

MEETING.- 4th OCTOBER 1916.

A Meeting of the County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 4th October 1916.

Present:- Mr John Bolger, (Chairman) presiding.

Also:- Lord Courtown, Messrs James Codd, N. J. Cowman, M. Cloney, L. Barry, Michael Doyle, R. Scallan, A. Kinsella, Patrick O'Neill, J. S. Hearn, C. H. Peacocke, J. J. Kehoe, J. J. O'Byrne, J. T. Mayler, Joseph Redmond, T. Asple, P. Keating.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, and County Solicitor, were also in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Suspension of Standing Orders.

The Chairman moved the suspension of the Standing Orders to move some resolutions not on the Agenda Paper, and not directly connected with the business of the Council.

Passed.

Vote of Condolence.

The Chairman moved, Mr Hearn seconded, the following resolution:-

"That we offer our esteemed colleague, Mr J. A. Doyle, our heartfelt sympathy in the loss sustained by him in the death of his brother-Mr John Doyle."

"Passed unanimously".

The Irish Parliamentary party.

The Chairman moved the following:-

"That we the Members of the Wexford County Council desire to renew our confidence in Mr John Redmond, and the Irish Parliamentary Party, in the face of the many scurrilous and unscrupulous attacks which are made on them for the last five months.

Considering all the great reforms that have been granted to Ireland for the last thirty years by Constitutional agitation through the arduous and untiring efforts of the Irish Party, We are confident when the Home Rule Bill will come into operation that Mr Redmond and his followers will insist on a full



measure for all Ireland, and not allow any Partition.

We also call on the Irish Party to use all their influence with the Government for the immediate release of the Irishmen and Women who are now in British Prisons."

Mr Kinsella seconded.

Passed.

The Chairman proposed that the ordinary business of the Council be renewed.

Passed.

#### Motor Car Licence Duties.

Under date 25th August 1916, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 34222-1916, Miscellaneous) calling the attention to the provisions of sections 13 and 14 of the Finance Act 1916, affecting the collection of Motor Duties.

Ordered,= Referred to Solicitor to the Co Council.

#### Loan from Road Board.

Under date 28th September 1916, the Road Board wrote that they had now received the sanction of the Treasury to the loan of £510 (free of Interest) for the purchase of Road Machinery.

Under date 28th September 1916, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 43366: 1916, Wexford County) expressing their sanction to the loan of £510 for the purpose of purchasing road making machinery, repayment to be spread over a period of five years.

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

"That the seal of the County Council be attached to undertaking required by Road Board in connection with repayment of loan for purchase of road plant."

#### Auditor's Reports.

Under date 7th August 1916, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 37060: 1916, Gorey Union) forwarding copy of Report of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the Gorey Union for the half-year ended 31st March 1916, with attested Abstracts of the Accounts.

Under date 7th August 1916, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 37061: 1916 Gorey R. D. Council) forwarding copy of the report of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the Gorey Rural District Council for half-year ended 31st March 1916, with attested Abstracts of the Accounts.

Marked Read".



Sale of Food & Drugs Acts.

Under date 4th September 1916, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote that four samples of butter taken by one of their Inspectors on 1st August at Gorey, were found on analyses to be pure.

Marked "Read".

Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908.

Under date 15th September 1916, the Clerk Wexford Urban Council, wrote asking for the ratification of the Wexford County Council to the action of the Urban Council in adopting Part 1 of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act, 1908, classifying Pulmonary Consumption as a notifiable disease within the Urban District of Wexford.

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

"That we approve of the action of the Wexford Urban Council in adopting Part 1 of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908 in respect of Wexford Urban District."

Poisons & Pharmacy Act Licences.

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

"That licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be issued to Denis W. Dunne, Hotel, Ferns, James Codd, of Enniscorthy Co-operative Agricultural Society, Abbey Quay, Enniscorthy, and, that renewal of licence under this Act be issued to Mr J. N. Greene, George Street, Enniscorthy, and Mr James Cullen, Taghmon."

University Scholarships.

The following Minutes of Finance & Roads Committee in respect of Meeting of 6th September 1916, in connection with award of University Scholarships were submitted for confirmation:-

"The Secretary reported that the following were the marks obtained under the conditions of the Scheme for award of University Scholarships by the applicants for Scholarships:-

1.- Anna C. Kehoe, Mulrankin.	1080 Marks.
2.- Mary I. Kehoe, Do.,	1057 "
3.- Annie J. Bookey, Ferns.	829 "
4.- Johanna Fortune, Kereight, Kyle.	775 "
5.- James Fortune, Kereight, Kyle.	"



6.-	Mabel L. Lyne, Dubross, Quay, Wexford.	623 marks.
7.-	Herbert Hall, Castletown, Inch.	414 "
8.-	Wm Leo Doyle, Broadway.	315 "

The Secretary read letter of explanation from Mr Thomas Bookey, Ferns, as to why he had not included in the particulars of his valuation, farm at Knockanure, valued at £24. Mr Bookey stated that he took no active part in the working of the farm, and his son, Edward A. Bookey, who really owned it, was going to work it next year.

The following recommendation was adopted:-

"That the explanation of Mr Thomas Bookey, Ferns, as to his omission to include the valuation of his holding at Knockanure in application for University Scholarship for his daughter-Miss Annie J. Bookey- be accepted."

Mr Keating moved, and Mr Cowman seconded the following:-

"That we recommend the Co. Council to award University Scholarships to the following:-

Mary I Kehoe, Annie J. Bookey, Johanna Fortune, and James O'Connor.

As an amendment Mr Peacocke moved, and Mr Clooney seconded:-

"That we recommend the County Council to award University Scholarships to the following, as they have obtained highest marks in the list of those competing for Scholarships:-

Anna C. Kehoe, Mary Ita Kehoe, Annie J. Bookey, and Johanna Fortune.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

**For the amendment:-** Messrs Peacocke, Kehoe, and Cloney.-3.

**Against:-** Messrs Cowman, Stafford, Keating, Asple, and the Chairman.-5.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost. The Resolution was then put and adopted nem con.

The following letter under date 4th October 1916, was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford:-

"Enclosed is a letter which was received from Mr J. Kehoe, National School Teacher, Mulranking, in reference to the allocation by the Committee of the Wexford County Council of the four University Scholarships, each valued £50, tenable for three years. We shall thank you to read Mr Kehoe's letter and ours for the Council at their meeting to-day.



Needless to say, the allocation of these University Scholarships which so suitably provide the means whereby four students from the County may receive University training through the subsidy of £50 each for three years, is a very important matter, not only for the students and their parents, but also for the public.

It is equally important that on the part of the County Council the best of good faith should be maintained in the allocation of these Scholarships.

The County Council designed and promulgated an excellent scheme setting forth very explicitly and very fairly the conditions for the competition for these Scholarships. The main condition is that the students competing should be children of ratepayers of the County Wexford who have resided in the County for a period of five years preceding the 1st January 1916, and then the following is the main condition:-

"The marks which shall count for determining Scholarships shall be:- the excess over 100 marks on the pass papers for all subjects. No deductions will be made for marks obtained on Honours papers. Scholarships shall then be awarded on the total aggregate of marks thus counted in the five subjects which the student is obliged under this Scheme to present for examination to those candidates who have secured the highest number of marks."

This is very plain and excellent language. On the faith of that Scheme Mr Kehoe's two daughters, Miss Annie C. Kehoe, and Miss Mary Ita Kehoe, competed, and as a result of their industry and work, they obtained the highest marks of all the students who presented themselves for examination. The following are the marks of the five highest students:-

Miss Annie C. Kehoe	1080
Miss Mary Ita Kehoe	1057
Miss Bookey	829
Miss Fortune	775
Mr O'Connor	757

The Finance Committee allocated the four Scholarships to:- Miss Mary Ita Kehoe, whose marks were 1057, Miss Bookey, whose marks were 829, Miss Fortune whose marks were 775, and Mr O'Connor, whose marks were 757, and they left out in the cold altogether Miss Annie C. Kehoe, the competitor who obtained the highest marks in the examination, namely 1080. The feelings of a girl treated in this fashion, and of her parents can be better imagined than described. We respectfully and strenuously submit that if this decision of the Committee be sanctioned by the Council, and if this good girl, who obtained the highest marks of the candidates in the examination, is not given the Scholarship, no student in future could have any trust in the Scheme, and neither could any parent, and the Council would lose the confidence of the County.



The very object for which the Scheme was designed, namely, to help the best students, or rather the best working students, to go to the University will not be achieved but put an end to. Instead of students being helped in their work by the confidence which they would have in the conditions of the scheme as printed and published and in the good faith of the County Council, they could put no heart in their work, because they would not know where they would be. It is not the first time this has happened and it is nearly time it should be put an end to. The only apparent excuse for the Finance Committee's action in excluding Miss Annie C. Kehoe, is that she and Miss Mary Ita Kehoe happen to be sisters. If this be so, it is the most extraordinary excuse ever given to prevent a girl from obtaining £150 where she has honestly and fairly earned it. The matter is of great importance, as we have said, not only to this girl and her parents, but to all students and parents in the County Wexford. We beg the Council to consider this matter fairly and honestly, and to give the palm to her who has earned it. It would be a monstrous thing if the County Council should decide that Miss Annie C. Kehoe, who obtained the highest marks of all the students, should be debarred from going to the University and obtaining £150 to enable her to do so, merely because her sister happened to be an almost equally hard working and excellent student. It was for hardworking and excellent students like Miss Annie C. Kehoe that the scheme was designed, and the public and ourselves would be surprised if the Council did not decide fairly and honestly in the matter and let justice be done.

Apart from anything else we have said, in our opinion the Council are bound in point of law by their contract to give this Scholarship to Miss Kehoe, and if they do not give it to her, we shall have to take legal proceedings to see that she does get it. This course will we hope be rendered unnecessary by the Council's kind attention to the matter to-day!

The following is the letter referred to in Messrs O'Connor & Co's letter, from Mr John Kehoe:-

"I have two girls Annie and Mary Kehoe, who are candidates for the County Council Scholarships this year. I consider one of them, Annie, has been very badly treated by the Finance Committee of the Council at their last meeting, (only eight members being present) in not being awarded a scholarship. She is the highest candidate on the list according to "Aggregate marks" in the subjects required by the Scholarship Scheme or Regulations drawn up by the County Council. For the following reasons I consider she has been treated very unjustly:-



1.- There is no condition in the Scholarship Scheme debarring more than one member of the same family from being awarded Scholarships. On the contrary there are precedents for two members of the same family getting them, though not for the same year. However, the principle is the same. Even at the very meeting at which my girl was cut out, the Committee recommended that a Scholarship be given to Miss Bookey, Ferns, whose brother is at present the holder of a County Council Scholarship. Of course it is purely accidental that my two girls are qualified the same year and a similar case may not turn up for years.

2.- It is expressly laid down in the Scheme that other conditions being fulfilled "Scholarships shall be awarded to those Candidates securing the highest number of marks". Annie and Mary have secured first and second places respectively, on the list of Candidates, yet the Committee has cut out Annie and will not recommend her for a Scholarship at the meeting of the Council called for next Wednesday although she has secured upwards of 300 marks more than the fifth candidate whom they have recommended.

3.- The provisions of the Scheme governing the awards in any year cannot be changed except on "Notice of Motion to be considered at a Meeting of the Co. Council". So far as I am aware, no Notice of Motion for such a purpose was brought forward during the year, and I believe the time for such has now expired as the Scheme for next year has been drawn up and circulated.

It is also expressly stated in the Scheme that in case of "disputes or difference arising in connection with the scholarships the decision of the Council shall be final".

This saving condition surely does not justify the Council in cancelling or annulling other important conditions which the Scheme states must be done by the Council only after notice of Motion. One would think the Scheme, having been drawn up for the guidance of the Council as well as the public, should be equally binding on both. The Council is not justified in going outside their own Scheme, and within the four corners of that Scheme my girl is entitled to her Scholarship. In cutting out the Candidate at the head of the list the Committee, or rather the majority, have cancelled the principal condition in the scheme which governs the awards, viz:- that giving the Scholarships in order of merit.

From an educational point of view, the action of the majority of the Committee is not only indefensible but almost scandalous. It is simply rewarding and encouraging mediocrity and the expense of real merit, - under the circumstances I may be pardoned for saying so. The rejected Candidate has



won exhibitions in the Modern Literary Course in Junior, Middle, and Senior Grades of the Intermediate. This year she has not only got an exhibition but she has won a first class prize for Composition in the Irish Language. Yet one of her oponents on the Committee found fault with her marks in one subject which was one of her Pass subjects. Everybody acquainted with Intermediate Exams knows that in Pass subjects, the Student going for Honours only aim at a mere Pass in such subjects."

In reply to the Chairman, Mr Elgee stated that in his opinion, the County Council, according to the terms of the Scheme, were quite within their rights in confirming the action of the Finance & Roads Committee.

Mr Kinsella proposed:- "That the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee be adopted."

Mr Keating seconded.

Mr Peacocke moved:- "That University Scholarships be awarded to the Candidates in the order of merit as per the terms of the Co Council's Scholarship Scheme."

Mr M. Doyle seconded.

**For Mr Peacocke's amendment: there voted:-** Messrs J. Codd, Babry, Cloney, Michael Doyle, Hearn, Peacocke, Kehoe, O'Byrne, and Mayler.-9.

**Against:-** Messrs Cowman, Scallan, Kinsella, O'Neill, Keating, Redmond, Asple, Lord Courtown, and the Chairman.-9

The Chairman then gave his casting vote against the amendment.

The resolution of Mr Kinsella to confirm the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee was then put and passed Nem Con.

#### Rating Bantry Commons.

Under date 23rd August 1916, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 40503-1916, Wexford County) agreeing to have 1/4 struck off the Warrant of Collector Somers. The Board would not approve of the recommendation of the County Council to strike off £38. 4. 9d in the case of Collector E. J. Murphy, in view of the report of Mr Elgee that Mr Murphy was "unable or unwilling to swear who were in occupation". The Board pointed out that it was the duty of the Rate Collector to make himself familiar with the names of persons occupying hereditaments in his district.

The Secretary stated he had furnished a copy of the letter of the Local Government Board to Mr Murphy, who wrote under date 28th August 1916, that he



would do anything possible to collect the rate. It might be assumed that persons holding land bordering the Commons are the most constant users, and if considered advisable he would prepare a list of these persons, with a view to proceedings, or he was willing to pursue any course which the Local Government Board or the County Council may suggest.

In a letter to the Solicitor to the County Council under date 4th September, Mr Murphy pointed out that the suggestion of making out the list referred to in his letter of 28th August, was the only feasible one he could make.

The matter was considered at the meeting of the Finance & Roads Committee on 6th September, when the following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That no further action be taken as regards asking the Local Government Board to strike out of warrant of Collector E. J. Murphy the sum of £38. 4. 9d as we consider Mr Murphy should have been in as good a position as Collector Somers to obtain the names of the users of Bantry Commons. In view of the correspondence and of the facts we fail to see why Mr Murphy cannot take steps to recover the amount of arrears of Rate mentioned above, viz:- £38. 4. 9d."

The following further letter was read from Mr E. J. Murphy, in connection with the matter:-

"I am sending you my Irrecoverable List of Rates and you will observe that I have put on the present half-year's rates and arrears of the Bantry Commons in one item of £45 odd, and in reference to this matter I had no other course open to me, as the Judge at the Assizes ruled out my case as the parties rated were not in my collecting district.

With reference to the copy letter received from Valuation Office, the fact remains that there are no occupiers of Bantry Commons and never were any only trespassers or graziers. On the 15th or 16th September last, I wrote you of a plan whereby it might be possible to make some of the graziers or trespassers responsible for the rates, and you replied stating you sent a copy of my letter to Mr Elgee, and so far I have got no reply from him. Since writing you I have visited this Commons on three occasions and saw stock on it, having received no reply from Co Solicitor, I was afraid to act as my letter suggested, and the only information I can give the Valuation Office, or the County Council, would be a list of the ratepayers who reside by the side of Bantry Commons, who would likely be trespassers or grazers on the Commons, and if the County Council grant me permission to adopt the course suggested in my letter to you I shall gladly carry out their instructions.



The list I could supply as above stated, I could not swear that they are the occupiers of the Commons, but if the suggestion of mine was carried out, and their stock got by me, I could then swear that they were trespassers and graziers of the Commons, and as such might be made liable for the rates, or the means of getting a definite rate made on this Commons.

I would be grateful to you if you would bring my suggestion before the Co. Council, also the subject of this letter for their instructions."

"On the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Mr Cowman, the recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee, was adopted."

#### Purchase of Hay by War Office Authorities.

On the motion of Mr Cowman, seconded by Mr Scallan, the following recommendation of the Finance & Roads Committee, was adopted:-

"Owing to the number of complaints received by individual members of the Council as to purchase of hay by the Military Authorities, we call upon the War Office to hold strictly to the terms upon which they purchased hay from a large number of farmers in the County of Wexford.

We consider that if a steamer were provided by the War Office at Wexford, or Rosslare Harbour, for the convenience of hay it would be a great saving of freight and a great convenience to the farming community.

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chairman, with a request that the matter be brought before the Advisory Committee."

#### Recommendations Finance & Roads Committee.

**Roads in Charge of Co. Surveyor:-** "That the County Surveyor be given full discretion as to the arrangements to be made for the maintenance of roads in his charge and in respect of which he has been unable to procure any proposal for maintenance from sub-contractors."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by the Chairman."

**Illness of Mr T. Treanor:-** "That in accordance with the terms of Medical Certificate, Mr T. Treanor, Senior Assistant Surveyor, be granted three weeks leave of absence."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by the Chairman."

**Works- Kilmore Pier:+** Applications for the position of Clerk of Works in connection with repairs at Kilmore Pier, at 30/- per week, were received from the following:-



John Doyle, Tenacre, Tomhaggard.

Wm P. Furlong, The Beak, Kilmore.

Thomas Hassett, B. E., Fairy Hill, Castlebridge.

A Poll was taken with the following result:-

**For Furlong:-** Messrs Barry, Scallan, Cloney, Keating, Peacocke, Mayler, and O'Byrne.- 7.

**For Hassett:-** Messrs James Codd, J. J. Kehoe, and the Chairman.- 3.

Doyle received no vote.

The Chairman declared Mr Furlong elected.

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by the Chairman."

**Boyce's Bay Contract:-** "That acting on the recommendation of our Solicitor-Mr Elgee- no Order be made on the resolution received from New Ross Rural District Council, as to relieving Mr Henry P. Gahan, and his sureties, of any liability for payment of excess on contract for repair at Boyce's Bay."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Scallan."

**Road No. 240W:-** "That the Finance & Roads Committee cannot consent to recommend the County Council to cancel the contract for Road No. 240W. (Wexford Rural District).

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Mr Scallan."

**Irrecoverable Rates-Ex-Collector Sullivan--** "That we agree to refund of Irrecoverable Rates to Mr J. F. Sullivan, Ex-Rate Collector, in respect of half-year ended 30th September 1915, as per the report of our Secretary, and the recommendations of Enniscorthy Rural District Council, and that the Chairman sign same on behalf of the Council."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by the Chairman."

**Changes in Telephone Charges:-** "That the Secretary arrange for telephone service as per tariff rate B- 700 calls for £6. 15/-, with 2d per call for each additional call beyond 700."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Mr Keating."

**Carrigmannon Burning-** "That Mr Elgee be authorised to pay fees amounting to £5. 5/- to Mr W. F. Barry, for professional services in preparing plans, etc in connection with burning of Carrigmannon house."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Mayler."

**Courtown Harbour:-** "That the Courtown Harbour Committee be informed unless the Life Boat Institution are prepared to take over and maintain the



flagstaff at Courtown, this Committee will recommend that instructions be given to the County Surveyor to have the flagstaff removed."

"That the Finance & Roads Committee will recommend that permission be given to the Life Boat Institution to widen the road between the bridges at Courtown, but cannot undertake to recommend the expenditure of any public money on the project."

"That as recommended by the Courtown Harbour Committee, the Harbour Master, Courtown, be empowered to purchase a hauling off rope for the use of fishermen at the harbour, at a cost not exceeding £2."

"Confirmed on the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Analyst's Report.

City Laboratory,  
Chatham Row, Dublin.  
6th September 1916.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C. B., M. D., Public Analyst, for the County Wexford on articles submitted to him for Analysis during the quarter ended 30th June 1916.

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

<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Milk	31
Butter	23
Whiskey	15
Buttermilk	11
Cheese	8
Drugs	7
Bread	6
Rice	4
Cocoa	4
Flour	4
Port Wine	4
Sugar	3
Pepper	3
Brandy	3
Margarine	3
Maize	2



<u>Article.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Oatmeal	2
Cornflour	3
Indian meal	2
Rum	2
Linseed cake meal	1
Sweets	1
Coffee	1
Ginger Wine	1
Gin	1
Lard	1
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Total	<u>148</u>

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Tuohy, Gorey, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 6.25 per cent of added water.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Doyle, Enniscorthy, for specimen of whiskey which was 27 degrees under proof, and was therefore adulterated with 2.67 per cent of water.

There were eighteen specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture, Upper Merrion St., Dublin, which were taken up in the County Wexford. Six contained excess of water, namely 17.6, 21.3, 22.3, 24, 27.6, and 30.3 per cent respectively.

One specimen of water analysed for the Rural District Council, New Ross, had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matters	58.800
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.0065
Saline Ammonia	0.001
Nitric Acid	4.120
Chlorine	9.790
Colour	almost colourless.

A good water.

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

For the Guardians of Gorey Union six drugs were analysed. One was incorrect.

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



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

Total analyses.....188  
Adulterated and defective articles..... 9.

C. A. Cameron.

Marked "Read"

#### Resolutions.

Under date 14th September 1916, the Co Dublin Farmers' Association forwarded resolution stating that they considered the late Order of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction requiring two dipping of sheep within fourteen days in Autumn to be highly dangerous to the animals, and had caused much loss to flockowners. They therefore called on the Department and the County Councils to revert to the old Order for two dippings in each year, one in Summer, and one in Autumn.

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Scallan, seconded by Mr Doyle."

#### War Office Purchase of Hay.

The following resolution was received from the Dublin Co Council:-

"That this Council protests against any variation in the conditions under which the War Office undertook to bale hay and straw for army purposes for the season 1916, and we call on the purchasing Authorities to revert to the conditions which prevailed in 1915 as regards the baling, and that we demand the markets to be left open for the sale of surplus hay."

"No Order"

#### Irish Cattle Trade.

Under date 18th September 1916, the Secretary of the Irish Cattle Traders Association, wrote as follows:-

"The Committee of the Irish Cattle Traders' & Stockowners' Association beg to point out to you that great financial loss is caused to shippers of Irish Cattle through bruising occasioned by horning and goring during transit. Complaints of damage and claims for bruised beef are made every week by butchers, both wholesale and retail.

The Committee consider that this loss could be easily avoided by the dishorning of young cattle or in the case of older animals, intended for



fattening, by cutting off from one to three inches of the tops of the horns at the discretion of the owner.

Loss incurred by any branch of the cattle trade must affect to some extent the whole live stock industry, an industry of such importance to Ireland that the Committee trust you will use your great influence in bringing their recommendation before your constituents."

"Ordered that the representatives of the Press be requested to call public attention to the letter of the Committee of the Irish Cattle Traders' & Stockowners Association."

#### Cutting down Timber-Arbor Day.

The following resolution was received from the Cork Industrial Development Association, under date 21st August 1916:-

"That in view of the excessive cutting down of timber in Ireland during the past two years, prejudicial alike to the soil, climate, and general health of the country, the Council of the Cork Industrial Development Association call upon all Irish County and County Borough Councils to initiate an Arbor Day Movement in their respective districts, and we urge upon such bodies to carry out on as large a scale as possible, a tree-planting on October 1st next. Furthermore, we call upon the Department of Agriculture, the Irish Land Commission, and the Congested Districts Board, to put into immediate operation the powers and authority they possess to promote the afforestation of Ireland."

"Adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

#### Gas Works & Coal Supply.

The following resolution from the meeting of Irish Association of Gas Managers, held on 15th August 1916, was read:-

"That this meeting, representative of the gas industry in Ireland, views with the gravest apprehension the present condition of the coal supply to Ireland, and is convinced, should this condition not be speedily relieved, that many of the smaller gasworks and other industries must shut down, with consequent loss and inconvenience to the public. We therefore urge upon the Government the extreme and immediate necessity for adopting such measures as will assure an adequate supply of coal at reasonable prices, including sea carriage."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Keating, seconded by Mr Kinsella,"



Irish Evicted Tenants, Town Tenants, and "Back to the

Land Movement."

The Committee of above forwarded statement showing the objects of their Association and asking the help of the Council.

"No. Order".

Assisted Milk Stations.

The following resolution was received from Meath County Council:-

"That we request the Irish Party to obtain legislation empowering County Councils, through County Committees of Agriculture, to establish assisted milk stations, by giving a bonus to selected farmers undertaking to keep a supply of new milk for sale at fixed rates in necessitous districts.

We also earnestly request farmers and graziers to give increased facilities for the grazing of milch cows."

"No Order".

Congratulating Irish Parliamentary Party.

A resolution was received from Nenagh Urban District Council congratulating "The leaders and members of the Irish Parliamentary Party, on the political sagacity they displayed in dealing with the recent proposals for the settlement of the Irish question, etc.,"

"No Order".

Interned Prisoners.

The following resolution was received from Enniscorthy Board of Guardians:-

"That inasmuch as we desire the release of the Political Prisoners at present interned in England and believe that their continued detention is merely calculated to further increase bitter feeling in the country, we call on the Government to restore these People to their Homes at once."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

Proposals for Payments.

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

"That the several Proposals for Payment dealing with fixed items of salaries etc., and transfers to Public Bodies, as recommended by the Finance & Roads Committee, be and are hereby approved."

(Signed)

*B. H. Peacocke*  
Presiding Chairman.

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 1916