors to the amount expended on medicines for the past three and a half years :-

1 st April 1908 to 1 st April 1909	£61 : 9 : 9
" 1909 " " 1910.	57 : 8 : 6
" 1910 " " 1911.	65 : 0 : 3
" 1911 " 5 th October 1911.	76 : 7 : 4

The County Council consider all local extern cases should be treated at the Wexford Dispensary, where one-half the cost of medicines and of surgical appliances is paid out of funds provided by Government, and that means there would be a saving of £40 or £50 a year in the expenditure on medicines, etc. The County Council further consider all applicants for medical treatment in Hospital, excepting pay patients, should be treated as the poor law provides."

After discussion it was decided that the above resolution be postponed.

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

"That the application for the Co. Wexford Infirmary be postponed until the Council have obtained from the Registrar a statement to account for the large increase in the cost of medicines during the past six months and showing approximately the cost of medicines for intern and extern patients separately."

Changes of Sinctis.

Mr. Patrick Rossiter, Rate Collector, wrote

submitting the name of Mr. George Byrne, Clonard, Wexford, as one of his sureties vice Mr. Wm. Hutchinson, Wexford.

Mr. Laurence Lacey, Rate collector, wrote submitting as surety, Mr. John Dempsey, Moorvilla, Oulart, vice Mr. J. Dempsey, deceased.

Mr. John Lannen, Foreman, Tara Hill Quarry, submitted as one of his sureties the name of Mr. Robert Connors, Esmonde Street, Gorey; vice Mr. John Stafford, Assagart, Foulkes Mills, and asked that the Council should pay for the preparation of new bond.

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

"That the Secretary ask Mr. David Sinnott, M. C. C., if he would approve of the name of Mr. John Dempsey. That Mr. Sinnott's reply be brought before the next meeting of the Finance Committee."

On the motion of the Chairman, Mr. George Byrne, Clonard, Wexford, was accepted as surety for Rate collector P. Rossiter vice Mr. Wm. Hutchinson, Wexford."

"On the motion of the Chairman, Mr. Robert Connors, Esmonde Street, Gorey; was accepted as surety for Mr. John Lannen, Foreman Tara Hill Quarry, vice Mr. John Stafford, the Co. Council to bear the cost of the preparation of the new bond in this case."

— Tara Hill Quarry. —

The following letter from Mr. J. Lannen, Foreman Tara Hill Quarry, under date 10th June 1911, had been adjourned from previous

meetings to allow of a system of piece work being introduced at the quarry:-

"I find that I cannot look after the Engine, Stonebreaker, Contractors accounts, drawing material, men's accounts; if I had a man that would be competent to look after the engine, of course he would have to work in the quarry, when not engaged at the engine, I would not complain. You would do me a favour if you would draw the Council's attention to this at your next meeting."

"adjourned."

———— By-Laws New Ross Bridge ————

Under date 19th September, the collector of Customs & Excise, Waterford, wrote as follows:-

"I am directed by the Board of Trade, to submit for your consideration the accompanying red ink amendments to the proposed Bye Laws relating to New Ross Bridge which were passed by the Wexford County Council on the 16th May last, and I shall be glad to hear from you in due course that these amendments meet with the approval of the Council.

The following is a copy of by laws with amendments as suggested by the Board of Trade:-

County Council of Wexford.

Bye Laws of the County Council of the County of Wexford for regulating the passing of vessels through New Ross Bridge made under the Powers & Provisions of the Municipal Corporations (I) Act, 1840, Secs 125 to 127, & of the Local Government (I) Act, 1898; Section 16.

1.- The Bridge will not be opened for any sailing vessel to pass through except during two hours

before and two hours after High or Low water of Neap Tides, and during the period from one hour and a half before to one hour and a half after High or Low water of Spring tides.

2.- The Bridge will not be opened until such vessel has been made fast to the Warping Buoy or Warping Piles above or below the Bridge, or anchored. It will be opened for vessels towing or poling but not passing through under sail.

3.- The Bridge will be opened for steamers at any state of the tide during daylight but such steamers will only be allowed to proceed through under steam when going against the tide. When going with the tide, they shall warp through in the same manner as sailing vessels.

4.- No vessel shall make fast to any part of Bridge or Dolphins.

5.- No vessel shall make fast to the Warping Buoy or Warping Piles except for the purpose of warping through the Bridge.

6.- The Bridge will be opened only during daylight and must always be kept closed for fifteen minutes before and for fifteen minutes after the arrival of any regular train at New Ross Station.

7.- Any vessel requiring to pass before 6. a.m., or after 6. p.m., must give four hours previous notice to the caretaker.

The Penalty for Breach of any of the foregoing By-Laws is a fine not exceeding Five Pounds to be recovered in a summary manner.

Given under the common Seal of the County Council of the County of Wexford, this 16th day of May 1911.

Edmund Gore Chairman } Seal
N. J. Frizelle Secretary }

"On the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by the Chairman, the amended By-laws as submitted by the Board of Trade, were confirmed."

Sale of Food & Drugs Acts.

under date 17th October (letter No. G.3916-11) the Department wrote informing the Co. Council that an officer of the Department acting on instructions under Section 2 of the act of 1899, purchased twelve samples of butter at Ferns, Newtownbarry, Riverchapel, Courtown Harbour, and NewRoss. The samples were submitted to the Public Analyst for the county, who certified that they were pure. marked "Read."

Water Supply- NewRoss Workhouse.

The Secretary of the Board of Works, wrote under date 18th September, informing the Co. Council that the Board of Works had agreed to advance to the Guardians of NewRoss union a loan of £1,000, for the purpose of providing a water supply etc., for the workhouse, to be repaid in 68 half-yearly instalments at the rate of £5 : 4 : 5 per cent to cover principal and interest."

marked "Read"

New member of Co. Committee of Agriculture Etc.,

A resolution was submitted from the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction requesting the Co. Council to appoint Mr. Marcus Murphy, D. C., Brownswood, as a member of the committee, vice Mr. R. A. Rice, Co. Councilor resigned.

"On the motion of Mr. Rossiter, seconded by Mr. Stafford, the name of Mr. Marcus Murphy, D. C., Brownswood; was added to the Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction."

Powers of Deputy Coroner.

under date 9th September 1911; the following letter was read from Mr. R. W. Elger, Solicitor to the

Co. Council :-

"In accordance with the Resolution of the Co. Council passed at their meeting held on the 29th August, ult., I have looked into the matter of the powers of the Deputy coroner to hold Inquests during the absence of the coroner without any specific direction from him (the coroner) to do so.

The acts relating to the matter are :- "The Coroners (Ireland) Act 1846" "the Coroners Act 1892" and "The Coroners (Ireland) Act 1908, and it is under the provisions of these two latter acts that the Deputy coroner is appointed.

By Section 22 of the Act of 1846 provision is made for the holding of Inquests, if the coroner deem such necessary, and for the issue by the coroner of his Precept to the constabulary to summon a jury and witnesses to attend such Inquest.

By Section 1, Sub-section 1 of the Act of 1892 the coroner is empowered to appoint a fit person, approved of by the Co. Council, to be his deputy, and by Sub-section 3 of the same section such Deputy may act for the coroner during his illness or during his absence for any lawful or reasonable cause, or at any Inquest which the coroner is disqualified for holding, but not otherwise.

By Sub-section 5 of said section 1, it is provided :- "That for the purpose of an Inquest or act which a Deputy of a coroner is authorised to hold or do he shall be deemed to be that coroner and have the same jurisdiction and powers and be subject to the same obligations, liabilities and disqualifications as that coroner."

Having regard therefore to the terms of this latter Sub-section, I am clearly of opinion, that the Deputy coroner has, in the

absence of the coroner, full power, should he deem an inquest requisite, to issue the precept for the holding of such inquest and for the summoning of a jury and witnesses without any specific directions from the coroner.

The act of 1892 formerly applied only to England but the act of 1908 made it applicable to Ireland also."

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

"That Mr. P. French M.P., coroner for South Wexford, be requested to act his deputy - Mr. J. J. Roche, with full powers to deal with inquests during his absence, as we have been informed by our Solicitor that this course can be legally adopted."

"That a copy of this resolution be furnished to the County Inspector, R. J. B."

New Ross Courthouse.

Under date 9th October 1911, the following letter was read from Mr. F. J. McKenna, C. P. S., New Ross :-

"At New Ross Petty Sessions on 6th instant, the Courthouse, Keeper - Mr. Tutton - drew the attention of the magistrates to some necessary and urgent repairs required to the Courthouse.

The stove for heating the Courthouse requires to be attended to at once, as a fire cannot be lighted in it at present. The roof, gallery, gas fittings, and pump, also require to be looked after and some other general repairs which will be pointed out by the Court Keeper.

I have been directed by the justices to bring the foregoing under your notice, which I hope you will place before the proper authority as

soon as possible with the view of having said matters attended to."

"Referred to Proposal Committee."

Sanitary Institute.

Circular letter under date October 25th 1911, was read from the Royal Sanitary Institute, asking the Council to appoint delegates to the annual Congress to be held in York from 29th July to August 3rd 1912."

"No action taken."

Greenwich Time.

A resolution was read from the Dublin County Council, stating that the time had arrived when in the interests of the export and general trade of the country; Greenwich time should be adopted in Ireland.

marked "Read."

Rate collection.

Arising out of the minutes of the Finance Committee, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Deple, seconded by Mr. Stafford:-

"That Mr. D. McDonald, official checker of the accounts of the Rate collectors of the Enniscorethy District, and Mr. John Mullett, Rate collector for N^o 6. Collection District, be asked to furnish the County Council with a written undertaking that in the event of any further complaint being found as to the manner in which they are discharging their duties, they will hand in their resignations."

Irrecoverable Rates.

Lists of irrecoverable rates were submitted by

the Secretary and approved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Stafford.

— Barrough Lane. —

Under date 7th October 1911, the following letter was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford:-

"Mr. Patrick Reigh, of Barrough, who gave a piece of ground for widening the new road at Barrough has asked us to write to you to allow him permission to erect a wall from the road for a distance of about 20 feet enclosing piece of ground about six feet long which he had pointed out to your deputy Mr. Kehoe. There was a pool of water at this place, but it was filled and cleaned up by the contractor. It is in a nook off the road. He says he mentioned the matter to Mr. Kehoe when agreeing with the latter about allowing the piece of ground to be taken in to straighten the road. The piece he wants to enclose is bounded by a red line on the sketch at foot."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Stafford the following resolution was adopted:- That as soon as Mr. Reigh carries out agreement he has made in connection with this lane, the Council will be in a position to favourably consider his application."

— Recommendations of Finance Committee. —

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Stafford, the following recommendations of the Finance Committee were confirmed:-

"That Mr. P. Donohoe, late Accountant, be paid at next meeting of the Finance Committee his salary from 22nd July to 2nd August, the date of his resignation."

"That the County Surveyor be furnished with a

copy of the letter of the 10th August from the Road Board. That he be requested to re-submit the particulars of the roads, already selected in connection with the application for a grant, to the Road Board, utilizing in his calculations the schedule to the letter of the Road Board under date 10th August."

"That the Finance Committee consider from Mr. McDonald's explanation that the errors passed by him in the checking of Mr. Mullett's accounts have arisen principally owing to his faulty method of checking. That the Secretary explain to Mr. McDonald how the Finance Committee desire the checking to be done in future. That the question of Mr. McDonald's re-appointment be considered at the meeting of the County Council at which the rate for the next financial year will be agreed to."

"That we regard Mr. Mullett's explanation as to his Rate Collection as unsatisfactory. That we call upon him to explain his failure to lodge the sum of £3:2:6½ paid to him on the 25th April by Mr. Patrick Good, Ballinahallen."

"That the County Surveyor be asked for a copy of the specification in connection with the work of repairing Mountgarrett Bridge, and for a copy of the agreement he has entered into with the present contractor for the repairs."

"That Mr. Jones, Assistant Surveyor, be requested to inform the Finance Committee, what supervision he gave to the work of repairing buoy at New Ross Bridge; how often he visited the place from the beginning of the work and if

he made any report to the County Surveyor."

"That we recommend the County Council to make no change in the items for printing as heretofore supplied to the Clerk of the Council."

"That the Courtown Harbour Committee be authorised to purchase one hundred extra coal bags at a cost not exceeding £5. 0."

"That we consider Mr. Mullett's explanation in reference to rates on the holding of Mr. Patrick Codd, Ballinahallen, satisfactory, as Mr. Codd has explained that his letter referred to another half year."

"That, having conferred with our Veterinary Inspector, - Mr. Malone - we consider there is no necessity to lime the lands of Mulgannon, and Whitmill for the purpose of preventing a recurrence of the outbreak of anthrax."

"That we leave entirely in the hands of Mr. Richard Malone, V. S., the question of the period of restriction to be placed on the lands of Mulgannon and Whitmill."

"That the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be requested to furnish to the Wexford County Council the data of the anti-toxin treatment of anthrax in animals which they have in their possession or can obtain."

"That permission be given to the County Surveyor to prosecute the following road contractors should he consider it necessary:-

Wexford District :- Mr. J. O. Walsh, Kereight, Kyle County - 164. James Nolan, Edirvine.

Gorey District:- 168. Shor Earle, Ballyroodrane, Blackwater.

"The Finance Committee desire to express their regret with Mr Robert Earle, Rate collector, in his accident. They desire to hear from him as to when he will be in a position to close his collection as they must apply to the Local Government Board for an extension of time for this purpose to enable them to pay Mr Earle his poundage."

"That the County Surveyor be authorised to prosecute the following contractors should he consider such a step necessary:-

Enniscorthy District

<u>Road No.</u>	<u>Name.</u>
184.	R. Murphy
177.	J. Brien
224.	J. Martin
314	J. Keating
198	J. O'Gorman
38	E. Blaney
249	J. Byrne
264	J. Greene
269	J. Brownrigg
289	J. Molloy
291	Mr. Dunne
293.	J. Roche.

Gorey District.

38.	P. Lacey
42	P. Noctor
52	M. McDonald
64	D. Breen
76	J. Fleming
91	J. O'Loughlin
102	E. Nolan
209.	J. Fitzpatrick

Wexford District

4.

R. Murphy

182.	J. Furlong
166	M. Mythen
167.	M. Bourish
209.	P. Kehoe

New Ross District

49a.	A. Lender
829156.	J. Gorman
115	A. Lender
126	J. Conway
134	M. A. Walsh
136a	A. Connors
147.	"
173	J. Conway
210	T. Kinsella
175	W. Power
9.	T. Power

"That a copy of Mr. Elgue's letter, relative to powers of Deputy Coroner, be forwarded to Mr. French, M. P., by our Secretary, and that Mr. French, be informed that the matter will be considered at the next meeting of the Co. Council."

"That Mr. Elgue, our Solicitor, be asked if the Finance Committee are empowered to hold paying orders in respect of Roads No. 312 and 313, Enniscorthy District, pending the next meeting of the Co. Council. Should Mr. Elgue advise contra, we instruct our Secretary to forward these paying orders to Mr. Nolan."

"That we request the Local Government Board to agree to an extension of time for two months for the closing of collector Earl's rate collection, in respect of the half-year ended 30th September 1911, in view of D. Pounaden's letter, copy of which we instruct our Secretary to forward to the Local Government Board."

"That the County Surveyor be given permission to prosecute the contractors whose names appear in the following list submitted by him to this days' (13.10.11) meeting of the Finance Committee. In the case of contractors on this list who are 20 per cent and over short of their material, we recommend the Co. Surveyor to institute prosecutions, unless in instances in which he receives a valid excuse to account for the shortage."

Enniscorthy District:- George Leigh, Anastasia Dunne, Patrick Kavanagh, Patrick Barton, Michael Stafford, Peter D'Arcy, Catherine Harman, John Keating, John Barty, Patrick Jackman, John Whitty, Kate O'Gorman, E. Maddock, Wm Hyland, Patrick Bowman, James Reedy, Matthew Bullen, John Byrne, Pat^r Bolger, James Murphy, Martin Ryan.

Gorey Rural District:- Michl Staunton, Tho^s Redmond, Pat^r Fortune, Terence Dunne, Myles Doyle, Edw^d Sinnott, And^w Dwyer, John Fitzpatrick, Luce Lacey, Terence D'Arcy, Chas Nolan, And^w Dwyer, Chas Nolan, Joe Murray.

New Ross Rural District:- Edward Barty, James Murphy, John Devereux, Martin Egan, S. Donnelly, John Green⁽²⁾ Pat^r Carroll, Hugh Connors, Patrick Gorman.

Wiscford Rural District:- Edward Browne, Matthew Lacey, Patrick Joyce, John Reilly, Martin Barr, Michael Kane, S. Whelan, Richd. Murphy, Richd. Murryman, John Murphy, Wm Barty, Pat^r Fortune, Michael Browne, Martin Walsh, Pat^r Fortune, Pat^r Murray, Ellen Fitzhenry, Dan Connors, Edw^d Browne, John Murphy, (2) Pat^r Kehoe, John Murphy."

"That Mr Stapleton be directed to furnish, in the usual way, the account with Mr Redmond

for weighing coal out of the schooner "Violet." That in the event of Mr. Ridmond refusing, to pay the amount, Mr. Elger be instructed to proceed against him for same as evidence has been submitted to the Finance Committee that the weigh Bridge is correct."

"That the tender of Mr. W. Hanrahan at £1:6:6 being the lowest, be accepted for the supply of forms in connection with the autumn Lipping Period."

"That the Finance Committee ask the Courtown Harbour Committee for their observations as to the arrears of dues for boats due by the fishermen at Courtown Harbour."

Special meeting - 20th November 1911.

A special meeting of the Wexford Co. Council was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse Wexford; on Monday, 20th November 1911; to consider the question of filling the vacancy in the office of County Surveyor, owing to the resignation of Mr. Gaffney; also, to agree to remuneration to be paid to incoming Co. Surveyor, to draft advertisement, and to fix date of appointment.

Present :- Mr. John Bolger, Chairman, presiding.
Other members present :- Messrs Peacocke, Browne, Cloney, J. L. Esmonde, J. S. Hearn, Michael Doyle Jr., John O'Connor, David Sinnott, J. J. Stafford, James Lynch, Patrick Rossiter, P. J. Fanning, James Codd, Thomas Asple.

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

— The late Mr. J. E. Mayler —
On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Hearn, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That we offer our colleague - Mr. J. J. Mayler - our heartfelt sympathy in the demise of his brother - Mr. J. E. Mayler - who was a valued and esteemed member of this County Council for the past 12 years, and who during his term of office endeared himself to his brother councillors. The death of Mr. J. E. Mayler has removed from the public service of this County a capable administrator and a wholehearted Irish Gentleman.

That a copy of this resolution be sent to Mr. J. J. Mayler, by our Secretary."

Waterford Bridge.

On the motion of Mr. Emond, seconded by Mr. Hearn, the following resolution was adopted:-

"In pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Board for Ireland, dated 23rd day of January 1911, to the raising by the Council of a loan of £11,000, for the purpose of defraying the share of the Council of the cost of erection of the new Bridge over the river Suir at Waterford, It is hereby resolved that the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage to secure the sum of £3,000 advanced by the National Bank, Ltd., to the Council being a third instalment of the said sum of £11,000, to be raised by the Council for the said purpose."

The County Surveyor's Department.

After considerable discussion the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Hearn:-

"That we appoint a County Surveyor and a Senior Assistant, who must be a qualified Engineer."

Mr. Fanning as an amendment proposed:-

"That we appoint a County Surveyor only."

Mr. M. Doyle seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment:- Messrs J. Codd, Scafford, Rossiter, Fanning, Cloney, Doyle, and Sinnott:- 7.

Against:- Messrs Brown, Hearn, Peacocke, Emond, Lynch, Asple, O'Connor, and the Chairman:- 8.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution was then put and declared carried.

Mr. Peacocke proposed:- "That a salary of £450 be voted for the incoming Co. Surveyor, the County

council to provide him with the necessary clerical assistance."

Mr. Hearn proposed as an amendment:- "That a salary of £500 per annum be voted to the incoming Co. Surveyor, the County Council to provide the necessary clerical assistance."

On a vote, the following voted for £500:-
messrs James Bodd, Stafford, Browne, Hearn, Comondie, Fanning, Sinnott, Lynch, Cloney, and the Chairman:- 10.
Against:- messrs Rosciter, Peacocke, Asple, and Mr. Doyle:- 4.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

The Chairman proposed:- "That the new Senior Assistant who must be a qualified Engineer be paid at the rate of £500 per annum, which is to cover locomotion and out-of-pocket expenses except postage."

Mr. Hearn seconded. Passed nem con.

Mr. Browne proposed:- "That a clerk for the County Surveyor's office be appointed by the County Council at a salary of £52 per annum. That the Secretary have the services of this clerk when not engaged in the Co. Surveyor's Department, and provided that the County Surveyor agree to this arrangement."

Mr. Hearn seconded. Passed.

It was decided that the appointment of new County and Assistant Surveyors be made at 10 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday 10th January 1912, and that appointments be advertised in the local papers; "The Freeman Journal", "Irish Times", "Irish Independent" and "Engineer"; advertisement

to receive three insertions in each paper."

"It was also agreed that the appointment of clerk be made on December 4th and be advertised in the local papers."

The following advertisement was then drawn up:-
County of Wexford.

Appointment of County Surveyor.

The County Council of Wexford invite applications for the above named appointment from regularly trained Civil Engineers who must each satisfy the Local Government Board for Ireland as to his health and character, that he possesses the necessary practical and professional qualifications; that upon the 31st March next he is not less than twenty six nor more than forty five years of age, and that he has been engaged in the practice of his profession in a responsible position in the charge of important works for not less than four years.

Candidates must send in their applications in writing to the Secretary, Co. Council Offices, Courthouse, Wexford; not later than the 10th December 1911; when a list of the applicants will be forwarded the Local Government Board, who after making the necessary inquiries will notify the names to the Civil Service Commissioners, to whom the candidates must submit themselves for literary examination under the scheme set out in the Schedule of the Local Government Board (annexed). The result of the examination will be notified by the Local Government Board to the Co. Council who may proceed to elect as County Surveyor one of the duly qualified candidates.

Applicants who are existing Co. Surveyors in Ireland, or who have been certified by the Civil Service Commissioners, shall be deemed to be

qualified for the position without further examination, but must however, satisfy the Local Government Board as to health and character. The age limit does not apply in the case of existing Co. Surveyors in Ireland, or of applicants who have been certified by the Civil Service Commissioners and can satisfy the Board that they are engaged in the practice of their profession.

The County Surveyor must reside within the county, and keep an office at Wexford for his regular attendance throughout the year, and devote his whole time to the service of the county. He shall discharge the duties of his office in accordance with the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, or any Act now in force, or which ^{may} hereafter be passed amending same, the several Orders in Council, or Orders of the Local Government Board thereunder, and the Orders and Resolutions of the County Council of Wexford.

The salary and emoluments appertaining to this office will be £500 per annum, which is to cover all travelling expenses, and out-of-pocket expenses (except postage). The County Surveyor will have the use of the office free in the Co. Courthouse, Wexford; and the Co. Council will provide him with a clerk.

The appointment to the position will be made at the meeting of the County Council on Wednesday 10th January 1912, at 10 o'clock a.m., provided the examination of unqualified candidates by the Civil Service Commissioners can be held in the meantime.

In the event of a postponement becoming necessary the date and hour at which the appointment will be made, will be furnished each applicant prior to the 10th January 1912.

By the Standing Orders of the Wexford County Council testimonials of candidates must be lodged with the Secretary within six clear days before the date of election. Should however, candidates desire they can lodge testimonials, etc., with the Secretary with their application on or before 10th December 1911.

The successful candidate must be prepared to take up duty at such a date as will be fixed by the Co. Council at his election.

The appointment can be determined at any time by three months' notice at either side.

Candidates must be in attendance on day of election.

The County Council do not bind themselves to make an appointment at meeting on 10th January or at any future meeting.

N. J. Frizelle
 Courthouse, Wexford. Secretary
 20th November 1911.

Wexford County Council. Appointment of Senior Assistant Surveyor.

The above County Council invite applications for the appointment of Senior Assistant Surveyor at a salary of £200 per annum, to cover all locomotion and other expenses (except postage).

The person appointed to the position must be a fully qualified engineer, be able to prepare specifications for roads and public works, supervise road contracts, and also contracts for bridges, piers, etc.,

He must satisfy the Local Government Board that he possesses the necessary qualifications etc., for the position.

He will be required to devote his whole time to the service of the Council, and must, under the

direction of the County Surveyor, supervise the work of the other assistants, and be at all times prepared to carry out the instructions of the Co. Surveyor, and the orders and resolutions of the County Council.

The appointment can be determined by three months' notice at either side.

Applications in writing must be made to the Secretary, Co. Council offices, Courthouse, Wexford; not later than 10th December 1911.

The appointment will be made at the meeting of the Co. Council on 10th January 1912.

By the Standing Orders of the Wexford Co. Council, testimonials of candidates must be lodged with the Secretary within six clear days before the date of election. Should, however, candidates desire, they can lodge testimonials, etc., with the Secretary with their application for the position on or before 10th December. The successful candidate must be prepared to take up duty at such a date as will be fixed by the Co. Council at his election.

Candidates must be in attendance on day of election.

The County Council do not bind themselves to make an appointment at meeting on 10th January 1912, or at any future meeting.

H. J. Fizzelle

Secretary

Courthouse, Wexford
20th November 1911.

The following advertisement for clerk was agreed to :-

Wexford County Council.

Appointment of clerk to County Surveyor.

The above County Council will, at their meeting to be held on Monday, 4th December 1911,

consider applications for the position of clerk to the County Surveyor, at a salary of £52 per annum.

The person appointed must write a good hand, be quick and accurate at figures, and have a knowledge of typing.

He must devote his "whole" time to the service of the Council, and be prepared, when not required by the County Surveyor, to assist in the general work of the Co. Council offices.

Applications for the position must be lodged at or before 10. a.m., on the morning of the above-mentioned meeting.

By the standing orders of the Council, it is necessary that the testimonials, etc., of candidates should be lodged six clear days before the date of election.

The County Council do not bind themselves to make any appointment to the position on the 4th December 1911.

The appointment can be determined by a month's notice at either side.

N. J. Frizelle
Secretary.

On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Rossiter, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the resolution of the County Council stating that preference will be given to applicants for positions under the Co. Council who can read, write, and translate the Irish Language do not apply to the positions considered at this meeting."

John Bolger