

MEETING.- 4th NOVEMBER 1920.

A Meeting of the County Council, was held in the County Hall, Wexford, on 4th November 1920.

Present:- Dr James Ryan, Vice-Chairman, (presiding)

Also:- Messrs Michael Doyle, John Murphy, James Hall, Gregory Devereux, Simon Kehoe, J. O'Byrne (Gorey), James Doyle, R. Corish, C. Culleton, M. Hughes, D. Kavanagh, John J. O'Byrne (New Ross).

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr John Sinnott, County Councillor.

Under date 11th October 1920, Mr John Sinnott, County Councillor, wrote apologising for his enforced absence from Co. Council Meetings.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Corish:-

"That in accordance with the wishes expressed by him before he left Wexford, Mr Sinnott be requested to resign (temporary) his Membership of this Council."

Road Etc., Maintenance & General Financial Position of Council.

In connection with maintenance of quarries the following motion of which he had given previous notice stood in the name of Mr Corish:-

"That the resolution of the Council to increase the wages of quarry foremen by 5/- per week, be rescinded, and that the wages of these employees be fixed at a minimum of £3 amount to be definitely decided by the number of quarries etc., which each foreman is obliged to look after."

In connection with this and other matters of Road Maintenance the meeting discussed the following:-

"That the County Farmers' Association most strongly oppose any such proposal as that contained in Mr Frizelle's letter as being utterly impracticable, and almost unjustifiable tax on the Agricultural Community.

"That the Farmers' Union take this opportunity of informing the County Council that if the roads of the County are allowed to remain in their present deplorable condition while the rates continue to rise rapidly, and there is apparent everywhere on the roads evidence of gross mismanagement, waste of



money, and incompetence, then, the Farmers' Union must seriously consider the question of with-holding the payment of the Farmers' rates.

"That we refuse to take any action in respect to Circular letter from County Council with reference to up-keep of roads. We have on several occasions called the attention of the road authorities to the bad state of the roads in the district, but we find that there has not been the slightest effort at improvement, and when the County Council propose to abolish all their road officials, we, as farmers and ratepayers will take the matter into consideration

The following report of Road Conference held in Enniscorthy on 14th October 1920, was received and adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Corish:-

"A Conference of representatives of County Council and Rural District Councils, as arranged for by County Council, was held in the Urban Council Offices, Enniscorthy, on 14th October 1920.

Present:- Mr R. Corish, Mayor of Wexford, M. C. C., presided.

Also present; on behalf of the County Council:- Messrs James Hall, G. Devereux, and John J. O'Byrne.

Enniscorthy Rural District was represented by Mr James Doyle.

Gorey Rural District by Mr Patrick Byrne.

Wexford Rural District by Mr W. Boggan.

The County Surveyor, Mr Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, and Messrs James Kirby, and Curran, Assistant Surveyors, were also in attendance.

#### Meetings for promotion of Road Maintenance.

The following resolution submitted from Joint Conference of Finance Committee of County Council and County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction was adopted on the motion of Mr Culleton, seconded by Mr James Doyle:-

"This Conference considers that Parish Meetings of Farmers and Labourers should assemble in every parish of the County Wexford to discuss the present situation and see what can be done in respect of road maintenance more especially road drainage. That this matter be referred to Road Conference to be held in Enniscorthy on 14th October 1920, and that they be requested to furnish their suggestions to the Secretary of the Farmers' Union and of each Farmers' Association in this County, also to the Secretary of each Trade Union in order that no delay should be experienced in having suggestions put into operation.



On the motion of Mr Culleton, seconded by Mr James Doyle, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we suggest to the Parish Committees as a practical working arrangement that each land holder should be made responsible for five yards of road drainage work per acre of land held by him. That meetings of all Parish Committees be held on Monday 1st November at hour most convenient for each Parish and that said meetings be convened by the Farmers' Associations and Trade Unions of each District. It is requested that report of meeting in each Parish be transmitted to the Secretary of Wexford County Council in time for consideration at meeting on 4th November 1920.

General Recommendations.

That the County Surveyor consider the advisability of removing grass margins from roads.

The County Surveyor submitted lists of roads in the four Rural Districts of the County, and in regard to which he stated it would be possible without causing appreciable deterioration to the road to suspend work for a year.

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

"That lists of roads on which County Surveyor recommends suspension of work for one year be furnished to each Rural District Council concerned for their observations, the latter to be furnished in time for consideration of County Council meeting on 4th November 1920."

"It was decided that the rate of seagravel be 3/- per yard when collected and banked on a constant supply, that a rate of 4/- per cubic yard be fixed in cases in which the supply is only occasionally available."

"It was recommended that broken field stones delivered on roadway, viz-- outside of land on which collected be paid for at 6/- per cubic yard broken and delivered on road."

"It was further recommended that haulage rates be agreed to in accordance with local conditions, also that price of material supplied by Contractors for surrendered roads be paid on Contract basis."

"Surfacemen employed on roads and providing donkey and cart are to be paid at the rate of £2. 15/- per week."

"The County Surveyor was instructed to stop all timber traffic on roads which are being injured by same, and hauliers objecting to this course to have appeal to County Council."



Edward Byrne, Clonmore, Bree, came before the meeting in connection with haulage of timber by him from Courtnacuddy to Wexford and which had caused great damage to road surface.

Mr Byrne agreed that on return journey from Wexford to Courtnacuddy with empty wagons he would bring material free from Ferrycarrig Quarry to the portions of roads injured (as directed by the County Surveyor) for the unexpired period of his timber haulage approximately five days. In addition Mr Byrne is to haul 250 cubic yards from Ferrycarrig Quarry to the roads in question. It was decided that Mr Byrne would enter into an agreement at once with the County Surveyor to carry out this work, which is to be performed before any further timber haulage outside present contract was dealt with. Mr Byrne expressed his willingness to sign agreement.

Kerlogue Quarry.

"It was stated that in this quarry there was a certain amount of material which, without blasting could be made available, and the County Surveyor was instructed to inspect and arrange for purchase of same if feasible."

Ballynaas Quarry.

Mr Thomas Fenlon, Orristown, has material in Ballynaas, which was available for road metalling, and the County Surveyor was directed to inspect same with a view to purchase.

Killinick Gravel Pit.

The Meeting considered that the County Surveyor might again approach Mr Patrick Browne, Ballysheen, Killinick, owner of gravel pit on his lands with a view to obtaining material therefrom."

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr M. Doyle:-

"That a Committee of the whole "House" consider at meeting to be held at 10.30 a.m., on 17th November 1920, all questions of road maintenance and the general financial position of the Council, That the Rural District Councils be requested to furnish previous to 17th inst., their decisions on suggestions of Road Conference. That consideration of Notice of Motion by Councillor Corish as to wages of quarry foremen be adjourned to meeting of 17th November 1920."



New Member of Finance Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"That Mr John Murphy be appointed a member of the Finance Committee."

Meeting of County Council.

Proposed by Mr James Doyle, seconded by Mr Hall, and adopted::

"That future meetings of the County Council be held on first Tuesday in the month."

County Surveyor's Report.

The following report was presented by the County Surveyor:-

"At the Rural District Council Meetings which are now being held I am reporting on, amongst other things, the necessity at the present time for economy and recommending that all road works now up for renewal of contract should be adjourned until the April Meeting. Unless in exceptional cases I am recommending also that all special proposals should be dropped for the present.

Lately I put advertisements in the local papers inviting applications for Machinery Overseer, and I shall submit replies to you at the Meeting.

Sometime ago I entered into arrangements with the Manufacturers for a supply of machinery the purchase of which was approved by you at a former meeting and subsequently I wrote countermanding these orders. With regard to breakers, one machine has already been delivered but the firm from whom it was purchased are willing to accept its return and I approve with your approval to do this. The Rock Drills ordered have also come to hand but I have not yet heard from the firm if they will accept return of same. With regard to the engines ordered Messrs Aveling & Parter have agreed to hold over the order pending further arrangements. Messrs Thompson, Motor Car Co., Ltd., from whom we have arranged to purchase lorries and trailer waggons however, raised the point that we must accept delivery, and I am now notified that some of these goods have been received in Waterford. I have explained to Thompson's the condition of affairs, and furthermore in one of their own letters they stated that the goods would only be forwarded on receipt of the cash. I have consulted with Mr Elgee, Solicitor, with regard to this matter and shall submit his report at the meeting.

The work of removing the material at Ferrybank is now in progress and I will **© WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES** the time be arranged



for a 47 hour week. As your own previous resolution provided for a 50 hour week I could of course make no change without your authority, and I ask for your directions in the matter."

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

"That the appointment of Machinery Overseer be postponed."

On the motion of Mr James Doyle, seconded by Mr Murphy, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor inform Messrs Thompson (Motor Car Company Ltd) that he will not take delivery of machinery from them."

On the motion of Mr John Murphy, seconded by Mr James Doyle, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to communicate with Messrs Goodwin Barsby & Co., Leeds, and ask if they will accept payment of half cost of stonebreaker (already delivered) on account, and the balance during the next financial year."

In connection with demand for 47 hours week at Ferrybank, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Hall, seconded by Mr M. Doyle:-

"That our Secretary explain to the men at Ferrybank that owing to financial position of the Council the latter can only provide for payment at a rate of 1/- per hour, up to 50 hours per week."

#### Application for release from Road Contracts.

It was decided that applications for release from Road Contracts mentioned by County Surveyor, be referred to Special Committee Meeting to be held on 17th November 1920.

#### Unemployment Insurances.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Culleton:-

"That the Council approve of regulations as to Unemployment Insurance Scheme being put in force as regards their employees."

#### Scholarship Committee.

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

"That Meeting of Scholarship Committee be held on 8th November 1920, at 10.30 a.m., in County Hall."



Hall Committee.

The following report of County Hall Committee was received and adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr M. Doyle:-

Present:- Dr James Ryan (Vice-Chairman, Co. Council) presiding.

Also:- Alderman Corish.

The Secretary and County Surveyor were also in attendance.

In connection with the proposed offer of Wexford Corporation to rent portion of present County Council premises the meeting was of opinion the Committee should be enlarged, at present there were only three members effective and these members feel it would be more advisable that the proposal of the Corporation should be discussed by a Committee of larger dimensions.

In connection with the proposed charges for use of Hall the Committee suggest the following as a basis for discussion--

Central Hall:- When used from 8 O'C., p.m., to 10 O'C., p.m., fee should be 10/- and 2/6 to Caretaker. From 8 p.m., to 12 p.m., £1 and 5/- to Caretaker, All night £2 and 10/- to Caretaker, and on condition that for supper room one or both of the corridors on ground floor would be available, also use of kitchen, the gas for which must be paid for as extra according to data obtained from Gas Company.

If Hall be required for a full period of 24 hours the fee will be £5 per day and 10/- to Caretaker and which is suggested without prejudice to any special arrangement which the Committee may consider necessary to enter into from time to time, as special applications will be dealt with in special terms.

Public Bodies will have the Hall free on indemnity against damage while Hall is in their possession, and provided they become responsible for Caretaker's fee.

Several suggestions were considered as regards seating accommodation. It was finally decided that these should be put before the meeting of County Council on 4th November 1920."

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr John Murphy, seconded by Mr M. Doyle:-

That the following names be added to County Hall Committee.- Messrs John J. O'Byrne (New Ross) John O'Byrne (Gorey), C. Culleton, (Wexford) and John Murphy (Enniscorthy).



As regards seating accommodation for Hall the following resolution was proposed by Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr Culleton:-

"That the question of seating accommodation for County Hall be postponed for the present and that existing seats be widened and made suitable."

Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) proposed:- "That new Chairs be procured for County Hall."

Mr Hall seconded.

A show of hands was taken when the amendment was lost by 7 to 3.

The resolution was then put and passed nem con.

In connection with position of Caretaker, John Roche, present Caretaker, came before the meeting and stated he was prepared to continue the position which he held for past two years. He produced satisfactory references from the Community of St John of God.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Murphy:-

"That as from 8th November 1920, John Roche be appointed Caretaker of County Hall at a wage of 30/- per week and house, to carry out duties as per list submitted by County Surveyor. That Mr Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to prepare agreement as to duties and as to tenancy of Caretaker's premises."

Proposed by Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr Michael Doyle, and adopted:-

"That the tiled portion of County Hall premises be advertised for letting, and that County Hall Committee be empowered to consider and accept tenders relative to same."

#### Combined Purchasing Scheme.

The following report in connection with Combined Purchasing Scheme was, on the motion of Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr Devereux, received and adopted:-

"The adjourned Meeting in connection with Scheme of central purchasing of articles by Public Bodies was held in the Central Chamber, County Hall on 2nd November 1920.

Present:- Dr James Ryan (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Gorey Guardians:- Messrs J. O'Byrne, E Connolly, Thomas Stokes.

New Ross Guardians:- Messrs Patrick Lynch, P. Cleary, and J. Dunphy.

Wexford Guardians:- Mr D. O'Sullivan.

District Asylum:- Mr T. McCarthy.

The Secretary of the County Council was also in attendance.

All documents received from Dail Eireann having been read and considered the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr McCarthy, seconded by



Mr Connolly:-

"That we approve of the principle of the proposal of Dail Eireann in respect of combined purchasing of their supplies by Local Bodies, but for the present we consider the attention of the Purchasing Committee might be confined to such articles as tea, coal, clothing, leather, soap, tobacco, medicines, and medical appliances, generally.

That a copy of this resolution be furnished the various public bodies of the County for their approval."

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Re Complaint of Mr R. H. Peare.

In connection with the complaint of Mr R. H. Peare, Kilmallock, Enniscorthy, that "these in authority in this neighbourhood approached some of my permanent workmen and induced them to leave my employment in order to work on roads.", the following letter under date 23rd October was read from Mr P. Murphy, Secretary Irish Transport & General Workers' Union (Ballymurrin Branch):-

"I have seen by last week's paper that Mr R. H. Peare J. P., Kilmallock, has lodged a complaint against the County Council regarding men which he says were decoyed from his employment in the threshing season.

As far as I can understand the men could not stay any longer with Mr Peare for the wages he was giving them, viz:- 26/- per week for a 10 hour day.

I have written to Mr Barry, County Surveyor, stating that we would not take over any roads until the harvest would be got through.

As the men gave Mr Peare a week's notice, I cannot see how he has any claim on them."

Recommendations Finance Committee.

The following recommendations of the Finance Committee were adopted on the motion of Mr Hall, seconded by Mr Culleton:-

Payment Rates Etc:- "That the County Council be recommended to pay poundage fees in respect of Rate Collection to 30th September 1920, to Collector J.J. Fowler, also to Collector Doyle, as we have ascertained that amount outstanding in his case was owing to an error of New Ross Branch of National Bank."

"That Mr O'Byrne, Rate Collector, be given until 30th November 1920, to close collection of first moiety of poor rate in respect of financial year ended 31st March 1921, in consequence of the date at which he took up duty."



"That the question of payment of rates due in respect of holdings in Gorey town occupied by tenants of Sir Thomas Esmonde be adjourned until Sir Thomas Esmonde returns from Canada."

"That the account in respect of amounts for rates due out of holdings in Gorey town for which Mr P. Craughwell is landlord, be forwarded to the Irish Volunteers for collection from Mr Craughwell or the tenants, and that Mr Smith, rate Collector, be directed to accompany the Volunteers."

"That amount of Rate £7. 11. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  due by W. J. Dollar, Coolcots, Wexford Rural, be referred to the Volunteers for collection."

"That Mr Elgee be instructed to apply to Rev D. P. Nolan, Edermine, for amount of Rates due by him in respect of half-year ended 30th September 1920."

"That the matter of collection of Rate from John Murphy, Kilmananagh Upper, and Margaret Brien, Litterbeg, be referred, by Mr Fowler, Rate Collector, to the Volunteers for collection."

Wexford Union Demand:- "That the County Council be recommended to transfer a sum of £1000 to Wexford Union on account of final instalment of demand."

Payments Ex-Jail Official; Courthouses, Etc:- Under date 29th October 1920, Mrs E. Gray, 4 Lakelands Park, Terenure, Co. Dublin, wrote that in 1883 the Wexford Grand Jury received the sum of £159. 1. 8d to be given to her in a bulk sum from the Treasury. The Grand Jury applied this money to County purposes, and came to an agreement to pay her £9 per annum. She was not consulted in the matter and in the circumstances she considered payment to her of the £9 per annum should continue.

"That Mrs Gray, late Prison Official, be requested to forward the documents in connection with her pension for inspection by Solicitor to the Council."

"That the County Council be recommended to pay a sum of £5. 3/- in discharge of bill from Gas Company, and decline to pay £1. 11. 11 for fittings which were not in respect of County Council Offices. That outside this account the Gas Company be informed the County Council will accept no further liability under this head."

"We recommend the County Council to refuse payment of claim of £7. 15/- by Mr J. P. Connor, Sub-Sheriff, in respect of summoning Jurors to Quarter Sessions."

Mr J. N. Scallan, Clerk, Crown & Peace, Wexford, applied for refund



of 8/6 for inserting in Dublin Gazette advertisement of the appointment of Lieut Col Quin, as Deputy Lieutenant for the County Wexford.

"That as County Council gave no instructions for insertion of this advertisement they be recommended to refuse to pay amount."

Hours-Attendance Co. Council Staff.

The General Secretary, Irish Clerical & Allied Workers' Union, forwarded the following demand by his Executive Committee on behalf of members employed by County Council.

"That they be granted a half-holiday each week, Saturday preferred, on which day it is requested that the office be closed at twelve noon."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"That the County Council Staff be granted a Thursday half-holiday and that attendance on ordinary days for staff be from 9 a.m., to 5 p.m., with an hour off for dinner. That the Secretary be empowered to change day for half-holiday provided Thursday be found unsuitable."

Enniscorthy R. D. School Attendance Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr James Doyle, seconded by Mr David Kavanagh:-

"That as recommended by Enniscorthy R. D. School Attendance Committee the following be appointed to the vacancies existing on this Committee:- Messrs James Clince, Caim, Martin Kelly, Tombrick, Martin Cummins, Ballymurrin and John Kavanagh, Ferns."

New Member County Infirmary Committee.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Murphy:-

"That Mr William Kelly, Doonooney, Adamstown, be appointed a Member of County Wexford Infirmary Committee, vice Mr Patrick Doyle, Kellystown Adamstown."

The Question of Resigning J. P'ship

Mr John J. Roche, J. P., Coroner, wrote under date 12th October 1920, as follows:-

"Yours of the 8th to hand enclosing copies of resolutions passed by your Council at their last meeting, relative to the resignation of the Magistracy by Officers holding positions under said Council. As to the



Coronership which I hold, you are aware it is only by virtue of being a Magistrate of over five years standing I hold the position at all.

You are acquainted with the fact that only a Registered Lawyer a Registered Doctor or a Magistrate of five years standing is qualified for the position of Coroner.

Were I to resign the "Magistracy" as asked by your Council, I would by my own act disqualify myself, and my dismissal by The Lord Chancellor would I fancy be only a matter of days. Consequently I would be sacrificing my salary and prospective pension, a proposition which I am sure your Council (who endeavour to dispense justice towards all) would deem absolutely unfair for me to accede to.

But I am sure it is the good intention of your Council to pay me my salary -only resign the Magistracy- For this I am extremely grateful to them. But there is another side of the question, not so strewn with flowers as appears upon the surface. If I resign the Magistracy I become at once disqualified as Coroner, and there is at this moment out an "Order in Council" that the first unqualified Coroner who attempts to hold an Inquest is to be arrested forthwith, probably tried by Court Martial, and I presume to serve the usual present day term for small offences- Two years penal servitude- If this barrier were not looming in the distance, your Council and I could shake hands over their proposition, but I am afraid this "impediment" is a fatal obstacle in the way of arrangement.

In the meantime until said Law is repealed I hope and trust the same good feeling which has always existed between your humble servant and your Council shall be perpetual, and no Act of mine in discharge of my duty shall ever merit the censure of the County Representatives."

Under date 3rd November 1920, Mr R. Malone, Veterinary Inspector, wrote as follows:-

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of resolution of your Council on 7th October, with reference to resignation of my Commission of the Peace.

Would you kindly inform the Council, that, owing to private reasons, I cannot see my way to carry out their direction."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr J. Doyle, seconded by Mr G. Devereux:-

"That communications received from Mr J. J. Roche, Coroner, and Mr R. Malone V. C., (Veterinary Inspector) and resolution of Council as to holding



office of J. P., be forwarded to Local Government Department, Dail Eireann, for advice."

#### Rents Courthouses.

The Secretary submitted letters from Messrs O'Keefe & Lynch, Solicitors, Dublin, as to payment of rent for Wexford Courthouse, and from Messrs Stopford & Turner as to payment for Gorey Courthouse.

"The meeting decided to pay no more rents of Courthouses."

#### Application for Payment of Income Tax.

Under date 11th October 1920, the Comptroller, Inland Revenue, Dublin, wrote applying for payment of £1. 6. 10d Income Tax and pointing out that failing payment the matter would be handed to the Solicitor of Inland Revenue with a view to the institution of proceedings for the recovery of the amount with costs.

"The Meeting directed the Secretary to pay no attention to communication from Inland Revenue (Dublin) as to payment of £1. 6. 10d for Income Tax."

#### Advertising on Motor Driver Licence Forms.

Under date 13th October 1920, the Manager & Secretary, of Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corporation, 36 to 44 Moorgate Street, London, E.C., 2, wrote that the Council could reduce the cost of printing Motor Driving Licences by coming to an arrangement with the Company for the insertion of an advertisement for motor insurance with this Company.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Corish, seconded by Mr Culleton:-

"That our Secretary enquire from Messrs McDonagh & Boland, Insurance Brokers, Dublin, if any Irish Insurance Company would be prepared to make an offer similar to Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corporation Ltd., relative to printing of Motor Driving Licences."

#### New Ross Old Age Pension Sub-Committee (No. 7)

In connection with the suggestion that No. 7 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee should meet on Wednesdays, Rev D. A. Kavanagh, C. C., wrote that owing to being a half-holiday, Wednesday was most unsuitable for meetings.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Murphy, seconded by Mr Culleton:-

"That Old Age Pension Sub-Committee No. 7 be requested to consider the advisability of fixing a day for meetings which will suit the general convenience of Members."







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Present:- Dr James Ryan, (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Messrs M. Doyle, C. Culleton, G. Devereux, John O'Byrne (Gorey) James Byrne, John Cummins, Simon Kehoe, and John J. O'Byrne (New Ross).

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed.

Road Maintenance & Financial Position.

In connection with the question of road maintenance Messrs Donnelly, Shortle, and Whelan, attended as a deputation from Wexford Rural District Council.

A statement was received from Enniscorthy Rural District Council that by leaving out of contract for one year the Roads suggested by the Surveyor a course to which they agreed the following saving would be effected--

In district of Mr R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, £818. 10/- and in district of Mr Curran, Assistant Surveyor, a sum of £1023.

The County Surveyor stated that the probable savings in the other districts of the County would be :-

Gorey £1,100, New Ross £1,000, and Wexford £613. This would leave a total saving of £4554 for the year.

After an exhaustive discussion as to road drainage the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr Cummins:-

"That the County Secretary and County Surveyor be instructed to communicate with Sinn Fein Executives for North and South Wexford, and secure their assistance as to having the drainage of roads (which are not in contract) carried out."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by Mr S. Kehoe:-



"That as per lists supplied by Rural District Councils of the County by-roads be allowed to remain out of contract for one year, but that the County Surveyor be given discretionary power to have temporary repairs carried out on any of these roads should same be necessary to prevent excessive expenditure in future."

The financial position of the Council was then considered and was regarded as satisfactory.

#### Classification of Roads.

Circular letter from Ministry of Transport, L.I./R.C./I as to classification of the Roads of the County was read:-

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Culleton, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"That the Circular letter of the Ministry of Transport (Ireland) as to the classification of roads be referred to the General Council Irish County Councils, and that they be requested to make arrangements for its early consideration as particulars of Roads have to be lodged with the Ministry of Transport by 1st December next."

#### Enniscorthy R. D. Council and Roads.

The following extracts from the Half-yearly meeting of Enniscorthy Rural District Council held on 11th November 1920, were submitted to the Meeting:-

"On the reading of the County Surveyor's Report the following Orders were made:-

(1) That we recommend County Council to allow County Surveyor to make the best possible arrangements with Contractors in the cases of Roads in which special disabilities arise.

(2) That we approve of the recommendations of the Joint Committee with regard to leaving unimportant roads out of repair for twelve months, as per lists submitted to us by Surveyors, and as regards unimportant roads at present in Contract we recommend that the best arrangements be made for distributing material for these over other roads.

(3) That we approve of the recommendation of the County Surveyor to postpone the consideration of contracts due for renewal until the April Meeting.

Heavy Traffic on Roads:+"That we call upon the County Council to



take steps to regulate heavy traffic on the Roads and to make arrangements whereby owners of heavy vehicles will be compelled to contribute directly to the upkeep of the roads.

Road No. 233E:- A Contractor named John Redmond, appeared before the Council with regard to above road, he stated that £3 had been struck off some time ago, and that the County Surveyor had given him a Sudden Damage Order to cover the amount, he claimed he had the work done in accordance with the Deputy Surveyor's instructions.

Mr Curran stated he had not carried out all the work specified.

"It was decided to recommend the County Council to pay John Redmond the amount of the Sudden Damage Order, £3."

Road No. 300E:- A Contractor named John Dempsey, Ballygilliestown, appeared before the Council, and stated that he was about to surrender this Road, but was promised a Sudden Damage Order for £17 so as to bring the amount for the road up to the amount he had for another similar road.

"It was unanimously decided to recommend the issue of the Sudden Damage Order for £17 in this case."

Road No. 25E:- James Brien, Glenteigue, appeared before the Council with regard to Road No. 25E, he stated that on the recommendation of the old District Council, the County Council had decided to allow him £30 for extra work on this road, but that he had not been paid, as the Ministry of Transport had refused to sanction same, Mr Brien also claimed an additional sum of £7. 7. 6d for large stones supplied for same road.

"The County Surveyor stated that he considered the £30 allowed sufficient, and that the extra £7. 7. 6d was accounted for by the fact that Mr Brien was claiming the same for unbroken stones, as he was allowed for broken stones."

"The Council decided to recommend County Council to pay both amounts."

Re Short Tonnage:- "That we recommend County Council to have some arrangements made in cases where Contractors' payments have been deferred for short tonnage where this was due to the impossibility of obtaining material."

Road No. 190E:- "That the County Surveyor make arrangements to have Road No. 190E made passable at a sum not exceeding £25."



as to owners of heavy vehicles, the County Surveyor stated this point would be covered under the classification of roads if agreed to.

In reference to recommendation as to road No. 233E, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Culleton:-

"That the £3 recommended by Enniscorthy Rural District Council to John Redmond, Contractor for Road No. 233E, will be paid when the County Council have received a report from the County Surveyor that the work on the road has been carried out."

With reference to Road No. 300E the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Culleton:-

"That Mr John Dempsey, Contractor for Road No. 300E., be informed that owing to the exceptional circumstances of his case, the County Council are prepared to accept a surrender of this contract, the County Surveyor to estimate and allow for the work performed on same date."

In connection with Road 25E, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Culleton, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"That no order be made on the recommendation of Enniscorthy R. D. Council as to payment for road 25E (James Brien, Contractor) as the Council have already refused to agree to payment in this case."

As regards short tonnage the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Culleton:-

"That the recommendation of the Enniscorthy Rural District Council as to allowance to Contractors who were unable to obtain full amount of material from quarry be referred to the County Surveyor for his favourable consideration."

As regards Road 190E, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr J O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"That the recommendation of Enniscorthy Rural District Council as to Road 190E be confirmed."

#### Road Machinery.

Under date 10th November 1920, the County Surveyor wrote that he would bring before the meeting of the County Council on the 17th inst., letters from several Manufacturers from whom Machinery had been ordered, dealing with the return of same, or offering special terms if the machinery be taken over.



Messrs Goodwin Barsby & Co., Engineers, Leicester, wrote under date 6th November 1920, that as regards the proposal of the Council to pay half-cost of Stonebreaker now, and the balance during the next financial year, they would be disposed to fall in with the suggestion, but before agreeing to same, they wished to have a definite date when the balance would be likely to be remitted, and if the payment of balance was likely to be protracted would the Council be prepared to pay Interest on the outstanding balance.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the **Chairman**, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"That the County Surveyor inform Messrs Goodwin Barsby & Co., that they are prepared to pay half-cost of Stonebreaker now, and balance in June 1921, but the Council cannot see their way to agree to the payment of Interest in any circumstances."

The Agricultural & General Engineers Ltd., Central House, Kingsway, London, wrote under date 4th November 1920, that they would be prepared to supply an "Aveling & Porter" Convertible Engine, as ordered at the net price agreed upon, payable by 2, 3, or 4 equal <sup>annual</sup> instalments, the first being due at the Council's first Finance Committee after delivery, and the Council to pay Interest on the credit taken at the rate of  $7\frac{1}{2}\%$  per annum.

Mr E. Kavanagh, St John's, Enniscorthy, wrote that as regards the sale of his steam rolling plant to the Council he would be glad of an outline as to how it was proposed to apply the system of deferred payments.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"That the Agricultural & General Engineers Ltd., London, and Mr E. Kavanagh, St John's, Enniscorthy, be informed by the County Surveyor, that the Council would be prepared to pay for plant offered by four equal instalments payable every six months, provided no Interest on outstanding balance be charged and that the grant of one-third cost of plant be forthcoming from the Ministry of Transport."

#### Economy Suggested.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cummins, seconded by the Chairman:-

"That in view of the stoppage of Government Grants all public bodies in the County be requested to practice the strictest economy. The County Council be requested to pay in full all



demands by public bodies. That as far as possible advances be made on foot of fourth instalment of demand due to Guardians and Rural District Councils."

Timber Traffic, Ballybrennan-Wexford Road.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne (New Ross), seconded by Mr Culleton:-

"That the County Surveyor be directed to send formal notice to Mr Billington, South Main Street, Wexford, that he must immediately cease hauling timber by Motor Lorry over Ballybrennan-Wexford Road, owing to its condition."

Rate Collectors and the Council.

Mr T. J. Kelly (Crotty & Kelly, Solicitors) attended on behalf of a meeting of Rate Collectors which had been held to-day, and pointed out that in consequence of instructions received from the Local Government Board, the Collectors had decided to lodge amount of rates which they collect to their own name in the bank, and not as authorised by the County Council. This was in consequence of the following Circular sent to each Rate Collector by the Local Government Board:-

"The attention of Local Government Board for Ireland has been called to the fact that in some Counties the Banking Co., duly and legally appointed as Treasurer of the County has been dismissed and that all the Collectors have been directed by the County Council to lodge all rates collected by them with some unauthorised persons not qualified by law to hold the appointment as Treasurer.

The Board think it right to remind the Collectors that these instructions are unlawful and invalid and that in the event of their being complied with by the Collectors, they and their sureties would be liable for the amounts of the rates so lodged which were not duly accounted for to the Local Government Board Auditor.

It appears to the Board that the safest course for a Collector to adopt in the event of there being no legally appointed Treasurer is to open a separate a/c., in a bank in his own name and to lodge rates thereto, pending the regular appointment of a legally qualified Treasurer. In the event of Collectors after this warning continuing to lodge rates to unauthorised persons not only do they involve themselves and their sureties in heavy financial liabilities, but they further render themselves liable



to dismissal by Sealed Order.

The Board desires to add that in the event of a Council proceeding to remove Collectors from Office in consequence of their refusal to accept the consequences of complying with the illegal directions of the Council, the Board would not consent to their dismissal or give approval to the appointment of other Collectors in their place, on the other hand, should the Collectors desire to resign, by reason of the conditions sought to be imposed upon them by the Council they would be entitled, if the conditions of section 8 of the L. G. (Ireland) Act 1919, are complied with, to a retiring allowance in accordance with the terms of that Section."

On the motion of Mr O'Byrne (Gorey), seconded by Mr G. Devereux, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That as the Rate Collectors of the Council have informed this meeting (through Mr Kelly, Solicitor) that they do not intend to lodge the Poor Rate Collected by them as authorised by the Council, they be each suspended as from this date, and that the Collection Books be at once taken up."

"It was decided that the following act as a sub-committee to meet from day to day to deal with the situation arising from the action of the Rate Collectors:- Dr Ryan, Messrs Culleton, Corish, Devereux, and M. Doyle."

The Railway Men and Carriage of Munitions, etc.,

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Dr Ryan, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"This County Council wishes on behalf of the people of County Wexford to congratulate the Irish Railway Workers on their determined stand against a brute Government, and pledges them the support of the County in the fight.

A Committee to give effect to this resolution be chosen as follows-  
Six County Councillors, Four Town Councillors, Four Labourers, Four Farmers."

In connection with above resolution the following were appointed--  
County Councillors- Messrs M Redmond, John O'Byrne (Gorey) James Doyle, G. Devereux, R. Corish, and the Vice-Chairman of the County Council.

Town Councillors- Messrs Thomas McCarthy (Enniscorthy), John Lannon, (Gorey) Thomas Redmond (New Ross), and Michael Martin (Wexford).

Farmers:- Messrs Daniel Kavanagh, Boolabawn, Screen, (Enniscorthy), Laurence Kinsella, Ballinamona, Craanford (Gorey) Major Little, Berkely House (New Ross), James Shortle, Castlebridge (Wexford).

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James Murphy (New Ross) and Christopher Culleton (Wexford)."

Belfast Boycott.

Dail Eireann wrote relative to vigorous boycott of Belfast Traders & Merchants:-

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr James Byrne:-

That the Public Bodies of the County and the people of the County be requested not to purchase goods from Belfast Traders or Merchants."

Wages of Quarry Foremen.

Notice of motion in the name of Mr R. Corish, to fix the wages of Quarry foremen at a minimum of £3 per week was adjourned for the attendance of Mr Corish who was unavoidably absent in Dublin at Labour Conference in connection with Railway trouble.

Ex-Rate Collector Robert Earle.

Under date 5th November 1920, a letter was read from Mr R. Earle, late Rate Collector, stating that after full and due consideration, he had come to the conclusion to accept the offer of £50 a year superannuation. 2

"No Order"

Scholarship Committee.

The following report was submitted:-

"At the Meeting of the Wexford County Council on 11th September 1920, the following recommendation of the Scholarship Committee was adopted:-

"That the County Council be recommended to request his Lordship Most Rev Dr Codd, to nominate three Managers of Schools, the National Teachers Organization to nominate three Teachers, the County Committee Gaelic League to nominate three representatives, and also to request Rev Br Fitzgerald, Wexford, Rev Br Mahony, Enniscorthy, and Rev Br McNamara, New Ross, to meet this Committee, with a view to drafting a suitable Scholarship Scheme for pupils of Primary Schools."

At the meeting of the County Council on 7th October 1920, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the details of the University Scholarship Scheme for 1920-21, be referred to Scholarship Committee."

And, at the same meeting of the Council, a Circular from the Irish National Teachers' Organization as to drafting an educational programme suitable to Irish needs and in accordance with Irish aspirations, was referred to the Scholarship Committee."



The Meeting of the Scholarship Committee was held on 8th November 1920, the following being in attendance:-

Representing County Council:- Dr James Ryan (Vice-Chairman) presiding, and Mr James Doyle.

Representing Managers' Association:- Very Rev Canon Dunne, P. P., Castlebridge.

Representing National Teachers' Organization:- Messrs Hugh O'Byrne, Ballindaggin, P. D. Breen, Castlebridge.

Representing County Committee Gaelic League:- Rev Mark O'Byrne, C.C., Wexford, Mr Thomas Treanor, and Miss Whelan.

Rev Br Fitzgerald, Wexford, and Rev Br O'Mahony, Enniscorthy, were also in attendance.

N. J. Frizelle, Secretary County Council, acted as Secretary to the Meeting.

Apologies were read from Rev J. Maher, P. P., Oulart, Mr O'Sullivan, N. T. Camolin, and Rev Br McNamara, for non-attendance.

After a long discussion it was decided to recommend the County Council to establish a Scheme of Scholarship tenable at recognised secondary Schools in the County Wexford by pupils whose age will not exceed 14 on or before 1st June in year of application for scholarship.

Four Scholarships are to be awarded to boys and three to girls, to be available only for children whose parents or guardians reside in County Wexford, and beyond a two miles radius of a recognised Secondary School, and who are in need of assistance to secure a secondary education. Scholarships will be awarded as the result of an examination. They will be tenable for three years at £40 per year of which at least £5 is to be paid the Managers of Secondary School at which scholarship is held.

The County Council is to have the right to withhold a Scholarship in any case in which they consider this course advisable and their decision on any matter in connection with the Scheme is to be final and binding on all concerned.

As regards syllabus for examination the following was agreed to for Boys:-

- 1.- READING:- To read with fluency and intelligence a passage from some standard Author. Spelling to be tested by dictation.
- 2.- WRITING:- To write a free, legible, hand.



- 3.- Arithmetic:- To know Fractions, Decimals, Simple and Compound Proportion, Practice, Simple Interest, Metric System, Stocks.
- 4.- GRAMMAR:- To parse and analyse ordinary sentences, principal rules of syntax, correction of errors, common roots, prefixes, and affixes.
- 5.- COMPOSITION:- To write an Essay or Letter on a simple subject of three given.
- 6.- IRISH:- To know up to 4th Standard of Books 1 and 2 O'Growney.
- 7.- HISTORY:- Outlines of Irish History.
- 8.- ALGEBRA:- Simple rules, simple equations, easy factors.
- 9.- GEOMETRY & MENSURATION:- First Book of Euclid (with exercises) Areas of Rectilinear figures and surfaces of principal solids, volume of principal solids.

As regards Syllabus for Examination for Girls it was decided that Nos 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7, be adopted, and that a Committee of female teachers (Nominated by County National Teachers Organization) be requested to suggest subjects suitable for girl students to replace 8 & 9.

#### IRISH EDUCATION.

It was decided that Circular letter from Irish National Teachers' Organization, as regards the drafting of an educational programme suitable to Irish ideals and aspirations be postponed pending proposed Conference on this subject between the County Committee Gaelic League and County Association of National Teachers.

The following resolution was ordered to be sent forward to the County Council for adoption:-

"That we call on School Managers to refuse (at the end of three years from this date) to appoint to the position of teacher, candidates who have not a satisfactory knowledge of Irish, and that Irish should be made a compulsory subject in 1922."

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

The Committee recommended the following as Syllabus for next year:-

Students for Scholarships must pass the Senior Grade Examination of the Intermediate of 1921, in the following subjects:-

1.- Irish.

2.- English.



3.- Arithmetic and Algebra.

4.- Two of the following-

- (a) Geometry or Trigonometry.
- (b) Physical Science Course.
- (c) Natural Science Course.
- (d) History and Historical Geography.
- (e) Commercial Course.
- (f) Greek or Latin or an approved modern language.

It was also recommended that a clause be added to the Scheme that the renewal of Scholarship for third year be refused to any student who is unable to show that he has acquired a speaking knowledge of Irish.

It was further recommended that amounts of Scholarships be paid monthly through Subsidiary a/c., as from 1st November in each year."

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (Gorey):-

"That the Report of Scholarship Committee be received and that copies be furnished to County Councillors with a view to the consideration of the Scheme at next meeting of the Council."

Comrades of the Great War.

Under date 13th November 1920, the following was read from Messrs P. J. Godfrey, & P. Kinsella:-

"In connection with the High Mass and Office to be said for the repose of the souls of the Men of Wexford and District who fell in the late War, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rowe Street, Wexford, on Thursday next, the 18th inst., at 11 a.m., the Comrades of the Great War would esteem it a favour if you would see your way to suspend business from 10 a.m., to 12.30 p.m., on that date.

We trust you will kindly see your way to arrange to suspend business from 10 a.m., and therefore give all those who desire to do so to take part in paying respect for the poor fellows who fell in the late War."

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

"That the County Council have no objection to any member of the County Council Staff so desiring attending High Mass etc., to be held in Wexford on Thursday 18th November 1920, for the souls of the men who were killed



in the late European War."

Fethard Harbour.

The following letter under date 8th November 1920, No. 4371-20, F.B., from Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction (Fisheries Branch) was read:-

"I have to state that the Department understand that the Ministry of Transport, 6 Whitehall Gardens, London, S. W. 1, have a sum of money available to finance dredging operations to be carried out before the 31st March next, and that it is possible that the Ministry might favourably consider an application from the Wexford County Council as the Harbour Authority for Fethard for funds to have dredging carried out there. The Department's Engineer considers that work on the lines indicated in the attached memorandum could be effected. If the Council desire to proceed in the matter, perhaps you would kindly submit immediately to the Department an application for transmission to the Ministry of Transport."

The work in Memorandum referred to the removal by means of horses and carts (as the tide permitted) of sand from the harbour and entrance at an estimated cost of £300.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cummins, seconded by Mr James Byrne:-

"That the County Surveyor be directed to apply to the Ministry of Transport, London, (through Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction) for the sum of £300 to carry out dredging operations at Fethard Pier."

Under Sheriffs' Clerical Assistance.

No Order was made on letter from Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, under date 15th November 1920, stating that an Order had been made by the Lord Lieutenant appointing that Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 10, of the Sheriffs (Ireland) Act 1920, shall come into operation on 1st November 1920, This included a grant of £200 per annum to Under Sheriff, Wexford County, for clerical assistance.

Holding of Inquests Prohibited.

Under date 11th November, letter (21014) was read from the Chief Secretary's Office, and enclosing an Order of the Lord Lieutenant prohibiting the holding of Inquests in County Wexford.

Amalgamation of Unions.

Under date 11th November 1920, the following was read from Mr Thomas



McCarthy, Chairman Enniscorthy Asylum:-

"With reference to the proposed Conference relative to amalgamation of Workhouses in the County, setting up district hospitals etc., no steps have yet so far as I know been taken to bring the delegates together. All the Boards of Guardians and the Asylum Board have appointed their representatives, and I think the Conference should be called together as early as possible. The County Council being the chief administrative body in the County, would I believe be the proper body to summon the Conference. No specific instructions were given on the point, but I am of the opinion that the course I suggest would not only be right but would have the approval of all interested in this very important business."

"It was decided that Conference in question be summoned for Wednesday 1st December at 10.30 a.m., in County Hall, Wexford."

Mrs Gray, Prison Official.

At the last Meeting of the County Council the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mrs Gray, late Prison Official, be requested to forward the documents in connection with her pension for inspection by the Solicitor to the Council."

Under date 11th November 1920, the following was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council:-

"Yours with letters received and from them it would appear that the Grand Jury in 1883 received the sum of £159. 1. 8d the Commutation value of a pension of £8. 17. 11d a year, and put same to relief of the Rates undertaking to pay her the Pension from thence forward.

I am returning Mrs Gray her papers."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr O'Byrne (Gorey) seconded by the Chairman:-

"That in the circumstances mentioned in the letter of Mr Elgee, Solicitor, under date 11th November 1920, the County Council will be responsible for payment of pension to Mrs Gray, late prison Official."

Proposed Railway Sidings.

On the motion of Mr Cummins, seconded by Mr O'Byrne (New Ross) the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Directors of the D & South Eastern Railway Co., be requested



to state if anything further has been done in connection with proposed sidings at Rathgarogue and Sparrowsland."

Proposal Committee Meeting.

It was decided that a meeting of the Proposal Committee be held on 7th December 1920.

Analyst's Report.

The following report of Sir Charles Cameron, County Analyst, in respect of quarter ended 30th September 1920, was read:-

"Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C. B., M. D., Public Analyst, for the County Wexford, on articles submitted to him for Analysis during the quarter ended 30th September 1920.

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

For Sergeant Doyle, Wexford, four specimens of butter were analysed and were pure.

For Sergeant Abbott, Taghmon, two specimens of butter and a specimen each of buttermilk, cheese, flour, whiskey, port wine and cocoa, were analysed.

The specimen of whiskey was 27 degrees under proof and was therefore adulterated with 2.67 per cent of water.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union twelve drugs were analysed and were correct.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union three drugs were analysed and were correct.

A specimen of butter analysed for the Guardians of New Ross Union was pure.

A specimen of water analysed for Ernest T. L. Ellis, Esq, Inch, had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains--

Total solid matter	11.200
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.011
Saline Ammonia	0.0005
Nitric Acid	Trace
Chlorine	3.090

A tolerably good water.

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



In the original report on the water above referred to, full details, chemical, and microscopical, were given, but in the foregoing, only the more important points are given.

The Police did not act as Food Inspectors for several years after the County Council adopted the Sale of Food & Drugs Act . The Relieving Officers of the Boards of Guardians generally acted as Food Inspectors and took up samples for analysis. I believe the County Council of the County Dublin intend to appoint two Special Food Inspectors.

Total Analyses.....32.

C. A. Cameron.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr John J. O'Byrne (New Ross):-

"That the Board of Guardians in the County, be asked if they have any objection to their Relieving Officers acting as Ex-Officio Inspectors under Food & Drugs Acts, and if an affirmative answer be received that the Secretary ascertain from the Relieving Officers the amount of remuneration they would be prepared to accept to carry out this work."

#### National Bank & Interest.

The following was read from Mr C. J. Feely, Manager, National Bank, Wexford, under date 9th November 1920:-

"In reply to your letter of 5th inst., I beg to inform you that the Bank will allow usual rate of interest on all creditor balances under the new system."

#### United States Mail Steamship Company.

The following letter under date 1st November 1920, was read from the United States Mail Steamship Co.:-

"We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 20th, giving us a copy of a Resolution adopted at the meeting of the Cork Industrial Development Association on October 7th.

We are pleased to note the expression by the Association regarding the advent of our steamers to the Port of Cork, and we are glad to learn that you feel confident it will lead to a big improvement of trade and intercourse between Ireland and America."

The following was read from Mr J. L. Fawsett, Irish Consul, New York City, under date 4th November 1920:-



"I beg to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 20th ult., enclosing resolution passed by your Council on the 7th ult.,

I shall submit same to the proper parties on this side who should have cognizance thereof and shall see that the resolution in question is given due publicity in the Press here."

Closing County Council Quarries.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe, it was decided that the County Surveyor be authorised to close County Council Quarries where advisable for the coming three months.

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(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_  
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this      day of      192