

The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Office, Fortview, Wexford on 9th November 1925.

Present:- Mr. Thomas McCarthy, Chairman, presided. Also:- Messrs. William Boggan, James Blince, Michael Bloney, Patrick Bolger, John Bonners, Thomas Bloney, Richard Borish, Christopher Bulleton, J. F. Darcy, Michael Doyle, James Gaal, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, David Kavanagh, Aidan Wernagh, Nicholas J. Murphy, John Byrne, M. M. O'Donoghue, James Shannon, William Thorpe, James E. Walsh, John Whyte, Colonel B. M. Gibbon and Colonel R. P. Weymes Quin.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the County Surveyor and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, were also in Attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Notice of Motion - Mr. Thorpe

Mr. Thorpe moved the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee be discontinued."

Colonel Gibbon seconded.

After some discussion, it was decided that the motion be postponed, and that the County Councillors representing New Ross Area should submit five names as members of New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee to the next meeting of the County Council.

Under date 15th October, 1925, a letter was read from the office of National Education that on receipt of the names of the persons appointed by the Wexford County Council to their moiety of the new School Attendance Committee for New Ross Rural District, the Department would take steps to have the other moiety of the Committee appointed.

Disqualification of Councillors

Under date 15th October, 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (G45551/1925 Wexford County) that the position of Messrs Darcy and Bulleton as County Councillors was one for the Council to deal with as they might be legally advised under Article 12 (10) of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898. If the County Council were not satisfied with the opinion of their Solicitor, they could take Council's advice.

The Secretary stated that, on receipt of this letter, he had communicated with Mr. Elgee, their Solicitor, who had written as follows, under date 24th October 1925:-

"First as to Mr. Darcy."

In Mr. Darcy's case, as I understand it, Mr. Darcy supplied Traction Engines to a contractor of the County Council, for the purpose of drawing road material, from amongst other places. Killoque Quarry, and received payment from the contractor for the hire of such engines, this hire continued, as I am instructed, until after the date of the Election.

"By Article 12 Sub Article 4(e) of the Application of Enactments order 1898 it is provided that "a person shall be disqualified for being 'elected or chosen, or being a member of a council of a County, if he is concerned by himself or his partner in any bargain or contract entered into with the Council, Board of Commissioners, or participates by himself or his partner in the profit of any such bargain, or contract, or of any work done under the authority of the Council, Board of Commissioners and for the purposes of this provision any bargain or contract with a Council in respect of any public work in a district shall be deemed to be also a bargain or contract with the Council of the district."

There have been many legal decisions on the question as to when a person is "concerned in a contract" and they all tend to the view that a person who had been employed to do part of the work, which another person had contracted with a Board or Council to do, was concerned in that contract. This being so I am clearly of opinion that Mr. Darcy is disqualified from election to the County Council, that is that his election, as a member is absolutely void.

Mr. Bulleton's case is on a different basis to Mr. Darcy's.

Mr. Bulleton was a member of the Wexford Rural District Council and resigned his membership of that Council, as I am informed on the 7th March, 1925, prior to the date of the County Council Elections.

While a member of the District Council Mr. Bulleton had been doing work for the District Council in connection with the repairs to Labourers Cottages and continued such work under the County Board of Health and continued to receive payment from them for such work down to the 2nd July 1925, that is after the date of the County Council Elections which were held on the 23rd of June 1925.

With reference to the question of disqualification as set out in Article 12 Sub Article 4(e) above referred to for being concerned in any bargain or contract with the Council,

Mr. Bulleton was plainly at the date of the Election doing work for a Department of the County Council. i.e. The County Board of Health and continued to do such work, and received pay

for same, after the date of the Elections, and it has been that the word "concerned" used in Article 12. Sub. Article 4 (c) comprises all dealings between a member of a local Body with the local Body itself and further the work was a "Public work in a District and consequently Mr Bulleton is also in my opinion disqualified from election to the County Council he being concerned in a bargain or contract with a Department of the Council and was also doing Public work in a District."

Accordingly there would be two vacancies on the Council, and under Article 12 Sub Article 10. of the Application of Enactments Order the Council should forthwith declare the Offices to be vacant, and signify the vacancies by notice to be signed by three members of the Council and the Secretary, and notified as the Council shall direct and thereupon the offices will become vacant."

As to the election to fill the vacancies, there are not in my opinion "casual vacancies" (as the Elections were void) and the Council have therefore no power to coopt new members, and it appears to me that the proper procedure to adopt is, to ask the Local Government Department to order a new election and give the necessary directions for holding it as provided by Article 7 (1) of the Application of Enactments Order 1898"

Mr Bulleton explained the circumstances under which he had taken up work for the District Council. Until he came into the County Council Chamber and signed his declaration of acceptance of office, he did not believe he was a member of the Council.

Mr Darcy stated he had taken legal advice in the matter and he believed there was a doubt as to whether he was disqualified or not.

Mr. Hayes raised the question whether Mr Hall who, he understood held a premium for a Bull from the County Committee of Agriculture, was disqualified

The Secretary stated that Mr Hall had transferred the premium to another person.

Mr. Cloney proposed and Mr. Hall seconded:-

That, in connection with the qualification of Messrs Darcy and Bulleton to act as members of the County Council, Council's opinion to be taken.

As an amendment, Mr. Doyle moved:-

That Messrs Darcy and Bulleton be disqualified as County Councillors and that the Local Government Department be requested to arrange for an election to fill the vacancies thus created.

said election should not be arranged until Mr. Elgee had had time to look into the qualification of Mr. James Hall: who sits for the same electoral area as Mr. Darcy."

Colonel Gibbon seconded.

A. poll. was taken with the following result:-

For a amendment:- Colonel Gibbon, Messrs Boggan, Blince, Bolger, Bonners, Booney, Borish, Doyle, Gaul, Hayes, Jordan Kavanagh, Munnagh Murphy, John OByrne, ODonoghue, Shannon, Walsh White, and the Chairman - 20.

Against - Colonel Quin, Messrs Bloney and Hall. - 3.

Did not vote - Messrs Darcy and Bulleton - 2.

Mr. Lhope was not present during the taking of the poll.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried, and on being put as the substantive motion is passed *un. con.*

Messrs. Darcy and Bulleton then left the meeting.

The following Notice was then read by the Chairman:-

Whereas at a meeting of the County Council of the County of Wexford held on the 9th day of November, 1925, it was resolved that Timothy F. Darcy and Christopher Bulleton, who had been elected members of the County Council were disqualified at the time of the Election from being so elected and that the offices held by the said Timothy F. Darcy and Christopher Bulleton as members of the County Council be declared vacant"

Now therefore, we hereby give notice pursuant to the Provisions of Article 12 (10) of the Application of Enactments Order 1898 that the offices of the said Timothy F. Darcy and Christopher Bulleton as members of the County Council of the County of Wexford are vacant.

Dated this 9th day of November 1925.

(Signed) Thomas McCarthy

John OByrne

James Blince

(Countersigned) N. J. Ingelle Secretary, Co. Council Wexford

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. John OByrne the following resolution was adopted:-

"That notice of the disqualification of Messrs Darcy and Bulleton as County Councillors be published in the three local papers."

On the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr ODonoghue the following resolution was adopted:-

"That vacancies on committees created by the disqualification

of Messrs Dany and Bulliton be not filled until after the proposed new election for County Councilors

Finance Committee.

The following minutes of meetings of Finance Committee held on 22nd October, 1925, and 5th November, 1925, were submitted:—

Rate Collection.

The State of the Rate Collection was submitted when the following resolution was adopted:— "That Rate Collectors be reminded the Finance Committee have definitely decided that in no circumstances can they advise the Council to retain in their service any collector who is not discharging his duties with punctuality and efficiency. They find it is absolutely necessary, in the interests of the Ratepayers of the County, to have the collection placed on a sound business foundation and this must be recognized by everybody concerned.

Claim re. Local Elections.

In connection with recent County Council Elections the Secretary reported that Mr. Martin Baulfield, Grange, Kullanne, had been appointed poll clerk at Templeudigan Station. A few days previous to the election a letter, purporting to be written by Mr. Baulfield, declining to act, was received at County Council Office and in consequence the Deputy Returning Officer appointed Peter Byrne, Templeudigan.

Mr. Baulfield attended polling station and now claimed payment and threatened proceedings. The bogus letter had been handed over to him and he stated he had given it to the Sergeant of the Civic Guard at Kullanne.

"It was decided to refer the matter to Mr. Elgee for his advice for next meeting of Finance Committee"

Meeting— 5th November 1925

Transfer of Officers - position of Mr J J Rochford, late clerk of R.D. Council.

Correspondence was read from Mr. John J Rochford, late clerk New Ross R.D. Council he considered it a matter of fair play that he should be told what duties he would have to perform. If the present system of checking the Rate Collectors Books in the four towns of the County was continued the travelling expenses would be considerable and consequently he wished to know what amount the County Council proposed to allow for expenses. He could not take over duty at County Council

Office until the audit of the accounts of the New Ross R.D. Council had concluded.

The Secretary stated that Mr Rockford had 43½ years service of which 12½ were unofficial. He would attain his 60th year on 27th April 1926.

The following resolution was agreed to:- That the County Council be requested to ask the Local Government Department to allow Mr Rockford to retire on superannuation. That should this proposal be agreed to we recommend that the present arrangements for checking of Rate Collectors Books be continued to 31st March next. That should this proposal be not sanctioned work to be carried out from County Council office by Deputy Checker for Wexford on condition that this proposal means no increase in amount at present paid for this work, no travelling expenses to be paid by the Council.

Insurance of Road Gangers.

In connection with the above Messrs Mc Donagh & Boland, 51, Dame Street, Dublin, Insurance Broker's wrote that the Irish National Insurance Company which held the Rate Collectors policies at present were prepared to quote a premium of 5/- per head - total premium £11:15:0. The Ocean also a first class tariff Company quote the same premium.

The following recommendation was adopted:- That we recommend the County Council to accept the proposal of Messrs Mc Donagh & Boland Insurance Broker's 51, Dame Street Dublin, to insure the Road Gangers (as regards payment to Road workers) at an annual premium of £11:15:0.

On the motion of Mr Blaney, seconded by Mr Sean Byrne, the recommendations of the Finance Committee Meetings were confirmed.

Tuberculosis Scheme.

Letters from Local Government Department under dates 24th October, 1925, No P.H. 49943/25 Wexford County and 29th October 1925, No P.H. 50831/25 Wexford Co., Approving of N. J. Frizelle's services as Secretary Tuberculosis Committee to 31st December, 1925 were read.

Letters from Local Government Department under date 26th October, 1925, No. 49395/1925 Wexford County relative to correspondence with County Board of Health regarding temporary arrangements for administration of Wexford County Tuberculosis Scheme was read.

Letters from Ministry of Local Government under date 20th October, 1925 No P.H. 48703/1925 Wexford Co. Approving of increase in Nurse O'Connor's salary from £100 to £125 per annum as from

20th June, 1925 was read.

Regarding Miss O'Connor's travelling expenses the ministry wrote, as follows in the same letter (20th October 1925). "I am, at the same time, to draw attention to the Minister's letter of the 16th ultimo and to inquire whether the County Council have considered the question of granting Miss O'Connor travelling Expenses."

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, that this matter be referred to Tuberculosis Committee for report.

Scholarships Committee

The following minutes of meeting of Scholarships Committee of 31st October, 1925 were submitted:-

The County Council at their meeting on 12th October 1925, decided to appoint the following Scholarship Committee to deal with University and Primary Scholarship Schemes and to present report to County Council:-

Representatives of County Council - Colonel Gibbon, Messrs Sean O'Byrne, R Borish, W Boggan, J F D'Arcy and the Chairman.

Representatives of Gaelic League:- E P Foley and Seamus Doyle.

Representing Teaching Profession:- Rev. W. F. Murphy, President St. Peter's College, Wexford, Rev Br. E. B. Markey, Christian Schools, New Ross, Mr R F Phillips NT., Baldinstown, Hon Sec. Irish National Teachers Association (Wexford Branch) and Rev Dean Gibson New Ross.

The conference was held in County Council Chamber, Fortview, Wexford, on 31st October, 1925 when the following were in attendance:-

Mr. Thomas McCarthy, Chairman County Council, presiding. also Rev W F Murphy, President St. Peter's College, Wexford, Colonel Gibbon, John O'Byrne, W Boggan, Seamus Doyle and E. P. Foley.

The Secretary to the County Council was also in attendance.

A letter of apology for non attendance was read from Canon Gibson owing to a severe heart attack.

"Mr. Phillips was unable to be present in consequence of a motor break down"

Dr. Patrick H Gallagher, D. Sc., Ph D., 1, Royle Road Dublin, wrote under date 27th October 1925, forwarding article which had appeared over his name in 'The Irish Statesman' of 17th September 1925. Dr Gallagher stated that in the article in question he had briefly outlined a scheme under which portion of the money at present expended on the training of undergraduates should in

future be devoted towards enabling the best graduates to apply their training to problems of local and of national importance.

Had an effort been made in the past to enable and induce University graduates to perfect their training on special lines of national requirement the country would not at present be suffering from the lack of technical experts which is the only possible justification for the intensive foreign economic penetration which was taking place. The meeting debated the letter and article furnished by Dr. Gallagher at considerable length. The members were much impressed by the views put before them.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Byrne:-

That this Committee desires to express its appreciation of the efforts of Dr. Gallagher to improve the University Scholarship Scheme of County Councils in order to provide for matters of really national importance. They would be glad to have the promised development of the scheme as outlined by Dr. Gallagher.

Mr. Boggan proposed Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded and it was passed:- That for the coming year University Scholarships be not awarded to students who intend taking up studies in Law or Medicine as these professions are overcrowded. We are of opinion that University Scholarships should not be looked upon as a means to assist students to obtain a cultural or professional training but to secure the training necessary to assist in National development.

It was also decided to recommend the County Council to provide for two Agricultural Scholarships for award in 1926, one of the ordinary type and the second to have attached a well designed post graduate course which will allow of the successful holder carrying out valuable research work for agriculture. If no pupils are available amount of Scholarships to go to general funds.

In the event of the County Council not being able to put in force the suggestions of Dr. Gallagher, a recommendation was adopted that the two remaining Scholarships should be awarded to students who take Engineering or who are prepared to study for the higher diploma in Education.

The provisions of the Primary Scholarship scheme for 1925 were confirmed with the following addition:-

That immediately on the conclusion of each school term the Principals of the Schools at which Primary Scholarships are held must furnish the County Council with a report as to progress and attendance of students holding these Scholarships.

"The Committee then adjourned to 11th November, 1925, at 10 o'clock."

On the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr O'Donoghue, the following resolution was adopted:-

That the minutes of the Scholarship Committee be received and confirmed

Under date 21st October 1925, Mr. Aidan Simmons, University Scholarship holder wrote that he was taking up Engineering."

Sheep Dipping - Programme for 1926.

The following extract from minutes of meeting of County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction of 2nd November, 1925, was submitted:-

"At the meeting of the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction held on 5th October, 1925, the following resolution was adopted:-

That Messrs Thorpe (New Ross District), G. Colleton (Wexford District), Bryan O'Connor (Enniscorthy District) and Colonel Quin (Gorey District) be appointed a sub-committee to consider with the Sheep Dipping Inspectors, the County Superintendent of the River Guards and representatives of the Sheep Breeders Association, the best means of carrying out the Sheep Dipping Order."

The conference was held on 20th October, 1925, in County Council offices, Fortview, Wexford, when the following were in attendance:-

Representing the County Committee of Agriculture:-
Colonel Gibbon (Chairman) Messrs George Colleton and William Thorpe.

Representing Sheep Breeders Association:- Messrs R.A. Latta, Ballinakill, Feens and Joseph Poole, Ballybeg House, Feens.

Representing the Department of Agriculture:-
Mr. Finlay Kerr, M.R.C.V.S.

The Secretary of the County Committee, Mr R. Malone M.R.C.V.S. and the following Sheep Dipping Inspectors were in attendance.

Enniscorthy District - James Murphy and Myles Roban

Gorey District - Messrs Morgan O'Flaherty and Thomas Pendergast

New Ross District - Mr M.J. Hennessey

Wexford District - James Hayden

Mr R. Downey, Wexford, District Superintendent Garda Síochána, was also in attendance.

The General question of the necessity for a scheme of compulsory dipping was debated. It was recognised that the attitude of the English Ministry of Agriculture in connection with the

importation of disease in animals and particularly in view of recurring outbreaks of foot and mouth disease, rendered it necessary that everything possible should be done to have a clean bill of health for animals sent from this country across the channel. With present arrangements no guarantee could be given as to security for sheep industry, and any country might be scheduled by the English Ministry if cases of sheep scab could be traced back to it. It was admitted that dipping was carried out in a number of cases in a haphazard and perfunctory manner and that as every sheepowner could give notice to dip for any day he selected in the dipping period it would be impossible to provide effective supervision. At the busy period of the dipping season an Inspector might receive twenty or thirty notices of dipping for the same hour on one particular day.

The Conference recognised it was a hardship to compel the careful sheepowner (who habitually dipped his sheep in a proper manner) to drive his animals to a public bath but the Conference had also to recognise the justice of the statement made by the Department of Agriculture that "the prevalence of sheep scab not only imperils the stability of the export trade in sheep on which the Irish sheep industry so largely depends but seriously hinders the normal development of the industry in other ways".

Having considered the various arguments for and against compulsory dipping the Conference unanimously decided that in order to protect the sheep industry it was necessary to devise a system of compulsory dipping.

A discussion then took place as to how best the permission to use suitable baths on private premises could be brought into line with a scheme for compulsory dipping. It was realised that if sheep owners with pedigree flocks, or who were exhibitors at Shows were obliged to send their animals to public dipping stations when they were in a position to utilise a suitable private bath the procedure would impose a great hardship.

In order to meet the point the following was agreed to:— That applications for permits for use of private swim baths for sheep be made to the County Council as Local Authority not later than 1st of May of each year: these applications to be transmitted to Pay Inspectors for report. No private baths will be recognised unless a permit for their use has been obtained. That private dipping be arranged on a five days notice from Pay Inspectors by transmission

or penshes as Inspector may find most convenient during the dipping periods, such fixtures to fit in as far as possible with dates of local shows in respect of sheep which are about to be exhibited thereat. Special facilities to be given to these sheepowners and to men with pedigree flocks. In case of uncertain weather Lay Inspector to decide whether or no dipping should take place. Sheepowners dipping at private baths can use any approved dip on the Department's list but they are recommended to procure a suitable dip of Irish manufacture. Lay Inspector to give certificate of satisfactory dipping.

"Persons who desire to utilise private baths for their flocks must notify the County Council to this effect when applying for permits for use of bath."

"In the event of a person dipping sheep at a private bath for which no permit has been obtained, or, carrying out dipping in an unsatisfactory manner, he shall be obliged to send his animals to such public dipping station as shall be directed."

In regard to compulsory dipping the following decisions were arrived at:-

"Existing dipping periods to continue."

"A Veterinary Inspector and Lay Inspector to be present during dipping."

"That dates of dipping and townlands from which sheep will be taken be advertised in local papers and by posters; these particulars to be drawn up by Lay Inspectors"

In the case of uncertain weather Veterinary Surgeon to decide if dipping shall be carried out or postponed.

"That a charge of 2^d per sheep be made at each bath."

"That the Department of Agriculture issue Order under Article 1 of the Sheep Dipping (Local Regulations) (Ireland) Order of 1916 making it compulsory on all sheepowners who have not obtained permits to utilise private baths, to have their sheep dipped at public dipping Stations."

"That the County Council be requested to fix the allowance and expenses to be allocated to their Veterinary Surgeons in charge of the Scheme."

"That the County Council be recommended to make arrangements with owners of existing baths suitable for public dipping. It is suggested that they be allowed to charge 2^d per sheep on condition that bath will be recognised by County Council as an approved public bath, and which is to include

GENERAL WARRANT TO COLLECT AND LEVY POOR RATES.

To Mr....., Collector of the Poor Rate for No.....Collection District, in the
County Health District of Wexford and County of Wexford.

You are hereby authorised and directed to Levy the several Poor Rates, set forth in the annexed Collecting Book of Receipt and Demand Notes from the several Persons liable to pay the same, so long as the same remain due and payable, by all such ways and means as by law you are empowered to use in the levying of the said Rates.

The Amount to be collected under this Warrant is :—

In respect of the Poor Rates made for the service of the year ending 31st day of March, 19 .. £.....

The Total you are required to collect in the Half-year ending 30th September, 19 .., is the sum of £.....
being half the said sum of £.....in respect of the Rates made for the said year and the total you are required to Collect in the said
year is the said sum of £.....

Sealed with the Common Seal of the County Council of Wexford, and signed on behalf of the Council this.....day of.....19.....

.....Chairman of the day.

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.....} Two other Members present
at the Meeting.

.....Secretary of the County Council.

the provision of approved dip to such an amount as will be required by Sheep Dipping Inspector. Or, in the alternative that County Council procure dip and owner of bath be responsible for cost of amount used.

In connection with assistance from burr guards it was mentioned that they could not supervise dipping which which was not considered police duty. But they would give assistance in the following way.

1. By supplying a list of Sheepowners of the County with the approximate number of sheep kept by each.

2. By keeping order at public dipping stations when hours of dipping came into period covered by ordinary petrol.

3. By comparing in selected cases the number of sheep on farms with the number appearing on certificate of dipping.

4. By careful scrutiny of declarations at fairs.

In respect of public baths it was agreed that, even with the licensing of those existing, at least 24 would be required to start the Scheme.

The Centres which had been selected by the Finance Committee of the County Council were:-

Emmerty District - Blohamon, The Harrow, Marshelstown, Kiltally, Chape and Glenbrin.

A report was read from Mr. Hays. V.S., that he had not come across any bath in the District which he considered suitable for public dipping.

It was considered by Sheep Dipping Inspectors that in addition to the above it would be necessary to have a dipping station at Blackwater.

Gory District - Gory, Inch, Wicklow Gap, Askamore, Camolin and Vullenagh.

The Inspectors considered it would be also necessary to have stations at Monamolin and Monaseed. No recommendation had been received from Mr. Munnagh V.S., as to the existing baths in this District. One on the premises of Mr. John Tomkins, Munnagh Camolin might be found suitable and a bath at Dubart on the premises of Mr. John Cooney had been used as a public Bath.

New Ross District:- Haggard (Ransgrange) Adanstown, Ballygarvan, Aughclare, Ballywilliam, and Vallowen (Whitchurch).

It was considered that Ballywilliam could be replaced by a station at Templemurry and that arrangements might be made with Mr. J. Deacon, Camross for use of bath for public dipping.

"Mr. Taylor, V.S. reported the following baths would be suitable for public dipping:-"

Ballycop - property of Mr Vincent Doyle Quay Street New Ross.

Armagh - property of Mr William Gannon.

Hestpark Ballinaboola - property of Mr Luke Dwyer.

Mr. Lynch V.S. reported in favour of the following:-

Garryniskard - property of Mr. M. L. Hickey.

Nesh - property of Mr Michael Boregan.

Wexford District. Lagoat, Duncormack, Kilmore, Bannow Loughmore and Crossbeg.

"It was agreed that it was advisable to have a public station at Puncstown or Kilmacree.

Mr R. Malone reported in favour of baths on the premises of the following:- Sean Bullen, Duncormack, W H Lett, Ballyoughlin, Bannow, N Brien Camy-on-Bannow and William Larkin Hametown.

It was decided that the Lay Inspectors be asked to submit a list of the various private baths in their district with a statement as to the approximate number of sheep which could be dealt with in an ordinary working day."

A preliminary estimate of cost was as follows:-

24 dipping tanks @ £20

£240.

Inspectors: Lay. £122

Veterinary £200.

£322

£802

"Mr. Sean OByrne proposed and Mr Ennis seconded the following That the report of Conference re Sheep Dipping of 20th October, 1925, as presented to this meeting be received and adopted.

Mr Thorpe proposed and Mr Ennis seconded the following which was agreed to:-

"That the following provisions be added to the recommendation of Conference on Sheep Dipping:- "That a 'bath' under this Scheme shall be taken to mean a properly constructed swim bath in which a sheep can be perfectly immersed and fitted with an appropriate drains."

The resolution of Mr Sean OByrne as to acceptance of Report of Conference on Sheep Dipping was then put and passed *un. con.*

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

"That the report from the County Committee of Agriculture

and Technical Instruction, containing proposals for Sheep Dipping Programme for 1926 be received and adopted. That the County Committee be requested to make further recommendations with regards to the places at which public dipping stations should be established.

Rate Collection.

The state of the Rate Collection was submitted, and after discussion, it was decided that the matter be referred to the next meeting of the Finance Committee to which all the collectors are to be summoned.

Auditor's Reports.

Reports of the Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the County Council for the half year ended 31st March, 1925, of the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for the half years ended 31st March, 1924, 30th September, 1924 and 31st March, 1925; and of the County Tuberculosis Committee for the half years ended 30th September, 1924, 31st March, 1925, and 30th September, 1925, were submitted to the meeting.

Audit Fee.

Under date 31st October, 1925, (Letter No. 49653/25 Wexford County), the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote, applying for payment of £85, amount of fee payable by the Council for the audit of their accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1925.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. John O'Byrne the following resolution was adopted:-

That the sum of £85, amount of fee fixed for the audit of the accounts of the Council for the year ended 31st March 1925, be paid to the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

Appointment of Medical Officer of Health.

Under date 22nd October, 1925, (Letter No P.H. 49401/25 Miscellaneous) the Minister for Local Government and Public Health wrote, drawing attention to the provisions of Section 21 (1) of the Local Government Act, 1925, relative to the appointment of County Medical Officers of Health, an essential qualification for which would be the possession of the Diploma of Public Health or equivalent degree which should be supplemented by practical experience of administrative functions. Arrangements had been made to enable existing Tuberculosis Officers possessing the D.P.H. and seeking appointments as County Medical Officers of Health to acquire further administrative experience and a more intimate knowledge of the manifold activities of Public Health work. The principle of a Selection Committee would apply to all such appointments.

and a Bill would shortly be introduced to regulate the future procedure concerning appointments of officers of local authorities. Due notice would be given to the County Council as to when the preliminaries with a view to an appointment should be undertaken but it was improbable that the appointment could become effective before the 1st April next.

No order.

Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act, 1925.

Under date 15th October, 1925, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health wrote that he proposed in pursuance of Section 12 (b) of above Act to make regulations determining standards of quality for commodities for which he had appointed or intended to appoint official contractors. He requested to be furnished with observations as to any changes or alterations in existing standards which from experience might have commended themselves to the Council.

Referred to County Surveyor.

It was also decided that the County Surveyor and the Secretary to the County Board of Health furnish particulars to the Department of Local Government and to the County T.D.'s, in all cases in which the quality of articles supplied under the combined purchasing system are not satisfactory.

Poundage.

Under date 24th October, 1925, (Letter No. G. 49219/1925 Wexford County) the Minister for Local Government and Public Health wrote that he would raise no objection to the payment of the balance of poundage fees due to Rate Collectors in respect of the collection to the 31st March, 1925, provided the full amount of their warrants be irrecoverable and had been lodged. He also sanctioned payment of 50% of poundage fees due to collectors who had lodged at least 60% of the rates for the half year ended 30th September.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. John O'Sullivan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That all collectors who have lodged 60% of their collections to the 31st October, 1925, receive poundage as per letter from the Minister for Local Government under date 24th October, 1925. (No. G. 49219/1925 Wexford County)"

Authorised Committees.

Under date 2nd November, 1925, letter (No. G. 49466/1925 Wexford County) was read from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health approving of the arrangements made by the

bounty council regarding the conduct of proceedings of committees appointed by them under Section 58 of the Local Government Act, 1925.

Rosslare Battle Boat.

The following resolution passed at the meeting of the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction on 2nd November, 1925, was submitted:-

That in view of the statements made in the memorandum of the Department of Agriculture (LH 43-25) as to the manner in which Irish cattle are placed on the English markets it would be to the interests of the County Wexford to have the port of Rosslare re-opened for the shipping of live stock. We recommend to the Department that action should be taken by them at once to enable this to be done. That the County Council be requested to appoint a deputation to wait upon the Minister of Industry and Commerce to urge upon him the necessity which exists for the reopening of a live stock service which affords transport for cattle second to none in Ireland.

Colonel Gibbon proposed and Mr Murphy seconded, the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Doyle supported.

Mr Bonish stated that he could not support the resolution as the Harbour Board were engaged in a campaign to try and get back trade into Wexford. If he supported the resolution he would be allowing the Cork Steamship Co. to get out of certain of their obligations as regards the provisions of a battle Boat for the Wexford - Liverpool service.

Colonel Gibbon then proposed:- "That representatives of the Wexford Harbour Board and Cork Steamship Co., be invited to a conference with the County Council with a view to endeavouring to secure a cattle service from Wexford. In the event of it being found impossible to arrange for a service from Wexford, that representations be made to the Government to take steps to release the Great Western Railway Company of England from the provisions of the Act of Parliament under which they are bound to run a daily cattle boat from Wexford."

Mr Bonish seconded the motion which was passed.

On the motion of Mr John O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Shannon, the following were appointed as representatives of the County Council: The Chairman, Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs M. Doyle, R. Bonish, and W. Thorpe to meet on Saturday 14th November, 1925, at 2 o'clock p.m., in the County Council Chamber Fortruan Wexford.

The resolution from County Committee of Agriculture was adjourned pending report from conference with representatives of Harbour Board and Cork Steamship Co.

Petrol Lorry.

Under date 9th November, 1925, the County Surveyor reported that the crank axle of the petrol lorry, taken over from the Enniscorthy Rural District Council, broke at Ferrybank on 4th instant whilst returning from blasting operations in the New Ross area. He had received a quotation for £21, plus carriage, for a new axle and he asked for authority to have repairs carried out to the lorry as it would be useless otherwise.

On the motion of Mr Shannon, seconded by Mr John O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the necessary repairs to make petrol lorry effective be carried out."

Allocation of Agricultural Grant.

The following resolution was submitted from the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction:-

"That only farmers who till at least thirty three and one third per cent of their arable land be entitled to get the benefit of the Agricultural Grant in future, thereby ensuring that all who till the required acreage will receive about 6p in the £ and that hay will count as tillage only when first crop."

Mr Thorpe proposed and Mr Blince seconded the adoption of the resolution:

Colonel Quin, Colonel Gibbon, and Mr Doyle opposed.

On a show of hands 16 voted in favour of the resolution and 7 against.

The Chairman declared the resolution passed.

Drainage Maintenance Act 1924.

Under date 14th October, 1925, the Commissioners of Public Works forwarded (No 11526/1925) report which they had furnished to Mr Patrick White, Beckville House, Bridgetown, Secretary to the Ballyteigue Drainage District and to Mr S. W. Bonwell, Sawhill, Vilmore, Secretary to the Ballyteigue and Vilmore Drainage District, dealing in extenso with both these districts.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Drainage Committee.

Under date 14th October, 1925, (19230/1925) a letter was read from the Commissioners of Public Works asking whether the Council had decided to give any contribution towards the cost.

of the works in Kilmannock and Low Drainage District.

It was decided that this matter be considered specially at the next meeting of the County Council.

Salary of Mr. R. Malone M.R.C.V.S.

Under date 10th October, 1925, letter No L 3351-25 was read from the Department of Agriculture approving of the proposal of the Council to increase the salary of Mr R. Malone M.R.C.V.S., Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts for Wexford District, from £40 15s 9d per annum.

Weights and Measures Inspection

Under date 29th October, 1925, the following letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce:—

The Ex officio Inspector of Weights and Measures will require by the 1st January four sets of date stamps for 1926 for your area. For the convenience of the Councils concerned we have obtained inclusive tenders as follows:—

	Price per set
Messrs John R. Rooney, 8 College Street Dublin,	6/2
Messrs De Grave Short & Co Naylor Rd London	6/6.
Messrs W & J Avery Ltd Soho Foundry Birmingham.	7/1.

Subject to your approval we propose to accept the lowest tender that of Mr. Rooney, Dublin.

Each of the Inspectors also requires two special sets of stencils and for this we have obtained tenders as follows:—

Mr. J. Rooney, 8 College Street Dublin	2/6 each
Messrs Avery & Co Birmingham	2/3 "

"As there is only a difference of 6^d for the Irish manufactured article in both requirements for your area, we propose, with your approval, to accept the tender of Mr Rooney, Dublin."

As the matter is urgent an early reply will be greatly esteemed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Colonel Quinn the acceptance of the tenders for supply of date stamps and stencils as proposed by the Department of Industry & Commerce in their letter of 29th October, 1925, was approved.

Travelling Expenses of County Councillors.

Under date 28th October 1925, letter (No 49003/1925 Wexford County Council) the Minister for Local Government and Public Health wrote acknowledging the resolution of the County Council relative to the question of travelling expenses, and stating he was bound by the specific terms of the Statute passed by An t-Oireachtas.

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

That in the opinion of the County Council, all their committees should be authorized committees, the members of which should be entitled to receive contribution towards travelling expenses, as without the aid of these committees, the Council would find it impossible to carry out their duties with efficiency.

Food and Drugs Acts

Under date 19th October, 1925, the Chief Superintendent, An Garda Síochána, Wexford, wrote recommending Garda Cecil Geary (4660) for appointment as Inspector under Food and Drugs Acts, Wexford District, vice Sergeant B. Keogh, transferred to Waterford County.

On the motion of Mr John O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

That Garda Cecil Geary (5660) be appointed Inspector under Food and Drugs Acts, Wexford District, vice Sergeant B. Keogh, who has been transferred to Waterford County.

Analyst's Report.

Report of Miss Phyllis Ryan, County Analyst for quarter ended 30th September, 1925, was submitted showing that 85 samples were analysed during the quarter, the number adulterated being:- new milk 1; Drug, 1.

Mount St Benedict School.

Under date 23rd October, 1925, the following letter was read from his Lordship, the Bishop of Ferns:-

"The points raised at meeting of the County Council on the 12th instant in regard to Mt. St. Benedict's have already received careful consideration.

"The matter has been decided by the Holy See.

"In the circumstances I fail to see what useful purpose can be served by the Deputation from your body."

Complaint Re Wexford Courthouse

Relative to above, the following, under date 26th October, 1925, was read from Mr. McNally, Court-keeper:-

"I have your complaining of the condition of Wexford Courthouse.-

"The Court which is used for judicial business has been always kept in proper order and I am sure those using it, including the District Justice, will admit this-

Of course I cannot help the condition of the ruins, and as these are practically open to the public it would be impossible

for me to keep them free of trespass, much less have them in a clean and tidy condition - I would be glad to know what portion of the premises the complain refers to. I am sure it cannot be the court proper. I have acted as bountkeeper for 30 years, and this the first complaint which has been made as to the manner in which the place has been kept.

Mr. John O'Byrne said that when the Committee inspected the bounthouse, the bount proper, floor and galleries were in a very bad condition, and evidently had not been swept for weeks. Colonel Gibson seconded.

Bounty Council's General Council.

Under date 8th October, 1925, the Secretary, Bounty Councils, General Council, wrote that the annual meeting of that body would be held on 9th December, 1925, and notice of any matters which the County Council might desire to have included on the agenda should reach on or before 9th November.

Price of Barley.

A resolution was read from Fildare Bounty Council protesting against the unfair and oppressive treatment which was being given to the Barley growing industry by a monopoly which had the power of fixing the price at which the crop must be sold and which had made use of that power to compel the producer to sell at a ruinous figure, barely covering the cost of production.

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

"That the Government be requested to make representations to Messrs Guinness in connection with the purchase of Irish barley and the price paid therefor. We feel that Messrs Guinness should, in the interests of the country, take steps to stabilize the market for this crop and also offer such a price as will not deter the farmer from including in his future crop rotation. This very much desired end might be brought about if the Government could lay the present deplorable circumstances of the Agricultural community before Messrs Guinness."

The Dole.

A resolution was read from Tipperary S.R. County Council requesting the General Council of Bounty Councils to summon a Conference to devise a scheme by which the valuable labours of those at present unemployed and receiving unemployment insurance might be utilised for the Nation in schemes of

road making, Bridge Building, Housing etc. the "dole" being supplemented or increased by such amount as might be considered fair and reasonable. The present system of doles, while necessary in cases of emergency and while a scheme of employment or works of public or national importance was being formulated, was, if continued, in its effects wasteful and demoralising, ultimately increasing the ranks of unemployed and unemployable and throwing on the rates the burden of maintaining those who could and should be employed.

The resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Blince, seconded by Mr. Thorpe.

Vaccination

A resolution was read from Wickinny Corporation, calling upon the Government to bring in an Amending Bill which would provide that Irish parents who had a conscientious objection would not be compelled to have their children vaccinated.

Mr. Blince proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the adoption of the resolution.

Passed - Colonel Quin dissenting.

Public Bodies Insurance

A resolution was read from the Clare Mental Hospital Committee requesting the Executive Council to undertake an inquiry as to ascertain the feasibility of Public Bodies of Ireland holding in combination all Insurance risks on public property and the possibility of retaining all insurance or re insurance business in the country either by a system of State guarantees or by means of the State holding all re-insurance risks or otherwise.

On the motion of Mr. John O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That this County Council is in favour of the establishment of a Public Bodies Insurance Scheme."

Roads Committee

The following minutes of Meeting of Roads Committee of 26th October, 1925, were submitted:-

County Surveyors Report

The following report was submitted by the County Surveyors:-

The Roads Inspection Committee have now completed their rounds, having visited Mr. Cunis and Mr. Moran's Districts during the week. They will have their report prepared for the next County Council meeting. Amongst other places visited they inspected several which are matters of consideration on the agenda.

for the meeting, and will report on same.

I have application for permission to erect a house on 94E at Kilmushal. The Roads Committee inspected the place and approval of permission being granted.

"On the 15th instant, with Dr. Connor, I inspected the new Hospital, Enniscorthy, with a view to the proposed additions, but have not been able to prepare a detailed report up to the present.

"On the 23rd instant Mr Walsh M.B.E., and Mr Elgee, Solicitor and myself interviewed Mr Hamilton, agent for the New Ross Courthouse and Mr Elgee will put in report giving the result of our interview.

The Wexford Courthouse Committee have had a interview with the architects and will report to the meeting.

I am at present going fully into the estimates for road work for the coming year, and hope to be able to submit complete detailed schedule at next meeting of the Committee.

Recently when carrying out blasts there has been a certain amount of danger owing to flying stones, and I propose getting a much longer electric cable, so that the men firing the shots may be able to keep further away from the danger zone. A new cable of sufficient length will cost £5 or £6 and I ask for sanction to get this.

In regard to the memorial for cutting of corner on Road 45G, near Boolgreany, I beg to report that the Roads Inspection Committee visited this place and do not consider this a road on which much money should be spent. Some small improvement may be made at the place, and the Assistant Surveyor Mr Treanor was directed to arrange for this.

I have a letter from Mr A Ryan, Curraheen Ballywilliam with reference to repair of a lane-way. This matter was mentioned at the last meeting of the New Ross District Council, and I was asked to arrange with Mr Ryan. At the present time I do not consider it would be advisable to put any more roads on the board.

"There is a letter from Rev Mr Vandaleur, asking to have a sign post erected near Kiltanel School. The whole matter of these signs will be fully considered later, but, in the meantime I shall ask the Automobile Association for a sign and have it erected if you consider it advisable."

House at Kilmyschal.

The bounty Surveyor stated that the road wall in this case projected on to the road. Hugh Kavanagh, Kilmyschal, the man who applied for the permission to erect the house intended to put the building behind the present line of the road wall and in this way the road would be widened. The necessary permission was agreed to on the motion of Mr. Sean Byrne, seconded by Mr. Bolger.

Yever Hospital.

The bounty Surveyor explained that it was proposed to provide for an additional ten beds for advanced cases.

"It was decided to adjourn this matter to afford the bounty Surveyor an opportunity of examining a plan for new building and which had been prepared by Mr Flood, Engineer to Ennisorthy R.D. Council."

New Ross Courthouse.

The bounty Surveyor stated that the Committee had inspected the premises. Mr Hemilton, agent, explained that the former rent was £24 and now asked for a rent of £50. He, however, appeared more anxious that the Council should purchase the premises and a figure of £1000. was mentioned by him. Pending any settlement Mr Hemilton would allow the District Justice to use the courthouse once a week.

Mr. Hall proposed, Colonel Quin seconded, and it was passed:- "That the bounty Council be recommended to purchase New Ross Courthouse premises at £600."

Wexford Courthouse.

Colonel Gibbon explained that the Committee, with Mr Scallan, Clerk of the Peace, Mr Gregory, District Clerk, and the bounty Secretary and bounty Surveyor had spent some time examining the plans which had been prepared by Messrs Owen and Delap. The Committee found they could provide ample accommodation for everybody concerned and satisfaction was generally expressed as regards the proposals - personally he thought the necessary accommodation had been provided better than he anticipated. The plans had been returned for some minor alterations. The Council would, he considered, have to make up their minds to provide a system of central healing

Electric Cable.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Bolger:-

"That, as recommended by County Surveyor, an electric cable of sufficient length to protect those engaged in blasting operations be purchased at a cost not exceeding £6"

Road 45 G.

The County Surveyor explained that the corner in question was near Freeman's house.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr O'Byrne:- "That the report of County Surveyor relative to corner on 45 G be adopted: steps should be taken as soon as convenient to have the hedge which is obscuring the view, cut".

Laneway a banawn.

It was decided that the application be refused. Mr Ryan to be informed that should he refuse to pay his rates he will be prosecuted.

Sign Posts.

" It was decided that the letter from Mr. Vandeleur for erection of sign post at Kiltunnel school be dealt with when location of new sign posts was under consideration.

In connection with proposal to have signs erected in Irish and English, the Irish Secretary, Automobile Association, wrote that the Association had no signs done in Irish characters. If these were included it would curtail to utility of the sign as only his names would be in smaller characters they would be less legible. Signs were put on cross roads for the sake of guiding the Foreigners not the people of the County. These matters were explained so that the Roads Committee would not make a decision against their own interest.

Colonel Quin proposed:- "That we accept the offer of the Automobile Association to provide road signs in English characters. That the posts for these signs be so constructed as to each take two signs. That the Gaelic League be invited to provide signs done in Irish and which can be attached to post".

Mr Boggan seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Taxation of Road Vehicles.

" The General Council of County Councils forwarded copy of the interim report of Sub-Committee of the Roads Advisory Committee re above. This report would be considered by the

Executive Committee of the General Council on 25th November and their recommendations would be submitted to the Annual meeting of the General Council on 9th December, 1925.

Colonel Gibson considered that a copy of the Report should be obtained for each member of the Roads Committee.

Colonel Quin proposed:— This Committee is in favour of a tax of 5/- per annum being placed on pedal cycles.

Mr Hall seconded.

Mr Bolger proposed:—

"This Committee recommends the imposition for an annual tax of 2/6d each on all pedal cycles."

This was seconded by the Chairman and on a show of hands was carried by four to three.

The Chairman proposed, Mr Bolger seconded, and it was passed:— That the interim report of Sub-Committee of Roads Advisory Committee on the taxation of Road Vehicles be approved.

Public Bodies Insurance.

Under date 14th October, 1925, the Secretary, General Council of County Councils, wrote that their Executive Committee had under consideration the question of the insurances effected by Public Bodies. A suggestion for the formation of an Association of Public Bodies for mutual insurance had been referred for expert advice and it was hoped to have a concrete proposal considered at the Annual meeting of the General Council.

Motor Car Administration.

Report was received from Civil Guards that Patrick Byrne, Irish Street, Buncloody, was found, on the 29th July last, using a hackney motor car for commercial purposes.

Colonel Quin proposed and the Chairman seconded:— That as we believe Patrick Byrne, Irish Street, Buncloody, used his hackney motor car for commercial purposes, through ignorance of the law on the matter, we agree to accept a mitigated penalty in this case.

As an amendment, Mr Boggan proposed and Colonel Gibson seconded the following amendment:— That a prosecution be instituted against Patrick Byrne, Irish Street, Buncloody, for having used his hackney motor car for commercial purposes.

This amendment was carried on a show of hands.

Under date 21st October, 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (R/M/204) that the matter of having periodical "hold up" by the Garda Síochána of mechanically

propelled road vehicles had been brought under the notice of the Minister for Justice for any action which he may consider necessary.

Heavy Motor Cars - Reduction in weight.

Under date 16th October, 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote that the Minister for Local Government had made an order fixing the maximum laden weight of a heavy motor car in certain cases at nine tons instead of twelve tons at hitherto. The new order applied to vehicles outside a County Borough and to vehicles which up to the date of the order had not been licensed.

In the case of vehicles already licensed the maximum laden weight would remain at twelve tons.

Brownwood Quarry.

The following was read from M. E. Monaghan, M.C. under date 19th October 1925:-

I ask you to bring under the notice of the Roads Committee at their next meeting a grievance lodged here on Sunday evening by Peter Kehoe, Nathaniel Carthy, Joseph Ballen, Patrick Reay and Patrick Russell, who were carters working in the employment of the Council up until June last when work ceased. As those men are labour carters they want to know how it is they do not get day work when there is work in that district as there are some of those men working with County Council since 1918 while there are other carters who are not a year in the employment from the very first, and those men are farmers or tradesmen who are well able to live without this work. As well those labour carters have nothing to fall back on when they are thrown idle. Whereas if they were on day work they would have their cards stamped and be entitled to unemployment benefit when out of work. It is a terrible thing to see these men without any means of living since last year. They also told me that John O'Gorman, the ganger in Brownwood area, told them last February he would leave the job sooner than have those men labour carters - work on day work. Those men asked him for an explanation and he would not give them any explanation, while he had his own horse and cart working day work at the same time probably under an assumed name in Brownwood quarry. Another case - there is the main road from Edgewine to Enniscorthy which was given to Patrick Reay to put on the tonnage on it in October 1923 for 4/3 per cubic yard, and he put the required tonnage on it, 200 yards, and must have done it satisfactorily.

as there were no complaints. Now this road in 1924 was given to a farmer at 1/9d a cubic yard without even telling Pat Leary. Why was it necessary to increase from 1/3 to 1/9? we do not understand. Another point I would like to raise when those men were carting to steamroller their loads were measured neatly while other carters got off without measurement. Surely there is favouritism in this. How was it there was a form to be signed by order of Mr Barry. Some of the carters had to sign it under threat of being dismissed and others were not asked to sign it. Why such distinction? There were also cards handed to Gorman to send to Council office for Pat Leary in July 1924. Now neither the unemployment card nor the Health card can be traced. There must be negligence here on someone's part but it is Pat Leary who has to suffer. He was dismissed last June through slackness of work - about 13 weeks - and is without any means of living. Another matter I would like to mention when breaker was working in Brownswood Quarry. From the first commencement of quarry opening there was a son of Nathaniel Barty used to be drawing the water to engine. I believe there was no fault to be found with this boy and yet the drawing of the water was taken from him and given to another man. What excuse can they give for this? Hasnt Nathaniel Barty a big family as well as the other man. Those men are prepared to prove this statement if required.

In connection with this matter the following letter under date 23rd October, 1925. was read from John Dancy, Ballyroe, Glenbrin:-

Will you kindly have this question raised at next Monday's meeting. It is in connection with the water supply to engine in Brownswood Quarry. I had it at last breaking when Nat Barty raised a big row over it it was ^{with} the result Mr Shannon put on a resolution on the books to employ some person who was not working in the Quarry. Now the job has been given back to Barty who has a horse drawing out of the same quarry. He also takes his bit out of a job to draw the water. I am an employee of the Council for the past five years. I take charge of the work in the ganger's absence without any remuneration. I have a son idle also a donkey and cart. I think I am entitled to something as well as Barty. Mr O Gorman, the ganger of Brownswood Quarry will be at the meeting. He will answer any questions asked in connection with this statement. I hope the Council will settle

this definitely as I do believe there is a lot of under hand work attached to it.

The following reply to Mr. Munnagh's statement was submitted from Mr. Bullen, Assistant Surveyor:-

Bartus on Daywork. "There is one man in question on day work now. He has eight children to provide for and no land.

Re Farmers and Liablemen. - When rolling on Oylegate road I had a cartier employed whose invalid mother has a farm and who is in very straitened circumstances. The employment of this cartier met with approval of ratepayers in locality. There was another man on day work who was formerly a blacksmith. He had to relinquish his trade owing to bad health.

Haulage 25th E. In 1923 I asked for offers for haulage to this road. Leamy offered at price mentioned by Mr. Munnagh and got the work. In 1924 a former contractor on this road, James Brin, Gentague, carried out the work and the price was the same as Leamy received.

I deny that favouritism was shown to any haulier in the way of checking roads.

"Haulage agreement forms were made out for every man on the job at the time and I have not heard anything about alleged cheats until now."

Continuing Mr. Bullen said that the Union objected to Leamy taking the contract a second time for the road at 1/3^d per yard so that there was very little probability of Leamy taking the road.

It was decided, after considerable discussion, that the Committee regarded the charges made by Mr. Munnagh as unsustained. As regards haulage of water they decided to allow Bartus's son to continue the work.

Gullat at Cross of Mye

The following was read from M. A. Munnagh, M.B.C. under date 19th October 1925:-

I wish to bring this gullat at cross of Mye under the notice of the Roads Committee. As I understand Mr. Heating was at great inconvenience by the place flooding last winter and I believe he lost some fowl with the floods of water that used to be around the place. Now I hope the County Surveyor will look to this at once and not have a recurrence of the flooding of this man's place this winter. When out inspecting the roads I would advise Committee of Inspection to go over to this place and see for themselves. P.S. Knockrathkyle is the proper name but it is called the cross of Mye.

The County Surveyor said it was agreed to move out the

fence and deal with the drain alongside the road so that they would have control of it. The owner of the land (Mr Heffernan) was agreeable but he considered the fence should not be moved until the end of October to give it a chance to grow.

"Mr Boggan said this was a private matter and the Council should not have anything to do with it.

"Mr Elgee pointed out that negotiations had taken place already between the County Surveyor and Heffernan as to the cleaning of the drain.

"It was decided to adjourn the matter to enable an inspection of the place to be made by Mr. Elgee, Solicitor. If he considers County Council are responsible, work to be carried out without delay. If not that the County Surveyor present a report to next meeting of Roads Committee."

Van for men with Tar Sprayers

Mr John Connor's M.B.C., wrote that he would move at next meeting of the County Council the following motion: - "That a van be supplied for each tar spraying machine under supervision of County Council for holding coal, tools, etc, and for the use of the gang thereon."

The County Surveyor thought it was not necessary to have a van for the purpose mentioned. He would go into it more fully and report to next meeting."

Overalls for Tar Spraying outfit

"The following notice of motion by Mr J Connor M.B.C. was read: "That five suits of overalls be supplied to the men holding the hose of the tar spraying machine and the men opening the drums and filling machine as the tar was very injurious to men's clothing."

It was decided that the matter be referred to the County Surveyor for report."

Road works near Ferns

Colonel Gibbon reported that on 29th September last he noticed the men in charge of tar spraying plant near Ferns were idle as he passed by. He had been informed that it was necessary men should wait while tar was heating: if this was the case a second machine might be found necessary.

Mr Ennis (Assistant Surveyor) said that on the occasion in question the men had been filling holes on old stoan road section and were preparing to move on to Ferns end to do regular tarring. He was satisfied the work was going on fairly well.

Missing Stone County Hall.

Under date 13th October, 1925, the Board of works wrote that it had now been ascertained that the range at County Hall was removed by the Military and the Board were accordingly being advised that an addition of £48 should be made to the sum of £243:12:9 already agreed to in connection with the question of compensation to the County Council.

New Ross Urban Council and Road T.Y.

The following resolution was read from New Ross Urban Council:-
That the County Council be informed this Council was not in office when the work referred to was being carried out, and they would not, therefore, control the cost of it. They now desire to state that they are of opinion it is not a wise proposition to leave portion of such an important Trunk Road as this is, in such an unfinished state, and they therefore again earnestly request the County Council to reconsider their decision in the matter and grant the additional £50 asked for so that the Urban Council may be enabled to carry out the necessary work on the road."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Quinn, seconded by Mr Hall:-

"That the County Council be recommended to refuse the application of New Ross Urban Council for a supplemental allocation of £50 in connection with carrying out the work of application of 'Spraman' to Road T.Y. The Roads Committee can see no reason why the work was not carried out within the amount of the grant already given New Ross Urban Council, viz. £100."

Footpath adjacent to New Ross Urban District.

Under date 4th October, 1925, the following letter was read from Mr M. J. Finnan Town Clerk New Ross:-

I am directed by the New Ross Urban District Council to draw the serious attention of the Wexford County Council to the condition of the surface of the footpaths adjacent to Urban Boundary, especially that of Brandon Well Road, and also the overhanging hedges. They cannot understand why the Brynwell Road footpath was not put in a proper state of repair when the road itself was being repaired, and they hope that it will receive the necessary attention as soon as possible."

The County Surveyor stated that the surface of the footpath at Brandon Well was not particularly bad but

material to roll the road was lying up against the edge of the path. The hedges required attention and they would be seen to at once. The path at Breywell was as good as ever it had been and the County Surveyor did not see any reason for complaint at all.

Complaint - Haulage Contractor.

The following letter under date 12th October, 1925, was read from John Dake, Boolisall, Wellingtonbridge:-

In reference to the cancelling of my contract which was before the last meeting of the Roads Committee I beg to state that Mr Kehoe made a statement which was not correct. He said that the material was out on the road from Duncormack to Boolisall through Rough. He also said that I was the only man who had not the work done. I can prove that such is not the case. I think it is very unfair to cancel my contract when others were in as bad a position and I am a poor man with a large family. I would be very grateful if you would consider the matter at your meeting to-day."

The following report was received from Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, under date 20th October 1925:-

In reference to the statement made by John Dake to the Roads Committee and afterwards repeated in a letter read at the last County Council meeting viz., "that no material had been put in depots on the road leading from Boolisall to Duncormack". I beg to state that there was at the time 55 cubic yards of sea gravel in the depots. This quantity was there in 11 depots from the early summer and no one knows it better than Dake. It is there to be seen still. With regard to his further statement to the Committee that he had 20 cu. of sea gravel banked at Bullinstown for road No 4-5 W. I beg to state that on Friday the 16th instant I went from one end of the Strand to the other and didn't find even one load of gravel banked there either by Dake or anyone else."

Mr Dake came before the meeting and made several statements which were denied by Mr Kehoe.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted:-

That this Committee have no reason to alter their decision to uphold the action of Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, in regard to haulage contract of John Dake, Boolisall, Wellingtonbridge.

Wire Cable across Gory Street.

The following, under date 2nd October, 1925, was read from Mr. Francis, Assistant Surveyor:-

"Mr. Peters, Proprietor, Railway Hotel, Gory, has asked permission to carry an electric cable over street adjoining hotel in connection with electric lighting installation for hotel and premises generally.

I told him would write you in the matter to have it brought before County Council for their consideration."

The following resolution was adopted, on the motion, of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. Hall:-

That permission be granted Mr. Peters, Proprietor, Railway Hotel, Gory, to run electric cable across street in Gory y adjoining Hotel provided that the cable be carried 25 feet over the road and the Mr. Peters signs an indemnity to be responsible for all claims that may arise in connection with an accident which may occur in connection with the cable - whether in erection or when working:-

Verona Bridge

The County Surveyor reported that he did not think it would be possible to start work then at present. He would keep the place under observation but he did not consider there was any immediate danger. The bridge would have to be rebuilt in the Spring and cost would run to about £200.

Dangerous corner Ballycaney.

The County Surveyor said that the Roads Inspection Committee had examined this corner and they recommended that the hedge at one corner be cut down and also the trees on the ditch. He would have this carried out."

Ballyvergin crossing.

Colonel Gibson called attention to the dangerous crossing at Ballyvergin on the Camross-Adams town road.

The County Surveyor was directed to report in the matter

Nelson Bridge.

A similar order was made in the case of Nelsons Bridge & the dangerous condition of which the attention of the County Surveyor was called by Mr. Bolger.

Ballylannon level crossing.

Mr. Bolger stated that in consequence of the manner in which the Railway Company had raised the tracks at above

level crossing persons could not get over them with a load.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

Lacken Road.

"The County Surveyor stated he had been over the road on 23rd October and found its condition very bad. He had instructed the Assistant Surveyor (Mr O'Neill) to move the large stones and would have the road improved as much as was possible in the circumstances.

Yennacanny Bridge

"The County Surveyor reported that the contractor for this bridge had left a good deal of debris behind. He had been notified to have it removed."

Injured Workmen Blologue Quarry.

"At last meeting of the County Council Mr Patrick O'Byrne M.B.C., raised the question of the payment of compensation to James Doyle, a workman in Blologue Quarry. Mr O'Byrne contended that this man was not paid the amount to which he was entitled

"The County Surveyor stated he had examined his records and found that Doyle was incapacitated for 13 weeks. He was entitled to £1.6.0 compensation for one week and this had been paid him. When a man was incapacitated for less than a fortnight he did not receive any compensation in respect of the first week.

Buncloody Courthouse.

"Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, reported that the structural alterations would cost about £5. This did not include furniture which the District Court Clerk considered should be provided.

A resolution was adopted that a sum not exceeding £5 be allocated for necessary structural alterations to Buncloody Courthouse.

Ennisworthy Road at Moyne.

"Colonel Gibson complained that the road near Mr Deane's at the Moyne was still flooded.

The County Surveyor stated he was having a drain at the other side of the footpath deepened and intended to put a pipe across this he believed would obviate the flooding."

Ryland Hill.

"Colonel Gibson called attention to the ravelling of surface at Ryland Hill - Road Ennisworthy to Buncloody.

Mr Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said he was keeping

this particular portion levelled and he did not think it would go any more than at present."

Broadford Bridge.

Under date 6th October, 1925, James Breslin, St Aidan's Demesne Ferns, wrote complaining that his house was flooded in the winter owing to the condition of Broadford Bridge destroyed by the Irregulars three years ago. The temporary repair was not supposed to deal with the floods.

Mr Ennis said the bridge was undergoing repairs: it was very difficult to believe that Breslin's house was flooded owing to the condition of the Bridge."

Motor Lorries and Pneumatic Tyres.

A resolution was received from Monaghan County Council calling upon the Government to put into force after twelve months the recommendation limiting the use of motor lorries to those using pneumatic tyres.

Colonel Gibson proposed that the Monaghan resolution be marked read.

"The Chairman seconded this which was adopted."

Lomnakeely Bridge

Under date 17th October, 1925, the following letter was read from Mr Charles Barty, Lomnakeely, Inch:-

"I cannot accept the enclosed cheque for £5/- as fair payment for the stuff raised and drawn off my land for filling for Lomnakeely Bridge."

"To realise the inadequacy of the sum you are giving me, you have only to ask the County Surveyor for an estimate of the cost of the same number of yards of "filling" if raised and drawn from Tara Hill Quarry which was the only alternative if I had refused to give him the stuff off my land."

I estimate at the ordinary rate of cartage and carting wages for raising the Tara Hill stuff that the cost would have been not far short of one hundred pounds.

I told Mr Triamor when he asked for the filling that I would gladly facilitate the Council in any way I could and as to payment that I looked to him to give me a decent cheque when he had the job finished.

I could not accept a cheque of £5/- as such.

"Needless to tell you I could have used the material for filling pits on my own land."

"Trusting you will give the matter your consideration and take into account the large sum you have saved by getting the materials on the spot."

"I feel sure in justice you will kindly allow me a reasonable cheque."

The following report, under date 22nd October 1925, was read from Mr. J. Treanor Assistant Surveyor:-

"I arranged with Mr. Bartly when work commenced at Bridge to use an old mould adjoining Bridge for filling purposes. Mr. Bartly agreed to let me have stuff, price for same to be fixed by me when work done. When he agreed to give material I informed him I would pay him what I considered reasonable for it, and the amount paid £2:5:0, is my opinion, full value for the stuff. I will have measurements at meeting showing quantity in mould."

Mr. Treanor said there were 45 loads of clay in the mould and in giving 1/2 a load for it he felt he was paying a very good price. When the bridge was about to be built everyone in the locality was greatly pleased and promised all kinds of help. As a matter of fact he (Mr. Treanor) hadn't the best idea that Bartly would have charged for the clay."

The meeting considered that 40/- was ample payment for the stuff taken.

Under date 22nd October, 1925, the following was read from Mrs. Maria E. Keys:-

"I respectfully beg to apply to you for £10 compensation for loss of part of my land which has been acquired by you and the District Surveyor representing the county council of Wexford for the construction of a new water course whilst erecting a new bridge at Tomraskilly also damage to the ditch and a hedge of thorns. This was taken without my knowledge or consent. I am writing this so you can put it before the meeting on the 26th inst."

Colonel Quin said he had inspected this place at the request of Keys. The latter said he had given a small corner but the officials of the council had taken 100 square yards more than this. The fence had been cut down and the place left in a very dangerous condition. Keys would be satisfied if he was paid £2 and the fence put up.

Mr. Treanor said the whole amount taken would not exceed two square perches. Keys had given permission for the corner to be removed, he saw the work going on every day and never objected

If he (Mr Treanor) had known that Keys was not the owner of the land he would have dealt with Mrs Keys.

"Colonel Gibson proposed:- That the County Surveyor be instructed to erect a fence adjoining Linnahilly Bridge on the lands of Mr & Mrs Keys. If in addition to this Keys will accept £2 in full settlement of any claim they may have against the County Council the County Surveyor be authorised to pay this amount."

"Mr Boggan seconded."

"Mr OByrne proposed. That the County Surveyor be instructed to have fence erected on Keys land but that no compensation be paid in this case."

"The Chairman, seconded and on a show of hands it was carried by four to three."

Signed Agreement for work on Roads etc.

The following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by the Chairman:- That in future agreements in writing be made with owners of land in connection with removal of dangerous corners or in any other cases in which it is found necessary to take land for road improvement purposes."

Machinery Yard Ennisclorthy Electric Light

The County Surveyor stated that he had received three quotations to instal electric light in machinery yard, Ennisclorthy, viz. Inch Engineers Francis Street Dublin, £28. P. O'Leary Nintomberry £25:10:0 and from Electric Supply Stores (Quigley) Bachel Hill, Ennisclorthy £18:10:0.

The tender of Electric Supply Stores was accepted on the motion of Colonel Gibson, seconded by Mr Sean OByrne.

Wexford Rosslare Slot Road.

"The County Surveyor stated he had had several interviews with Mr Joyce, agent on the Slot, and with Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, and he had not been able to complete the agreement between The Meldon Estate and the County Council in this matter up to the present. He would, however, have it ready for next meeting of the Roads Committee."

Telegraphic Line Camolin.

The Minister for Posts and Telegraphs applied for the consent of the Council to the erection of a telegraphic line over and along the road from Camolin Post Office to Camolin Bus & Garda Station.

Permission was given on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr OByrne.

Waterproofs for Employees.

The County Surveyor submitted samples of waterproofs for steam rolling staff but the meeting did not approve, and a resolution was adopted asking the County Surveyor to communicate with Mr R. Bonish M.B.C., and endeavour to obtain information as to where waterproofs made locally could be obtained.

Gorey Workhouse.

Mr. OByrne called attention to the fact that some slates needed replacement on roof of Gorey workhouse.

It was decided that the attention of the Department of Local Government be called to the matter in view of the fact that the State claimed to be owners of Workhouse buildings.

Road Diversion Bamolin.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr OByrne:—That the seal of the County Council be affixed to the lease of one rood and thirty perches of the lands of Bamolin Park between the County Council and the Department of Agriculture. rent £1 per annum.

The Chairman proposed and Mr John OByrne seconded the confirmation of the minutes of the Roads Committee of 26th October 1925.

Mr Mernagh complained as regards the working of Brownswood district that John Gorman had never sent in insurance card for Aidan Kinsella, Scarlockbush, who had been working for nearly twelve months up to last June for the County Council.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

Mr Blinze complained that men with large farms were drawing stones in the Ferno District while men with small farms were allowed to remain idle.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

Mr Mernagh stated that in Brownswood Quarry, Philip Harris, of Brownswood who had 60 acres of land and house property in Wexford was employed as a haulier.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

Mr O'Donoghue called attention to the road from Oulart to Blackwater at Aughangall Bridge which was flooded.

Referred to County Surveyor for report to next meeting of the Roads Committee.

Mr Shannon stated that the road at Sparrowland was flooded from Carrigaline Hill to Water's House on the road to Killystown.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

Referring to the Minutes of the Roads Committee, Mr. Cooney stated that the footpaths adjacent to New Ross train were disgraceful.

Mr. White mentioned that in connection with haulage contract of John Dake he had referred to two contractors of whom Dake was one: the latter had to put out 42 cubic yards of material and the other man 60 but neither had any material out at the time the contract was cancelled. Both contractors got three weeks notification on 21st September and on the 24th Dake's contract was cancelled and the contract of the other man was allowed to remain. Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, had stated in his letter the 55 cubic yards were provided for the road from Boolaskeen to Duncormack but this material had been obtained last spring and had nothing to do with this year's haulage.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hall, it was decided that Mr. White's statement be referred to the County Surveyor for report.

Mr. Doyle raised the question of the flooding at Ballybro and asked if nothing could be done by their solicitor Mr. Elgee, and the County Surveyor. The action of the owners of the Slob was flooding the whole barony of Forth. The roads of the locality were being destroyed by floods owing to the neglect of the Slob company to clean their lands. They were now trying to have the work done through a drainage rate.

Mr. Elgee explained that they had been endeavouring since the formation of the Council in 1898 to get this particular place drained but they could not get anything done because the owners of the Slob lived in England.

Mr. Doyle stated that under the agreement under which the Slob people obtained the land they were supposed to do no injury to any land adjoining. He proposed.

"That our solicitor take the necessary proceedings at once to compel the owners of land, particularly in the neighbourhood of Ballybro Lagoat, owing to the condition of which grave injury has been caused to the roads by flooding, to have their land properly drained."

Colonel Gibbon seconded the motion which was passed and recommended that, if possible, summary proceedings might be taken in order to avoid delay and expense.

In connection with the paragraph in the Committee's

report dealing with the flooding of house near Bradford Bridge Mr Blinn said he was prepared to prove the house was flooded as he was in it on the occasion.

The Chairman pointed out that this matter had been already referred to Mr Linnis, Assistant Surveyor, for report, and permanent repairs to the bridge had been agreed to.

The resolution confirming the minutes of the Roads Committee was then put and passed.

X Main Roads Declaration.

The following minutes of Special meeting of the Roads Committee of 5th November, 1925, were submitted:-

"Colonel Gibson wrote apologising for absence from the meeting owing to business in Belgium while the Chairman was giving evidence before the Poor Law Commission."

"On the motion of Mr Boggan, seconded by Mr Hall the Chair was taken by Mr Stoner."

"The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed."

Main Road Scheme.

Under date 27th October, 1925, the Department of Local Government wrote (LRD/201) that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health proposed to make an Order to come into operation on 1st April 1926 declaring the roads mentioned in Schedule, accompanying his letter, to be "Main Roads" in County Wexford for the purposes of the Local Government Act 1925. The Minister was prepared to consider any representations which the County Council may desire to offer concerning the inclusion in the proposed Order of any of the Roads described in the Schedule, or the addition or subtraction of other roads.

Any representations which it was deemed to submit should be communicated to the Local Government Department within fourteen days from the date of the letter (27th October).

The following is copy of proposed Main Road Declaration.

Wexford County

Main Road Declaration - Schedule

Route No.	Description	Length in Miles.
	Wexford County Area.	
3.7.	From County Boundary at Bandoe Br. via Inch, Gorey, Camolin, Ferns, Booladorna and Kilkannon to Ennis - Worthy & D Boundary at Blackthops Road.	

Route No	Description	Length in furlongs
J. 7.	From Enniscorthy U.D. Boundary near bliff House via boole-munny, Ballymackery, blonroche, Ballyanne mills, and Mount Ganett to New Ross U.D. Boundary at Ardross.	
J. 8.	From Enniscorthy U.D. Boundary at Wexford via Blackesth, Edumine Ho., Oylgeti and Sadly, Ferrycamig and Park to Wexford U.D. Boundary at Boat Blab.	
J. 8.	From Wexford U.D. Boundary at Mandalintown via Brinagh, Disaly Br., Killinick, Taget and Kilbane to Rosslee.	
J. 12	From Ferrycamig via Cullenra Ho., Laskins Cross Roads, Camross, Ballynabola and Maryville to New Ross U.D. Boundary at Southknock.	
J. 16	From boolnahorna via Tornacany, Mountfin Ho., and boolaltin to County Boundary at Newtownbarry.	
L. 18	From Ballyanne three roads via Ballynacodagh to County Boundary at Ballymounth Br.	
L. 29.	From Gorey via Montague cottage, Ballycanew, Ballyedmond, Garrymore, Castlebridge and Knotturn to Wexford U.D. Boundary at New Bridge.	
L. 30.	From Kyle four Roads via Dulast, boobally and blonhaslin Ho to Enniscorthy U.D. Boundary at Templeshannon.	
L. 30	From Enniscorthy U.D. Boundary near convent via Milkhouse, boolyconey, Doran's Cross Roads and Kiltealy to County Boundary at Scallogue.	
L. 31	From Gorey via Camgbeig Ho. Cranford and Ballypamel to County Boundary at Ballyellis.	
L. 32	From County Boundary at Prospect via boolmela, booragh, Newtownbarry blonylawn and Bolamore to Doran's Cross Roads.	
L. 159	From Wexford U.D. Boundary near convent via Mullanood, Waddington, Wellingfordbridge, burraghmore, Ramaparg, Arthurstown, Dunbrody, Ballykelly and Samlin to Southknock three roads.	
L. 160.	From Wexford U.D. Boundary near Mill Race, via Barnstown castle and Davidstown to Laskins Cross Roads.	
L. 160	From Knockahone three roads via Killurin camyuanan, Ballyrackery and Knocknood to Kiltealy.	

Route No.	Description	Length in perches.
<i>Enniscorthy Urban Area.</i>		
Y 7.	From U.D. Boundary at Blackstocks Road via Island St., Slaney Place and Mill Park Road to U.D. Boundary near bliff house.	
Y 8	From junction with Island St., via Shannon Quay to U.D. Boundary at Wenford Road.	
R 30.	From U.D. Boundary at Templeshannon via Templeshannon Slaney St., Market Square, Market Street, Cathedral St., and Duffry Road to U.D. Boundary near convent.	
<i>New Ross Urban Area.</i>		
Y 7	From U.D. Boundary at Ardross via Braywell Road, John St., and Swivel Br., to U.D. Boundary at Rakeen.	
Y 12	From U.D. Boundary at Southknock via Henry St., Priory St., South St., and North St., to junction with John St.	
<i>Wenford Urban Area.</i>		
Y 8	From U.D. Boundary at Boat Club via New Ross, Redmond Place, Commercial Quay, Custom House Quay, Crescent Quay, Paul Quay, Trinity St., William St. and Mandolinbar to U.D. Boundary at Mandolinbar.	
L 29	From U.D. Boundary at New Bridge to junction with New Road.	
L 159	From junction with Harpers St. via Gibson St., School St., and John St., to U.D. Boundary near convent.	
L 160	From junction with Gibson St., via Main St. South (part) King St. Upper and Distillery Road to U.D. Boundary near Mill Race.	

The committee approved of the declaration and suggested that the following additional roads should be included in the Declaration and be classed as "Main Roads".

Gorey to Bowntown - 21 E.

Ferns Railway Station to Boleamon Part 4 E + 34 35 + 36 E.

Baile Ellis Cross to Blackwater 33 E

Coopers Cross (Ballinbeg) to Ballinabanague via Villanne and Ballywilliam 48. 59 E, 7, 6 + 5 R.

Ashfield Turn (Villinick) to Rosslare Strand, 232, part 233 and part 235 W.

Sheep Walk Parting roads to Kilmore Harbour, 28. 29. 30. + 31 W.

Knockeen Cross to Harpurs town via Taghmon, 14. 15. 109 and 110 W

Doctor's Cross at Riverview to Dame amon 36 and part 3 & R.

Finger Post at Slaght to Fethard, 25, 54, 26, 27, 28, 29, & 30 R.

Piggott's Cross to New Ross Urban Boundary 11 R.

The following resolution was adopted: - That the County Council be requested to apply for Order under Section 24(3) of the Local Government Act 1925, whereby the three Urban Districts will be responsible for the maintenance of the main roads in their districts; said Order to provide that the amount which is to be spent on Main Roads by Urban Councils must receive the approval of the County Council and that all Main Roads in Urban Districts be kept in a condition which will meet with the approval of the County Surveyor.

In relation to Wexford Urban District the Council should point out that the quays of Wexford and the "approches thereto" have been always maintained by Wexford Harbour Commissioners and no steps should be taken in connection with Main Roads Declaration or otherwise which would relieve the Harbour Commissioners of their responsibility for the maintenance of the highways which they are at present bound to maintain.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Colonel Quin seconded by the Chairman: - "That in cases of reconstruction work on Roads, tenders should be invited from contractors who are prepared to take up 10 to 15 miles and that outside of expert staff local labour be employed under such contracts."

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

That the Minutes of Special meeting of Roads Committee of 5th November, 1925, be confirmed with the following exception: -

"That we delete from the Schedule main roads referred to in Urban Districts, as we understand the Urban Council in each instance is making representations as regards its own roads"

Report of Roads Inspection Committee.

The following report of the Roads Inspections Committee and which was signed by Messrs John O'Byrne, James Hall and M. Blony was submitted: -

The Committee desires to lay before the Council their Report of inspections made throughout the County with remarks and recommendations.

The Mayor, Alderman Bonick, was unable to attend on any of the inspection days, but the three other Members of the Committee were present on each of the six inspection days. The Chairman County Council took part in the inspections on one day.

On each day the County Surveyor accompanied the Committee and the Assistant Surveyor for the District inspected was also present.

A start was made on the 3rd September, and the final inspection was on the 21st October; the extended period was unavoidable owing to Council and other meetings etc., that the several members had to attend. In all there were six days devoted to inspections (one in each Assistant's District) and one to tabulating the results and drafting this Report. It was out of the question that the Committee should make an exhaustive inspection of all the roads and works. However, an endeavour was made, by careful selection, to obtain a good general idea of the condition and progress of the work. When possible roads and works adversely reported on last year were re-visited.

The following is a summary of the works inspected:-

(1) Most of Trunk Roads, (2) A number of Main Roads, (3) A number of Local Roads (4) A few fourth class or contract Roads, (5) Machinery etc. work. 4 Rollers, 2 Breakers, 2 Rock Drills, 2 Sprayers.

(6) Querns visited:- Brownwood, Tubberferris, Camoy, Kesh, Keshogue, St Helen's, Haggard, Ballybrennan, Palace, Ballykelly, Old Grange, Camphill, Ballewabrook, Camockbyrne, Ballyconnigar, Sea Stones, Kiltrea, Blonkaston, Ryland, Slologue, Samigun, Ballyellis, Summer, Annagh Gap, Tara Hill.

(7) Harbours:- Kilmore, Fethard Slade, Duncannon, Bourtown.

(8) Special works:- New Road, Protective Sea wall Binnor Bay (48W) New Road near Fethard (215R) Side Slip Bagin-Bun (284R), Sea wall Boyce's Bay (42R) Taylors town Bridge (196R) Flooded Road Newtown (46R). Sparrowsland Sliding (47E) Proposed Bridge Ford of Kilmuckridge (53E), Ballymoty Bridge (30E), Kiltrea Bridge (280E) Flooded Hollow (1E), Dangerous cross Roads Ballycamy (6 and 7E) Braaford Bridge (5E), Flooded Hollow Bellfield (14E) Road Diversion near Camolin (1284), Dangerous corner near Ballypad (454) Boolgreany Drainage (274), Tomnahely Bridge (834) Flooded Road (Newtown, Cahore) 1774.

Mr Birtchell District

Grant work was in progress on the Ferrycamy Road. We inspected both rolling and spraying, and on a later day returned to examine the surface being sprayed on first visit which appeared satisfactory. We consider that only half the width of roadway should be sprayed at a time, and where possible, having in view the cost etc., the travelling surface should be

sprayed out to the margins to prevent growth on sides and eventually tend to economy in upkeep. It is advisable that a night man be employed so as to have the boiler at full temperature in the morning - this is now being done. Larger size screenings are necessary for the best results and we recommend special screens be attached to the breakers to provide these. From Farnogue almost to Ferrycamig Bridge has been bottomed and most of the length surfaced and sprayed. Last year this section was badly cut up and almost impassable: it is now a good road.

From Ferrycamig to Whitefort has been bottomed and part surfaced and is now a sound road though rough in parts. There is material dumped on sides so that immediate repairs can be put in hands if any sections cut up this winter. We have pointed out to the County Surveyor the great necessity of carefully watching this road and the adjoining sections in Mr Bullen's District on to Enniscorthy. Sufficient materials should be provided at once to cope with any conditions that may arise, pending a further Grant for the completion of the surfacing.

We inspected Tubberfinnisk Quarry and walked over the line of proposed new road to quarry, and do not recommend its construction. Materials from this quarry are required mostly on the further side and the existing roadway there should be sufficient if properly maintained and used only in dry weather.

We travelled over the Road from Kyle to the Deeps which was so badly cut by engine traffic last Spring. A great deal of restoration work has been done and the road is now in good order.

The decking of the Deeps Bridge is now restored.

Ardeanagh to Rerkin's Cross - material going out for Grant work and being hand broken on the road side: this material is from Banaghfoyle Quarry which we next visited, and found Rock Drill at work. This is a good quarry and well worked, but we think it may be possible to avoid the heavy hill by opening lower down - this should be examined into.

From Bannwin to Wexford shows good attention to drainage.

Vesogue Quarry - Breakers at work. This Quarry is now well worked and the gangs of men are giving satisfaction.

Mo's New Road - we visited both ends of this road and saw the work in satisfactory progress. We approve of fencing to be carried out as set out by the County Surveyor, and of the building of a concrete wall opposite farmyard. No back drains behind mound fences

should be cleaned or interfered with in anyway.

Rosslare Road - this is much potholed though otherwise sound. It has been regularly attended and pot holes filled, but will never be a satisfactory road until tar surfaced - this work should be undertaken at an early date when funds permit.

St Helen's Quarry - being after hours only the bargehand was present. The Quarry is being well worked and is good material. The small bridge adjoining requires repair and should be attended to at once.

Battlebridge Road - good drainage work has been done on this road. The surface is now becoming uneven but there is a good deal of material in the depots and with judicious spreading the surface should be improved. The road is sound.

At Fahys Cross - (beginning of 3W) there is a dangerous corner. We recommend a road diversion at this place as soon as funds permit of the expenditure, which is estimated by the County Surveyor at £80.

The Curraheen and Blackwater road drainage is much improved since last year. The former inspection committee complained of this as well as lack of material in depots. Now both causes of complaint are removed.

Generally we found that recommendations in last year's report have been attended to, and good work done. The drainage is much improved, and on almost every road there is a good supply of material. Mud heaps and banked margins are gradually being removed, though much remains yet to be done. The Quarries are well worked. The Duncannon line requires further attention to drainage to allow of the surface water freely running into the back channels.

Mr. Kehoe's District

Kilmore Road - attended and materials fairly out - short on some sections. Margins and mud heaps being removed.

Kilmore Harbour - recent repairs have been well carried out. Maintenance will always be a charge which may be much reduced by close watching and immediate repair of small damage.

We visited the end of 201W where flooding was reported at Blackhorse. This is more a matter for the drainage Board, and we make no recommendation except ordinary maintenance of the slope to the water.

Protection work Bannow Bay - this is a most necessary job and probably will serve to protect the road. The adjoining

retaining wall has recently been repaired, and the foundations undisturbed.

We travelled the Rosegairland Road (188R) referred to in Father Hickey's complaint. The extra work and surplus material was covered by a British Government Grant against damage by Timber Traffic, and the money would have been lost to the bounty if the work were not done. The adjoining contract road 178R is bad it requires much more attention to drainage and more material. The bounty Surveyor should supply this latter to the contractor from the surplus on 199R and the contractor should spread it.

Harsmud Bridge - on the contract road has been restored and is a good job allowing for heavy traffic.

Repair of Taylorsville Bridge - this is a contract job and its commencement is unduly delayed. The contractor should be compelled to carry out the work which is most necessary and pressing.

Corner at Poulpar R. b. Church - this is at the junction of No 212R with 30R and there is a great deal of traffic to the Church and School and to Yethard. We recommend that two dangerous corners be removed, and the road widened provided satisfactory arrangements can be made regarding the necessary land.

New Road near Yethard - (215R) this was a necessary work to replace road carried away by the sea - it is a good job. We recommend that the sharp corner at the north end be eased off.

Yethard Harbour - we approve of the contemplated repairs and recommend further pointing where necessary. The roof of the adjoining storehouse has recently been repaired.

Pettit's Bay - the end of the old carried away road above the cliff at approach road to sea should be fenced off similarly to the other end. There is a side slip in the cliff more to the westward this must be kept under observation and in case the road falls away provision must be made for fencing and diversion. At present nothing can be done without very large expenditure.

Boye's Bay - the new protection and retaining wall is a good work and further extension will not we think, be necessary. The original masonry wall should be pointed and repaired where necessary.

Glade Harbour - pointing required - also close observation as at other Harbours so that small damage may be repaired at once. The proposed railing is most necessary and should be erected as possible.

The recent side filling and widening at junction of Yethard

Duncannon and Hook - Duncannon Roads (39 and 40 R) is an improvement and should be extended when material is available.

Duncannon Harbour - pointing and observations as at Slade. New Railing also necessary here. We examined the shed recently erected by Mr Downes and consider it is no obstruction at present. However it should be removable on demand.

Flooded road near Newtown - (46 R) - The road has been raised here and the gullet improved. - flooding still takes place and the drains must be cleaned. The Solicitor should be asked to report on this and similar cases as to powers of the County Council and procedure to be adopted. The County Surveyor should get outlet on strand cleaned with harrow or by other methods.

Haggard Quarry - this has proved a useful quarry. There is great difficulty in getting rid of water and the clay cover is very heavy; this tends to expensive working. The quarry appears well worked.

Generally in this Assistant's area there has been a good deal of work - margins and mud heaps removed and drains opened. More drainage work is required on hills and in particular we refer to the Duncannon line from Wellingtonbridge to Loddington. Plenty of side cuts are necessary and skew patches to divert the surface water. Most of the roads have a good quantity of material out in the depots. Many defective bridge parapets have been repaired.

Mr Bullen's District.

Brownwood Quarry - the entrance floor should be lowered to give better access to bottom of face and reduce labour in handling. The present practice of building up loose stones to keep the clay from the face is wasteful, as this must all be removed later, otherwise the quarry is well worked.

Wexford Enniscorthy road. - part of this road near Edromine which has been repaired to by Col Gibbon is very uneven and requires a great deal of attention - nearer Wexford parts have not been bottomed. There is we believe, insufficient material on the road sides to provide for the winter upkeep and we recommend that more be put out. Similar remarks refer to this as to the section in Mr Butcher's District. Much more attention is required on the road and the Assistant should keep it constantly repaired or levelled.

Sparrowlane siding - we inspected the proposed siding and do not consider that the work should be undertaken at present.

Road at Sparrowsland - there has been good work done in restoring this road which was badly cut by engine traffic to the Hye road and it is now good.

Ballybunnan Quarry is well worked - there is a lot of material available - both broken and unbroken.

Blonroche - Palace Road - one section of this appeared short of material, but Mr. Bullen explained that most of this year's stuff had already been rolled in patchwork and that the balance would be down as required later. The hill at R. D. Bounds is water torn - this should be attended to at once and proper drainage done.

Palace Lane - part in Mr. O'Neill's District. This is very narrow and the hedges margins and banks should be cut back to give as great width as possible.

Blackwater - Kilmuckridge road is improved both as regards drainage and surface - we approve of the use of broken sea stones.

In Blackwater we examined the site of a house being built on the Street and recommend that it be put back so as not to project beyond the line of adjoining houses.

Ballyconnigar - adjoining the Gap there is a depot for broken sea stones - these are most serviceable. We inspected the timber foot bridge at the Gap, and we are satisfied that the recent claim in connection with accident was properly rejected. Protective work has been recently carried out at end of road and probably further work will be necessary. The road from Blackwater to the Gap is narrow and overhung, and we consider that better drainage and surface attention, as well as hedge cutting is necessary.

Kilmuckridge - a river crosses the road here at a ford with a foot bridge adjoining. We recommend that a bridge be built as soon as funds allow.

Island Road - towards Oulart. The hedges along almost the entire length are very bad - immediate steps should be taken to have them cut.

Oulart Road to Lunnacosthy - this road is mostly very fair and drainage has been attended to. It has been patch rolled in various sections during the past twelve years and the surface is mostly sound.

Ballymotey Bridge - the repair of this bridge is now complete and is a good work. It is a very high bridge and the abutments and arch split owing to giving away of the foundations. There is now a solid mass of waste in the river bed holding the toe of the

abutments, and four piers with openings for the river have been built within the archway - these are approximately opposite the cracks in the old masonry, and will prevent further movement.

On No 27E going into the town of Enniscorthy the drainage is very defective. Materials are already out for purpose of raising the centre of the road. Proper drainage channels along the whole length also gullies and french drains where necessary must be put in before any permanent improvement can be expected.

~~rebuild~~ Kiltrea Bridge - this damaged bridge has recently been rebuilt in reinforced concrete and is a semi elliptical arch of 36 feet span. It appears to be a good job, but the finish on the exposed surface of the concrete is not good. We recommend further attention to this.

Kiltrea Quarry - quarry work has been carried out too near the road - we consider this should stop as soon as the present block of stones is taken out, and the hole must be filled and sloped to floor of quarry - the quarry is otherwise well worked.

The drainage work in this area is improved, but a great deal remains to be properly dealt with. Mud banks and margins are being gradually removed, and the roads improved thereby - this work should be continued as money allows. Most of the roads have a good quantity of material in the depots. The Quarries are all in a satisfactory state.

Mr O'Neill's District.

Palace Lane - (see Mr Bullen's) part of this is in Mr. O'Neill's District and similar remarks refer to it. Above the quarry the water is ponded back on side of road and in wet weather lies across road. There should be a pipe laid under side of road to take away the water towards quarry.

Palace Quarry - The high banks on side of road should be removed where possible and the adjoining quarry holes filled and sloped to road. Work proceeding in quarry in satisfactory manner.

District Bounds - Bourvans Cross - this road is being rolled under Grant - there were two rollers at work. At one place there was delay waiting for bottoming from Palace Quarry. - also side channels were cut too deep to get blinding and these required refilling. Part of finished surface appears to have too little camber. The Engineer's explanation regarding delay etc., not satisfactory or convincing although work generally of fair quality. Material going out on road further on for completion of job.

Ballyanne Cross - The sprayer had been at work, was stopped on our arrival owing to rain. A retaining wall here requires immediate repair and drainage from yard must be provided for by a gullet. The drainage of hill from Poalmonty requires special attention as pointed out to the County Surveyor.

Ballyanne to New Ross. - this is all rolled under Grant and most of it sprayed. Adjoining the town there is a section very uneven - the recent rain showed up small depressions which will cause deterioration if not attended to at once. We recommend that the surface be gone over with some cold bitumen mixture and screenings to level it up.

Ballybally Old Quarry - This Quarry has not been used lately - the County Surveyor informed us the material was of very uneven quality and that the new quarry material was better. We are of opinion in view of its convenient position that the quarry should be re-opened for a period on trial.

Road to Kilmannock - this is improving but there are a number of bad turns particularly on the narrow section beyond Horewood. These should be improved and two turns should be cut off and widened. At some of the bends hedges have been cut with advantage, but the whole length requires hedge cutting.

Grange and Campile Quarries - these have both been well worked and there is a large supply of material in each - they are not being worked at present.

New Ross - Wenford Road - (Elybalks). The drainage on this road is very neglected, though some little recent work is shown. We gave directions to the County Surveyor and assistant Surveyor to have this immediately attended to. Material for Grant work is being put out.

Ballinaboola Quarry. - this is a difficult quarry to work the face is not high and there is a great deal of cover over the rock - moreover after large blast it is necessary to joint holes and re-blast a great number of boulders.

Canigbyrne Quarry - this is being worked by piece work under agreement. We examined several heaps of material supposed to be hand broken and consider them too coarse. The County Surveyor stated this was for strengthening the crust under Grant work and would be surfaced with machine broken material and that a reduced rate of 5/- was allowed. The total earnings for 8 men

during 22 weeks has been £254 which averages 29/- per week for each man.

This District was formerly in charge of Mr Jones now retired, and Mr O'Neill had only just taken up charge. It is the most backward area in the county - drainage, hedge cutting and improvement works are lacking in many cases. In a few places attempts have been made to get good work done but such improvements are not general, or continuous. All the quarries appear to be fairly well worked, and the "Damaged Bridges" have all been restored. The County Surveyor should pay special attention to this area and give full directions and instructions to the new Assistant, and see that these are carried out.

Mr. Ennis District

Newtownbary Road - we inspected the flooded hollow on No 1 E and recommend the opening of the side drain be continued, and improved, and that a pipe be laid across the road to take the water from the footpath side. Also later on the road might be raised somewhat at this place.

Scarawalsh - Ballycarney - this road has been rolled under Grant and a good job made. It is much improved and several bends eased off. More complete cutting of hedges is necessary.

Ballycarney Cross - This is a dangerous crossing, and some improvement has been made by hedge cutting on the S.E. corner. We recommend that the hedge with trees in it be cut on N.E. corner. Buildings on the other two corners prevent improvement without heavy expense.

Ballycarney - Newtownbary Road - Sections of this road have been improved under Grant, and good work done. The sections improved under British Road Grants have stood up well and with some surface attention and spraying could be made good. One section has recently been bottomed, but not surfaced though the material is available on the side. This is owing to the running out of the Grant money, and we recommend it be finished off if possible out of the Direct Labour Proposals.

Kilmyshall - we inspected site of proposed house in the village, and approve of the building, provided the road be widened as suggested.

Rylana Quarry - This is being well worked, and there is a large supply of material available.

Barnes Road - there is good drainage work on this road. At the County Bounds there is rubble material out for rolling, and improving a bad section.

Ballingale - Tombrack - the hills on this line have had the drainage well attended to in all cases, and damage by flood prevented.

Ferns Struts - At Haughton's corner there is liability to damages by flooding, and special attention should be given to the grates - channels and drains. There is a bad spot over the recently opened water pipe requiring attention.

Ferns - Camolin. This road is being rolled under grant. Part is finished, and sprayed, and the work was in progress. A better system of dealing with the bottoming should be adopted. Coarse stones should be levelled out by the roller at once, and space left for the passage of traffic:- when we were present it was almost impossible to pass - otherwise the work is good.

Broadford Bridge - this bridge is not yet rebuilt though the temporary structure is of full width, and sound. The Assistant stated he was making arrangements to rebuild now. The reported flooding of a house was probably at the time the bridge was only partly passable, and the debris left in the archway. Now there is a fairly clear waterway, and much better than through the land below. We recommend that the bridge be permanently restored at once, and the eye thoroughly cleaned out.

Barrigreen Quarry - here the rock drill was at work. The old entrance is now fenced off, and a good face shows to the new entrance. Here we saw a deputation of local men looking for employment in the Quarry. Mr. Ennis stated they cannot be taken on unless the old hands be discharged. It is complained that some of the old hands come from a distance, but their winter work lies near their home. Under the circumstances we cannot see how a change would be advisable.

Flooded Road Bellfield, Enniscorthy. This has now been made good - the pipe drain is in working order, and some rolling work to raise the crown of the road to be carried out.

Generally the drainage in the area has been well attended to and margins, and mud heaps have been removed in many places. The hills have been particularly attended. In places hedges require cutting, and this should be seen to at once.

Mr. Heanor's District

Blologue Quarry - this Quarry is well worked - the breaker was running and turning out material, mainly for Mr. Ennis's Grant work. The smaller gauge stuff is being reserved for ordinary repairs.

Bamolin - we interviewed the owner wishing to erect a railway opposite his house, and cannot recommend that permission be granted as he requires it.

Bamolin Park Road. - The proposed road diversion is a necessary work, and should be put in hands at once, now that the case has been approved. There are several other bad turns on this road to be improved as funds permit; one turn at top of hill near "Diversion" will not cost a great deal, and should be done at once.

Blonee Road - at the cross near the district's bounds there is an overhanging tree which should be removed.

Road at Barnur - through Bullring and Ballytarsna - there is a very hilly road, and very liable to be water worn. There has been exceptional drainage work done, with the result that it is now practically free from damage.

Wine Bridge - this is one of the "Damaged Bridges", and has now been well restored in reinforced concrete.

Ballyellis Quarry. - a useful quarry of medium quality material for third class roads. The approach is difficult, and may be improved by cutting into it at a lower level. Material has to be carted to the road for breaking. A few men were finishing off hand breaking for this year's material. The material for the main road adjoining is brought from Summer Quarry.

Barnur - Gory Road (124). - this is an improved road by attention to drainage and the good Summer material. Margins have been removed in places and in others further work of this sort should be done.

Summer Quarry. - the approach to this quarry from the main road at Ballypanell is very narrow, hilly and long. It is maintained as well as possible. The Quarry is of good material but very out of the way near the County Bounds, and at a height of between 600 and 700 feet. About 700 c.y. is obtained from the quarry each year, and the haulage is arranged for at a low rate.

Annagh Gap Quarry - this is not a solid rock Quarry - the mountain side is a mass of boulders and stones

and these are picked out, the waste stuff being used to make a floor in the quarry. The material is good and the quarry well worked.

Blonroe to Ballypad. - this road is improved and the drainage attended. we inspected a deep gully which had recently been cleaned out by tunnelling without disturbing the road surface. A good job has been done.

borner at Newtown (454). - we do not recommend heavy expense on this unimportant road. The Assistant Surveyor should make reasonable improvements by hedgecutting etc.

boolquarry - we recommend that a concrete channel - covered opposite each house be constructed to take the stream at the lower end of the village.

Gorey Arklow Road - from Inch to the County Boundary. we inspected the rolled and sprayed surface. A workman was bushing on screenings where the surface is ridged. we recommend that this work should be discontinued and that the consolidated ridges of screenings be scraped off, as they tend to accentuate the defect.

Linnahely Bridge. - this is a recently built bridge at a ford and is a good job. The owner of the adjoining land complains of the line taken by the stream diversion, and the danger to cattle. He stated that permission was not given to remove the former old fence, and that the stream should have been at the north side of it. There is a concrete retaining wall to the diversion and only a small mound on top. we are satisfied that the existing line is proper and recommend that a post and wire fence be erected on top of concrete wall.

Lara Hill Quarry - not at present worked. - we recommend that the portable engine be taken to Ballyhenman or other similar quarry, if the immediate future extensive working of Lara Hill be not in contemplation. The Quarry is a good one and well furnished with all necessary machinery: engine and breaker, weighbridge ropeway, sheds stores, etc, but is rather out of the way being too close to sea.

Gorey Bourtoun Road. - complaint was made that this road was in bad order. we are satisfied that care and attention has been given - pot holes have been regularly filled; and considering the constant motor traffic causing these we do not think better surface could be maintained. Near Bourtoun the hedges on both sides should be cut.

Bourtown Harbour. - the recent protective works have proved most satisfactory - the work is most creditable.

Riverchapel - we recommend that permission be granted Mr Dunbar to erect a wall opposite his house provided the line as set out by us is followed.

Bahore Drainage - we inspected the road liable to flooding and consider that the Drainage Board should be required to remove the cause. To raise the road would be of prohibitive cost.

Throughout this district there has been good attention to drainage and many hedges have been cut in recent years. Mud heaps and margins are being gradually removed. There is a good supply of material in the depots.

Generally we found that attention has been paid to the matters referred to in last year's report. The drainage of roads in the northern or hilly portions of the County is well attended to - to a lesser extent in the southern part, but throughout the County there is a great improvement.

Almost everywhere there is a good quantity of material in the depots - and most of the quarries hold a reserve. This is in spite of the very large quantities put out for Grant and Special works.

Margins and mud heaps are gradually being removed but it is not possible without great expenditure to have the accumulations of years removed at once. No new deposits should be allowed.

The Quarries are generally well worked and with the minor improvements we suggested on the spot they should be quite satisfactory. We have to note the great length of haulage to roads that is necessary. Where possible new quarries should be opened to reduce this haulage, but we believe, that suitable sites are increasingly difficult to find.

We must again impress on all the Officials the need for "push" in getting hedges out, and most particularly at dangerous corners. In many parts the hedges shade the road and obstruct the view. In New Ross area this is most noticeable.

The Gangers and workmen, in all cases that came under our observation appeared to be giving good attention to their work.

Signed: John O'Keefe, James Hall, Michael Slone

County Surveyors Office
Fortham

9th day of November 1925

On the motion of Colonel Gibbon, seconded by Mr Thorpe the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the report of the Roads Inspection Committee be received and adopted and that the best thanks of the Council be offered to the members of the Committee for the valuable report which they have presented."

Mr Thorpe mentioned that he would have liked to have seen a recommendation from the Inspection Committee that the grass banks should be sloped so as to prevent springs of motor cars being broken, when they were obliged to make room for another vehicle to pass, also to the practice of allowing stones to be dumped in the roadway instead of in depots.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Colonel Quinn the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be requested to submit the cost of the various recommendations set out in the report of the Roads Inspection Committee before incurring any expense in connection therewith."

Motor Car Acts.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr John O'Brien the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we delegate to the Roads Committee of this Council all questions in connection with administration of Motor Car Acts and Finance Acts relating thereto and including prosecutions, acceptance of mitigated penalties etc."

Jaw Stock.

Under date 2nd November, 1925, the County Surveyor wrote that at a recent meeting of the Council he had been authorised to get a jaw stock as a spare for the Breaker and he expected the cost would have been about £16. He had now received a quotation from Goodwin Bursby & Co., Leicester at £28. He asked the Council to sanction the increased costs.

On the motion of Mr Shannon, seconded by Mr John O'Brien the County Surveyor was empowered to procure jaw stock, cost not exceed £28, work to be done locally - at Messrs Joseph Davis & Co Ennis county.

Thomas Carthy