

Special meeting- 8th September 1908.

A special meeting of the County Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford; on 8th September '08, for consideration of the following letter under date 3rd September 1908, (No 47,896: 1908) from the Local Government Board:-

"With reference to your letter of the 29th ultimo, relative to the condition of certain bridges in Co. Wexford, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that Mr. Cowan is absent on leave and is about to proceed to Paris to attend the Road Congress.

The Council should, if they consider it necessary, employ some Engineer, with special experience in bridge making, to inspect and report to them the best course to be adopted with regard to these bridges."

Present:- Mr. E. Hore, (Vice Chairman) presiding.
Other members:- Messrs M. Browne, C. H. Peacocke, James Codd, M. A. Ennis, G. Walsh, J. J. Stafford, J. Bolger, J. Cummins, M. Codd, P. Fortune and A. Kinsella.

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

A letter was read from Mr. J. S. Hearn, County Councillor, regretting his inability to be present at the meeting.

In connection with the accident to Colonel Walker's horse, the following letter from Colonel Walker to his Solicitor Mr. M. J. O'Connell, under date 21st August '08, was read:-

"Thanks for your letter, I accept the offer of the County Council, of £25 for the loss caused to me through injuries sustained by my horse at the Dupesbridge."

Mr. Ennis proposed, and Mr. Peacocke seconded the following resolution:- "That we appoint Mr. J. A. Ryan C. E. Dublin to inspect and report to the Co. Council as to the bridges on the river Slaney, between Enniscorthy and Wexford, and that in the event of Mr. Ryan's

services not being obtainable that the Finance Committee have power to employ some other Engineer."

Mr. Browne having dissented from this resolution the Chairman directed that a poll should be taken and the following was the result:-

For the motion:- Messrs Stafford, Kinsella, J. Bodd, J. Bolger, Ennis, Peacocke, Walsh, M. Bodd, Cummins, and the Chairman... 10.

against:- Messrs Browne, and Fortune... 2.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

Mr. Ennis proposed:- "That in addition to employing an expert Engineer to inspect and report on the bridges forthwith, we ask the Local Government Board to hold an inquiry into the condition of the bridges on the river Slaney between Enniscorthy and Newford, and to fix the responsibility for that condition."

Mr. Peacocke seconded the resolution.

Mr. Browne proposed, and Mr. Fortune seconded the following:- "That the County Surveyor assisted by the Deputy Surveyors and any members of the Council who wish, make a thorough inspection of Ferryarrig bridge, and have it put into such a state of repair as would secure it for five or six years, and immediately after the repairs have been completed that the Council consider the advisability of building a new bridge."

The Chairman said he could not take this as an amendment to Mr. Ennis's resolution, with regard to which he directed that a poll should be taken.

The following was the result of the poll:-

For the resolution:- Messrs Kinsella, James Bodd, J. Bolger, M. A. Ennis, Peacocke, Walsh, M. Bodd, and the Chairman:- 8.

against:- Messrs Stafford, Browne, Fortune, and Cummins. 4.
The Chairman declared the proposition carried.

Prosecution of Road Contractors.

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Bolger standing Orders were suspended to allow the meeting to consider an application by Mr. Webster, Co. Surveyor

for permission to prosecute certain contractors.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, permission was given Mr. Webster to prosecute the following road contractors:-

Aidan Kehoe, John Maddock, Edward Maddock, Denis Whelan, John Kelly, Denis Brennan, James Murphy, and John Wilkinson, of Enniscorthy District; and George Browne, of Wexford District."

Proposed visit of Mr. J. W. Russell, to Wexford County.

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

"That Mr. J. W. Russell, M. P. Vice President, Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, be requested to receive a deputation from this Council in connection with procuring a dredger for the County harbours, on the 21st inst., at 8.15 p.m., in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford.

"That Sir J. H. G. Esmonde Bart., M. P., Messrs Ennis, Peacocke, J. J. Stafford, J. Cummins, M. Hickey, J. T. Kearne, W. Forristal, and as many other members of the Co. Council as possible, with the Co. Secretary, meet Mr. Russell, on the occasion of his visit to Fethard. That the Secretary of the Council ask the Clerk of New Ross District Council, to inform his Council that Mr. Russell will visit Fethard on the 23rd inst."

"That Messrs J. Bolger, J. Bolger, County Councillors, Rev O. Kehoe, C. C., and Mr. James Fowler, Camolin, be asked to meet Mr. Russell, on the occasion of his visit to Camolin on the 21st."

County Wexford Pension Committee.

A meeting of the County Wexford Pension Committee, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 8th September 1908.

Present:- Mr. E. Hone, Vice Chairman, Co. Council (presiding)

Other members:- Messrs M. Browne, C. H. Peacocke, James Bodd, M. A. Ennis, G. Walsh, J. J. Stafford, J. Bolger, J. Cummins, M. Bodd, P. Fortune, and A. Kinsella.

The Secretary of the Co. Council was in attendance.

— Confirmation of minutes —

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

— Powers of Sub-committees. —

The following letter from the Local Government Board No. 47981- Wexford County, under date 3rd September, was read:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Pension Committee of the 29th ultimo, containing an entry relative to the powers delegated by the committee to the various sub-committees under the Old Age Pensions Act, 1908; and, with reference thereto, the Local Government Board desire to state that they fear there will be some confusion in the relations between the Pension Committee and Sub-committees and the Pension Officers unless the duties which the committee have assigned to the sub-committees, namely:- "the consideration in the first instance of claims for pensions,"- are clearly defined by a reference to the particular sections of the Old Age Pension Regulations, 1908, under which the sub-committees are to act.

The Board would suggest that the Pension Committee should specially consider each of the sections 11 to 17 of the Regulations for the purpose of expressly defining the terms of reference to the sub-committees."

"On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by the Chairman the following resolution:- "That in order that the Pension Committee shall exercise some supervision over the sub-committees, Treasury Regulation 14 (2):- be varied, as follows:-

"If on considering any claim the committee disagree as respects any matter with the report of the Pension Officer

or if they consider that for any other reason the claim requires further consideration the committee shall not proceed to give their final decision on the claim without making such further investigation as the committee think necessary, nor then until they have reported to the pension committee the full facts of the case as first submitted to them, with such further information as they have obtained, and received the opinion of the pension committee as to whether such claim should be allowed or not, and also if the case is one which the committee think the matter ought to be decided adversely to the claimant without giving the claimant an opportunity of being heard."

That Treasury Regulation 14 (4) be also varied as follows:-

"The claimant shall be entitled to attend and be heard at any such adjourned meeting and the committee after hearing the claimant (if he desires to be heard) and after considering any other evidence or information which they have been able to obtain, and after having submitted the facts of the case and all the information in their possession in relation thereto, to the pension committee, shall give a decision on the claim, but such decision shall be in accordance with the opinion of the pension committee, and shall forthwith send notice of the decision to the Pension officer and the claimant."

— Clerk to Pension Committee. —

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

"That Mr. N. J. Frizelle, Secretary to Council, be appointed clerk to the Pension Committee."

— Vacancies on Sub-committees. —

The clerk mentioned that he had not received any replies from several gentlemen appointed to act on sub-committees, and it was decided that the clerk write these gentlemen and request them to state if they intend acting on the committees."

— Bannockburn, Rosslare, & Bridgetown Sub-Committee. —

On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Peacocke

the following resolution was adopted: - "That if the Rev J. Roche, Bannow; and Mr. Thomas Keating, Murrin town; find they are unable to act on the sub-committee, the vacancies thus created be filled by the election of Rev J. Scallan, C. C., Ballymitty; and D. C. A. Gibbon J. P., Muddagh."

— Jintern & Bethard Sub-committee. —

"On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Fortune, it was decided that should a vacancy occur in this committee, it should be filled by the name of Mr. James Ahearne, Bloonagh, Gussoran."

As the Catholic clergy of the District could not attend the meeting of the sub-committee on the 21st inst., owing to a clerical conference, it was decided that the first meeting of this committee should be held at one o'clock, p.m. on the 22nd instant, at Ramsgrange, instead of the 21st."

— Laghmore & Killurin Sub-committee. —

"Rev D. W. Redmond, P. P. Glynn; having declined to act, the name of Mr. Denis Lee O'Brien, Kilmannon, Glynn; was added to this committee, on the motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Peacocke."

— Coolgreany & Gorey Sub-committee. —

Sir J. H. G. Esmonde, Bart., M. P., having declined to act on this sub-committee, the name of Mr. Patrick Doyle, J. C., main street, Gorey; was added to the committee, on the motion of Mr. Kinsella, seconded by Mr. Stafford.

— Enniscorthy & Killealy Sub-committee. —

Mr. George Walsh, Ballyvadden, Wells; having declined to act on this sub-committee, the name of Mr. Walter Boggan, Kilmuckridge, was added to the committee, vice Mr. Walsh.

Edmund Hone,

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Meeting- 24th September 1908.

A meeting of the Co. Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 24th September 1908.

Present :- Mr. E. Horv. (Vice Chairman) presiding.
Other members present :- Messrs Thomas Asple, Mr. Broune, Mr. Codd, John J. Kehoe, A. Kinsella, P. J. Fanning, James Codd, P. Fortune, G. H. Peacocke, Mr. Doyle, J. E. Mayler, John Bolger, and Mr. A. Ennis.

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

Confirmation of minutes.

The minutes of meetings of 4th, 19th, and 29th August, and 8th September, were read and confirmed.

Forthcoming Local Inquiry.

Under date 16th September 1908, the following letter No. 57043, 1908 from the Local Government Board was read :-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to refer to your letter of the 8th inst., transmitting a copy of the minutes of proceedings of the Co. Council of Wexford at their special meeting held on that day, and I am to inform the Co. Council that, the Board have instructed their Chief Engineer, Mr. P. C. Cowan, M. Inst., C. E., to hold a local inquiry at the Court House, Wexford, on Wednesday the 30th instant, at the hour of 11 o'clock, a.m., with regard to the alleged defective condition of certain bridges in Co. Wexford.

Due notice of the inquiry will be published and any person interested may attend and give evidence on the subject.

The Board desire me to ask that you will be so good as to notify the Co. Surveyor and the Assistant Surveyors concerned, of the day and hour fixed for the inquiry and to request their attendance."

The following report of Mr. J. H. Ryan, M. Inst., C. E.

Dublin, was read for the meeting:-

22 Nassau Street, Dublin.
September 22nd 1908.

To.

The Chairman & County Council:
Co. Wexford.

Gentlemen,

According to your instructions I made inspection of the Bridges at Wexford, Ferrycarraig, The Deeps, and Edrimine, and beg to report as follows:-
Wexford Bridge:-

On the 18th inst., I inspected this bridge in company with your Co. Surveyor.

This timber structure is composed of 30 spans, including an opening span, and 34 wooden piers, supporting a metalled roadway and footpath laid on buckled metal plates, said spans being made up of longitudinal timber beams and braced with wrought iron tie bars.

The general condition of the bridge is sound, and I noted that almost all of the defects mentioned in my former report of 1901, have been rectified; the following items, however, I would suggest should be carried out from time to time as funds will permit:-

Commencing from the north end of Bridge I found:-

No. 1. Span (N end)	all timbers sound.
" Pier	timbers sound; repair upstream raking pile, renew packing piece under casting.
" 2. Span.	timbers sound.
" Pier	Do splice one vertical pile.
" 3. Span	Do attend to 1 longitudinal, shows surface rot.
" Pier.	Do.
" 4. Span	Do.
" Pier	Do; scarf waling piece.
" 5. Span	Do.
" Pier	Do; renew packing piece west end, and repair east end of crosshead.

No 6. Span	Timber sound.
" Pier	Do. repair east end of crosshead.
" 7 Span	Do.
" Pier	Do.
" 8. Span	Do. attend to second longitudinal up stream; shows surface rot.
" Pier	Do. repair east end crosshead, also packing piece under girder.
" 9. Span	Do.
" Pier	Do.
" 10. Span	Do.
" Pier	Do.
" 11 Span	Do.
" Pier	Do.
" 12. Span	Do.
" Pier	Do.
" 13 Span	Do. attend to 1 st longitudinal; shows sap.
" Pier	Do. renew packing piece.
" 14 Span.	Do.
" Pier	Do.
" 15 Span	Do.
" 15 Pier	Do. repair E. raking pile.
" 16. Span.	Do. attend to 2 nd longitudinal, shows sap.
" Pier	Do.
" 17. Span	Do.
" Pier (double)	Do.
" 18 Span (opening)	Do.
" Pier	Do.
" 19 Span	Do. attend to west raking pile, shows sap.
" 20 Span	Do.
" Pier	Do.
" 21 Span	Do.
" Pier	Do.
" 22 Span	Do.
" Pier	Do.
" 23 Span	Do.
" Pier	Do.
" 24 Span	Do. repair packing piece E. end.
" Pier	Do.
" 25 Span	Do.
" Pier	Do. repair E. raking pile, shows sap. and W. end of waling piece.

No. 26. Span.	Timber sound.
" Pier	do.
" 27 Span	do.
" Pier	do.
" 28 Span	do.
" Pier	do.
" 29 Span	do.
" Pier	do.
" 30 Span	do. repair w. longitudinal over 29 th Pier.
" Pier	do.
" 31 Span	do.
" Pier	do.
" 32 Span	do.
" Pier	do. scarf one vertical pile.
" 33 Span	do.
" Pier.	do. Scarf one waling piece w. end over 34 th Pier.
" 34 Span	do.
" 35 Pier	do. Scarf waling piece E. end, and one vertical pile.
" Span (S. end)	do.

I note that cracked castings mentioned in former report have been properly renewed and repaired.

The plate coverings of the machinery actuating opening span would require renewal.

Deeps Bridge :-

On the 17th inst., I inspected this Bridge, accompanied by your Co. Surveyor; the construction of which I have set out in my former report, and in which latter the defects mentioned appear to have been almost all rectified. I find the structure quite sound, but would suggest the following repairs should be carried out from time to time as funds permit:

1. Span (South end)	Timber sound.
" Pier	do. splice one vertical pile, and W. end of diagonal brace.
2. Span	do.
" Pier	do.
3. Span	do.
" Pier	do., repair 3 vertical piles, and

one raking pile down stream side

4 Span (do)
4 Pier (do)

~~one raking pile down stream side.~~

5 * Span (Opening) Timber sound, new flooring & beams have recently been put in.

6. Pier

Do. scarf one vertical, others show sap.

6. Span

Do.

" Pier

Do.

7 Span

Do.

" Pier

Do.

8. Span

Do.

" Pier

Do. scarf diagonal brace.

9. Span

Do.

" Pier

Do. repair cross head.

10. Span

Do.

" Pier

Do. Piece one vertical on face.

11. Span

Do.

" Pier

Do.

12 Span

Do.

" Pier

Do. Piece on vertical.

13. Span

Do.

" Pier

Do. attend to, shows some surface sap.

14 Span (n. end)

Do.

Approaches :- I beg to refer to my former report as to these.

Turycarrig Bridge :-

On the 17th inst. I inspected this Bridge, accompanied by your Co. Surveyor.

The description of this structure is set out in my former Report.

The general condition of the structure I found to be sound, and almost all the serious defects, set out in my former report have been rectified; the following items, however, I would suggest should be carried out from time to time as funds permit, so as to tend to a further life of the Bridge :-

1. Span (n. end) Timber sound; wall end of one beam to be repaired.

" Pier.

Do. repair two vertical piles.

2. Span

Do.

" Pier

Do. renew crosshead, attend to vertical piles, shows sap.

3. Span

Do. attend to longitudinal.

3. Pier Timber sound--repair raking piles down stream side, attend to one vertical, show sap.
- 4 Span. D^o
- " Pier D^o; repair first vertical pile up stream.
5. Span D^o; repair on longitudinal
- " Pier D^o; scarf two vertical piles.
6. Span D^o;
- " Pier D^o
- 7 Span D^o
- " Pier D^o renew up stream raking pile, also one vertical pile.
- 8 Span Renew three longitudinals
- " Pier D^o
9. Span D^o renew one longitudinal
- " Pier D^o scarf one vertical
10. Span D^o
- " Pier D^o
11. Span D^o seven new beams have been put in here
- " Pier D^o
- 12 Span D^o scarf two vertical piles.
- " Pier D^o
- 13 Span D^o
- " Pier D^o
- 14 Span D^o
- " Pier D^o; Raking pile down stream requires repairs on top.
15. Span (opening) D^o
- " Pier D^o repair head of one vertical pile.
- 16 Span (S. end)

I interviewed a Mr. Pat O'Donnell of Ferry-carraig, who stated he had made recent repairs to Bridge and had recently opened the Bridge to admit Mr. Davis's dredger passing through, and found the machinery of opening span to be working all right. so I did not think it necessary to open it on this occasion.

Edrmine Bridge:-

on the 18th inst., I inspected this structure, accompanied by your County Surveyor.

This structure is composed of 12 spans of 30 feet each, total length 360 feet, each span consists

of five wrought iron girders, supporting a roadway of curved metal plates. There are 11 timber piers composed of 5 vertical timber piles to each pier, iron handrailing, total width 18 feet.

The 5th span from north end is an opening space.

This structure on the day of my inspection, appeared to be in a thoroughly sound condition, and seems to have been maintained in good repair up to that date, and in accordance with the specification. I noted that parts of the flooring had been recently repaired and now in thorough repair.

I am,

Yours faithfully.

J. H. Ryan, M. Inst., C. E.

The Chairman proposed the following resolution which was unanimously adopted :- "That the following Committee be appointed to assist Mr. R. W. Elge, Solicitor, in the preparation of the case of the County Council at the forthcoming local inquiry on 30th September. - Messrs M. A. Ennis, John Bolger, P. O'Neill, Thomas Asple, C. H. Peacocke, and John J. Kehoe."

Under date 24th September, the following letter from Mr. C. J. O'Ballaghan, was read :-

"In reference to the inquiry re Bridges to be held by Mr. Cowan on the 30th inst., if you require a verbatim report of the evidence, I, who have been appointed to take the notes by the Inspector, will be glad to let you have it, for a fee of £6: 6/-"

"On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted :- "That Mr. O'Ballaghan be paid a sum of £3: 3/- for report of local inquiry provided that the inquiry lasts one day only."

A. Quarry in South Wexford.

Mr. Ennis submitted a sample of stone taken from road metalling in the vicinity of Thintern Abbey, and

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

"That the County Surveyor be requested to make inquiries as to the quarry in the neighbourhood of Campile from which a sample of stone was submitted this day, by Mr. Ennis, with a view to the Council acquiring same."

— Bee Pest Prevention Act 1908. —

Under date 16th September, the following letter (No 25629) from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, relative to the Bee Pest Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908, was read:-

"I have to transmit for the information of the County Council, the accompanying copy of the Bee Pest Prevention (Ireland) Act, 1908, which will come into operation on 1st January 1909.

Under section 1 any person who has bees affected or suspected of being affected with Foul Brood is bound, under a penalty of £5, to notify the fact to the Local Authority. By Sections 2 and 3 powers are conferred on any duly authorised officer of the Local Authority, or of the Department to enter any premises on which bees are kept, and, where considered necessary, to require the destruction of all affected stock and articles and appliances used in connection with beekeeping. Any person who refuses to allow any such officer to enter premises on which bees are kept, who obstructs any such officer in the discharge of his duty, or who fails to comply with the notice requiring him to destroy the bees, articles and appliances mentioned therein, is liable to a penalty of £10 for each offence.

Compensation may be paid to the Owners of the bees, &c., so destroyed in accordance with a scale to be prescribed by the Department, but no such compensation shall be paid until the Local Authority have passed a resolution consenting generally to the payment of compensation in accordance with the provisions of Section 5. In this connection it may be pointed out that under Section 10 (2), in the case of the Council of a County other than a County

Borough, the expenses incurred in the execution of this act including compensation, must be defrayed out of the funds available for the purposes of agriculture and other rural industries in the County.

Section 9 empowers a Local authority, with the consent of the Department, to appoint one or more officers, for the purpose of the execution of the act, having such qualifications and upon such terms as to remuneration and otherwise as the Department approve. The Department, however, do not at present consider it necessary that any officers should be appointed specially for this purpose, as they are of opinion that the act can be enforced, without any additional expense, through the agricultural and Horticultural Instructors employed by the Co. Committees of agriculture.

In the event of it becoming advisable at a later stage to appoint a special officer for the purposes of the Act, it will be found economical for two or three counties adjoining each other to concur in the appointment of one individual.

The Department desire to direct the attention of your Council to Section 11, which provides that the powers and duties of the Council of every County, other than a County Borough, under the act shall be exercised and discharged by and through the County Committee of agriculture.

It will be observed from section 12 that any penalties recovered under the act by the Local authority shall be paid to such authority and shall be applied by them in aid of their expenses in the execution of the act.

I have to add that the Department propose at an early date to issue Regulations under section 8, and in the meantime they will be glad to be informed whether your Council propose to adopt a resolution consenting generally to the payment of compensation in every case in which section 6 applies."

On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Ennis, the following resolution was adopted: "That we

consent generally to the payment of compensation to Beekeepers in accordance with the provisions of section 6 of the Bee Pest Prevention (Ireland) act 1908, and that the various questions arising in connection with the administration of the act be referred to the Ad. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction."

The Rate Collection.

Under date 18th September, the following letter No. 51,013 Wexford County, from the Local Government Board was read:-

"With reference to the return showing the condition to the 15th instant of the collection of the Poor Rate in the County of Wexford, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that those collectors who do not close by the 30th instant, will not be entitled to poundage fees, and further it may become necessary to consider the question of their retention of office."

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

"That in view of the circular letter received from the Local Government Board, and the information laid before the Council by the Finance Committee as to the present state of the Rate Collection, that a circular letter be addressed to the Rate collectors of the County, who have upwards of 40 per cent of their warrants still uncollected calling attention to the circular letter of the Local Government Board, and warning them that they are in serious danger of losing their position unless they give immediate attention to the work of improving their collections. The Council are not disposed to apply to the Local Government Board for any extension of time to close the collection."

Oyster fishery at Courtown.

Under date 17th September 1908, the following letter No. 5658- F.B., from the Department of Agriculture, was read:-

"I have to state for the information of the Wexford

County Council, that the Department propose to make experiments in marketing oysters from the public beds off Courtown, and would feel much obliged if your Council could let them have the use of their store at Courtown Harbour, for a few weeks commencing about the end of this month for the purpose of sorting and packing the shell fish."

The following resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Kehoe:-- "That the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be afforded the use of the store at Courtown Harbour, for the purpose of sorting and packing oysters. That a copy of this resolution be furnished the Department, and Mr. Stapleton, Harbour Master, at Courtown."

Fowl markets.

Under date 9th September 1908, the following letter was read from Mr. R. W. Elger, Solicitor:--

"I regret to say that the Lords Justices of Ireland have disallowed the Bye law made by the County Council as to the holding of Fowl markets, and I enclose a copy of the order disallowing it."

The following copy of the Order disallowing the bye-law was read for the meeting:--

By the Lord Justices General and General Governors of Ireland.

S. Walker. C.

Upon reading this day at the Board a Bye-law made by the County Council of the County of Wexford regulating the hours of holding Fowl markets in that County.

Ordered that said Bye-law be and the same is hereby disallowed.

Given at the Council Chamber, Dublin Castle, this 7th day of September 1908.

D. Harrel

Richd. R. Cherry

Patrick Ball

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

"That the clerk to the Lord justices be requested to inform the Wexford County Council, what were the reasons which induced them to disallow the bye-law made by the Council to fix the hours for the holding of fowl markets in the County."

Boulduff Pier.

The following memorial from Boatowners and fishermen using Boulduff Pier was read:-

"We the undersigned Boatowners and Fishermen of Boulduff, most respectfully beg to lay before you the following statements of facts:-

That we are very sensible and deeply grateful for your great kindness towards us, by the extension of our Pier which is proving a great boon to us.

That at the time of the extension the contractor used a Grabber to clear the foundation, and in doing so the shingle and material brought up were deposited in a heap close to the Pier; right in the passage of our boats to and from it; - together with these there is a large block of concrete which by some mistake was left amongst this rubble which if allowed to remain will prove a great source of danger to our men and boats.

We therefore most respectfully but earnestly request that you will kindly take our case into your consideration with a view of sending us the use of a Dredger or some other means to remove this obstacle that is the cause of so much fear and threatening danger."

The County Surveyor said that Mr. Paddle, Assistant Surveyor had gone to Mr. Sinnott, who made the complaints as to the obstruction several times, and with Mr. Sinnott searched high and low for it without success. A complaint such as this was made from time to time. The last report received from Mr. Paddle was within the past two weeks, when he reported that one day when the water was muddy he thought he felt with a long pole a lump of concrete though he could not see

anything. Mr. Wallace the contractor who carried out the work promised to go to the place himself, as, for his own reputation he was most anxious there should be no cause for complaint, Mr. Wallace said that before he left Boulduff, Mr. Sinnott made a complaint to him somewhat similar to that now before the Council, and he (Mr. Wallace) could not find any trace of any concrete at the time, and he said he would have another search. He (Mr. Webster) wrote to Mr. Oliver the Engineer for the Department of Agriculture, and stated that it would be ^{very} well for Mr. Wallace, Mr. Oliver, and himself to arrange for a day to examine the place, and he had received a reply from Mr. Oliver to the effect that Mr. Hassard who was the Resident Engineer, thought there was no ground for the complaint. He (Mr. Webster) was communicating with the Department in the matter, with a view to getting a diver to go down. Mr. Wallace said it was perfectly true that he used a grabber to dig the foundations as everyone knew, and that he put some of the material to one side whilst he was making the concrete blocks, but that he grabbed it up afterwards, and said he even went deeper than the amount he excavated. If there was any truth in the report at all the only way he (Mr. Webster) could account for it, was that there was some cutting going on instead of siltage and that some hard lump was being exposed which was covered before."

On the motion of Mr. Bolger, seconded by Mr. Kinsella the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we request the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to send a diver to Boulduff pier to ascertain if there is any obstruction there which is obstructing the use of the Harbour."

— Wrecks at Curracloe —

On the motion of Mr. Fortune, seconded by Mr. Aspley the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the attention of the Department of Agriculture, be again directed to the necessity of requesting the

Commissioners of Irish Lights to remove the old ship wrecks at Burracloe, which are a source of danger to fishing boats."

— Old age Pension act. —

On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Ennis the following resolution received from Cork County Council was adopted, and it was decided that copies be forwarded the Parliamentary Representatives of County Wexford :-

1.- That as many of the habits and customs of the aged poor of this country differ materially from those of Great Britain, it is important that the officials appointed to act as Pension officers in Ireland should be either Irishmen or persons who have derived their knowledge of Ireland by long residence in this country.

2.- That in order to give the Pension Committees the benefit of good local knowledge and experience, it is highly undesirable that any Pension officer should be transferred or removed during a period of at least five years from the date of his appointment as such, except for misconduct or incompetency.

3.- That in districts where Irish is the spoken language of a portion of the population or in districts largely bi-lingual, it is indispensable that the Pension officer should possess a good spoken knowledge of the Irish language."

On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Ennis, the following resolution received from Kilkenny Co. Council was adopted :- "That this meeting of the Kilkenny County Council, held for the purpose of putting the "Old age Pensions Act," in force in Co. Kilkenny, calls upon the Irish Party to bring in an amending Bill at the earliest opportunity to give the benefit of the act to people at present in receipt of out-door relief, who stand debarred by the provisions of the act. This class, should, in our opinion, be the first to derive benefit from the act, of what should be one of its main features."

Control of Courthouses.

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following resolution received from Carlow County Council was adopted, and it was decided that a copy be sent the Parliamentary Representatives of the County Wexford:-

"That as county councils are bound to maintain the Court Houses of their respective counties, it is reasonable that the councils should have control of same instead of the High Sheriff as at present, who is not a continuing officer."

The Grand jury system.

Mr. Peacocke proposed the following resolution, but after discussion agreed that it should come before next meeting for consideration:-

"That if in the altered circumstances of this country, it is considered advisable to continue Grand jurors, we invite our members of Parliament to take such action as they may consider expedient to have the present system of calling Grand jurors altered so that the highest rated ratepayers should be those from whom Grand jurors should be called."

Importation of Foreign Cattle

On the motion of Mr. Asple, seconded by Mr. Fanning the following resolution from the North Wexford Farmers Society was adopted:-

"That this Society requests the Wexford Co. Council to impress on the other councils of Ireland the necessity of fighting against the removal of the restrictions on the importation of live cattle into Great Britain."

The train service of the D. & S. E. Railway.

Under date 18th September the following letter from the Town Clerk, Wicklow, was read:-

"I am directed by the Wicklow Urban District Council to draw your Council's immediate attention to the unwarrantable action of the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co., with regard to their proposal to take off the 3 p.m. train from Dublin to Wexford, and the 6 p.m.

up from Wexford.

It is obvious that if the proposed changes take place it will be ruinous to the Counties of Wicklow and Wexford, and hence the representatives of the travelling public should rise to the occasion and protest in the strongest manner against the action of the Railway Co.

I am writing to the several Councils, and Public Bodies along the line, requesting them to pass strong resolutions and to petition the Railway Co., against any diminution or change in the present train service.

The towns along the route from Wicklow to Wexford are seriously suffering from the present inadequate train facilities more than they probably realise, and if the Railway Co. insist to still further curtail the service, their Bills in Parliament should be blocked and every means taken to bring them to their senses.

Trusting for your Council's kind co-operation and immediate support."

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

"That we desire to point out to the Directors of the Dublin & South Eastern Railway Co., that the alterations announced to take place in their train service from the first October will be the cause of grave and serious inconvenience to residents of the County Wexford, and we trust that the Directors will see their way to reconsider their decision and have no change in the present service."

— Postman's Hut. —

Under date 21st September, the following letter was read from the Postmaster, Enniscorthy :-

"Will you please let me know if the Postal authorities can obtain leave from your Council to erect a Postman's Hut on the waste ground between the present Post Office at Marshalstown and the main road. An early reply will oblige."

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Bolger

the following resolution was adopted :-

That we accede to the application of the Postmaster, Enniscorthy; for permission to erect a Postman's hut on the waste ground between the present post office at Marshalstown, and the main Road, subject to the approval of the County Surveyor, and on the understanding that the building will be removed at anytime at the request of the County Council."

———— Prosecuting Road Contractors. ————

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Ennis, the County Surveyor was given permission to prosecute the following contractors :-

New Ross District :- Thomas Barville, Luke Finin, and Robert Devereuse.

Gorey :- Terence Donnelly.

Enniscorthy :- Peter Darcy, Patrick Barty, John Murphy, (Road no. 260) John Quirke. (no 263)

Wexford :- William Harper.

———— County Council Committees. ————

It was decided that the Secretary consult the members of the following Co. Council Committees with a view to arrange for dates of meetings :-

Barley Conference.
Patents & Designs Act.
Election Expenses
Roads Committee.

Edmund Hone.