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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING - 8th AUGUST, 1938

MINUTES

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary County Council.

The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 8th August 1938.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding; also present:- Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, R. Corish (Vice-Chairman), C. Culleton, R. Doyle, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, James Kennedy, James Lawlor, Thomas McCarthy, Sean Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Col. Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan and M. Smyth.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor, and the following Assistant Surveyors were in attendance:- Messrs. J. F. Birthistle, Thomas Cullen, R. J. Ennis, P. O'Neill, and T. Treanor.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2748. 11. 6d was examined and signed.

DRAINAGE RATES - SOW AND KILMANNOCK AREAS

The following resolutions were proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. T. Redmond, and adopted nem. con.:-

"That we hereby strike Rate for Sow Drainage Area for year ending 1st March 1939, in accordance with Charging Order of Commissioners of Public Works, dated 16th January, 1929, and amended by said Commissioners of Public Works under date 22nd March 1933, No. 4672.31, Amount, £263. 4. 4d to be levied on the persons named in Charging Order or their Successors in Title. In addition, that a sum of £120 be raised towards cost of maintenance of Sow Drainage Area; said amount to be levied on the persons named in the above-mentioned Charging Order or their Successors in Title, in the same proportions as the amounts leviable under the Charging Order."

"That we hereby strike rate for Kilmannock Drainage Area in respect of year ending 1st March 1939, in accordance with amounts entered on Charging Order of Commissioners of Public Works, dated 19th January 1927, as amended by said Commissioners of Public Works under date 16th May, 1934, No. 9/94/34, amount £83. 7. 10d, said amount to be levied on the persons named in the Charging Order as amended or their successors in Title."

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 8th JULY 1938: Minutes in respect of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 8th July, 1938.

Present:- Miss N. O'Ryan, Messrs. Sean O'Byrne and John Murphy.

The Assistant Secretary, the County Surveyor and the County Solicitor were in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Chair was taken by Miss O'Ryan.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6918. 14. 4d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

1938/39 COLLECTION: The Assistant Secretary stated that the 1938/39 Collection was about to begin and a number of Collecting Books were at present being distributed by the Rate Inspector.

The following letter, sent to each Rate Collector, on 7th July, 1938, was approved:-

"I am sending under separate cover to each Rate Collector supply of forms on which are to be returned particulars of rates outstanding on derelict farms and on farms on which rates are not being paid. These forms should be accurately filled in and returned to me by the 19th instant.

As regards Temporary Uncollectable Rates, I have to inform Collectors that in cases in which "No Goods" are returned on decrees, Collectors should apply for Examination Orders. Collectors should also ascertain from the Sheriff what action has been taken, in regard to decrees lodged with him. It is essential that Collectors should follow up the matter of Decrees with the Sheriff as far as possible. If all Collectors take a really active interest in this aspect of the Collection, it will have a very beneficial effect on their work generally.

As regards the new Collection which is now about to begin, Collectors should see that Demand Notes are issued at the earliest possible moment so that returns at the end of the first quarterly period after the beginning of the Collection, may show favourable comparison with the published returns from other Counties.

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I would again stress the absolute necessity for Collectors following up Court Decrees with Examination Orders in all suitable cases. They should also get in touch with the Sheriff as regards the execution of decrees within a reasonable time after they have been lodged.

A few seizures by Collectors on their own warrants during last year's collection had satisfactory results. Collectors should adopt this procedure in all suitable cases during the present collection.

As returns for Department of Local Government and Public Health have to be submitted in respect of each moiety separately, Collectors are requested to note that they should, in every instance, make separate lodgments in respect of second moiety as distinct from lodgments in respect of first moiety and arrears."

The Assistant Secretary stated that Mr. Seamus Murphy, Local Government Inspector, attended at the County Council Offices on 6th July, 1938, and dealt with matters relating to Rate Collection, Demands of Urban Councils and the general financial position. Mr. Murphy intended interviewing the following Collectors on the occasion of his next visit:- J. Flood, J. Quirke, J. J. Sinnott, W. Doyle and W. Cummins.

POUNDAGE: The following letter, under date 28th June 1938, No. G.3043/8/9/38, Loch Garman, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, was read:-

"With reference to your letter of the 23rd instant, and enclosure, relative to payment of poundage to Rate Collectors, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that in regard to the second moiety he has sanctioned payment at the rate of 7d to each Collector who has lodged to the credit of the Council 87½% of the assessment for 1937/38, plus the full arrears applicable to the 1936/37 collection. Any cases not complying with the above condition may be paid at the rate of 7d less 5 per cent.

In regard to the second moiety I am to state that in view of the percentages carried forward the Minister will raise no objection to the remission of the deduction of 5 per cent made in the cases of Collectors P. Doyle, M. McCarthy, J. Deegan, D. Kenny and P. Carty. Poundage at the rate of 7d in respect of their first moiety and arrears may be paid to Collectors P. Nolan, S. Gannon, J. O'Reilly, A. Dunne, E. Murphy, M. Kehoe and J. Curtis.

I am to add that as the delay in closing the first moiety of their warrants for 1937/38 by Collectors W. Cummins and J. Synnot has not been offset by satisfactory carried forwards, in these cases payment at the rate of 7d on the first moiety and arrears must be subject to a deduction of 5 per cent."

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It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Murphy, to request the Department of Local Government and Public Health to agree to the payment of full poundage fees on second moiety and arrears in the case of Collector William Doyle, who was only short £3. 13. 6d of the stipulated lodgment.

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, that poundage as sanctioned be paid to all the Collectors at the present meeting of the Committee.

The following are the deductions ordered by the Department in the cases of five Collectors:- J. Quirke, £6. 8. 8d; William Doyle, £3. 15. 4d; J. Flood, £3. 3. 10d; W. Cummins £6. 12. 9d; J. J. Sinnott, £5. 5. 0d. All these deductions were made in respect of poundage of first moiety and arrears of 1937/38 collection.

LAW COSTS, COLLECTOR P. NOLAN: The following letter, under date 28th June 1938, No. G.1847/38, Loch Garman, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was submitted:-

"With reference to your letter of the 22nd instant, relative to the result of legal proceedings taken by Collector P. Nolan for recovery of rates, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he raises no objection, in the circumstances, to a refund of a sum of £5. 7s. 0d to this Collector."

PREMIUMS, COLLECTORS' FIDELITY GUARANTEE BONDS: The following from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, under date 30th June 1938, No. G.18431/38, Loch Garman, was submitted:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 20th instant, on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he raises no objection to

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the proposal of the Wexford County Council to pay the amount of the premiums on the Rate Collectors' Fidelity Guarantee Bonds."

NO. 11 COLLECTION DISTRICT: Under date 28th June, 1938, the following letter, No. G.13231/4/38, Loch Garman, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 21st instant on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that provided the procedure set out in Article 94 of the Public Bodies Orders has been complied with he sanctions the re-distribution proposed of the former No. 11 Collection District among the Collectors for Districts Nos. 8 and 10."

Article 94 of Public Bodies Order reads as follows:-

"The Council may from time to time with the consent of the Minister previously obtained, make any change in the Division of the County Health or Urban District into Collection Districts. Notice of the intention to propose such a change shall be given by a member of the Council in accordance with the rules and standing orders for the regulation of the proceedings of the Council."

The Chairman stated she would give the requisite notice of motion for meeting of County Council on 8th August 1938 regarding the abolition of Collection District No. 11 and the extension of the boundaries of Collection Districts Nos. 8 and 10, by the inclusion of the Electoral Division of Bolaboy with Collection District No. 8, and the inclusion of the Electoral Divisions of Ballyvaldon, Castle Ellis and Castle Talbot with Collection District No. 10.

PRINTING LISTS OF OUTSTANDING RATES: In connection with the printing of lists of Temporary Uncollectable Rates for the information of individual members of the Council, it was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Murphy, that lists of Irrecoverable Rates should also be printed and furnished to the local Councillors.

Mr. O'Byrne stated that a sufficient number of copies of the lists should be printed to enable a supply for the whole County to be furnished to the members of the Finance Committee.

Quotations for the printing of the lists were submitted as follows:-

	£.	s.	d.
The Echo Company, Enniscorthy	18.	4.	0
The Free Press, Wexford.	26.	0.	0
Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy.	28.	10.	0
The People Newspapers Ltd., Wexford	33.	18.	6.

Messrs. J. English & Co., Wexford, wrote that, as they were closing down for the staff's annual holiday, they were not in a position to submit quotation.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the quotation of the Echo, Enniscorthy, at £18. 4. 0, being the lowest, was accepted.

TEMPORARY BORROWING

Under date 1st July 1938, the following letter, No. G.8195/3/38, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 28th ultim@, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that, in pursuance of the Local Authorities (Financial Provisions) Act 1921 as extended, he has consented to the Wexford County Council borrowing by way of temporary overdraft for the purpose of providing temporarily for current expenses, a sum not exceeding in

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the aggregate £35,000 (Thirty five Thousand pounds).

This sanction extends to the period ending 30th September 1938.

The enclosed duplicate of this letter may be transmitted to the Treasurer."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

APPLICATION FOR LOAN: In reference to application from Daniel Sheehan, Clohamon, Ferns, for loan of £200 in respect of house, estimated value £280 and Government Grant £70, the meeting noted that, according to Scheme, the maximum loan which could be granted in the case of a house valued at £280 would be £180.

The following letter from Mr. P. Ronan, M.C.C., Ferns, was submitted:-

"In reply to yours of the 1st instant re Daniel Sheehan, Clohamon, I wish to state that the figure which he gives as his earnings would be correct, as he is working on the village Scheme here as a mason. The figure £200 seems a large amount considering he is a mason and would be capable of building the house himself. I would advise a smaller sum under the circumstances. As to the question of his suitability, in my opinion, he is quite suitable, as he is respectable and I think he is a man who would pay his instalments all right, provided he is working, but he has no other means."

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Murphy, that the amount of loan in this case should not exceed £150; loan to be granted subject to the usual conditions regarding location, site, title, etc., being observed and to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health being obtained.

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MICHAEL KIRWAN, KILLAGOLEY, ENNISCORTHY: The following letter, under date 2nd July 1938, was read from Mr. J. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of yours of to-day's date and in reply write to say, that on the 19th May last I wrote to Mr. Jordan, Mr. Kirwan's Solicitor, informing him that the Council had provisionally approved of an Increase in the Loan to the above from £130 to £145, and on the 20th May I received a letter from Mr. Jordan, stating that he would write me immediately he heard from Mr. Kirwan, but so far I have not heard from him, and I am today writing to Mr. Jordan impressing upon him the necessity of his Client informing us what he intends doing in the matter."

PATRICK MARTIN, MONEYHORE, ENNISCORTHY: The following letter, under date 2nd July 1938, was read from Mr. J. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of yours of yesterday, and in reply write to say, that on the 13th May last I wrote to Patrick Martin informing him that a Loan had been provisionally sanctioned to him under the above Acts for the purpose of erecting a Dwellinghouse, but since then, I have not heard from him. I am writing him again today to ascertain if he proposes availing of Loan, and when I hear from him I will let you know."

THOMAS GAFFNEY, KILBRANEY, GUSSEANE: The following letter, under date 2nd July 1938, was read from Mr. J. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of yours of yesterday and in reply write to say, that on the 24th July 1937 I had written to Thomas Gaffney for Particulars as to his Title, but I do not appear to have received same from him, and have asked him now to let me have this information at once, and have also

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pointed out, as directed in your letter, that no commitment should be entered into in connection with the House until the Sanction of the Local Government Department has been received. When I hear further from him I will let you know".

SAMUEL BRYAN, CURRATUBBIN, KILLENA: Under date 2nd July, 1938, the following letter was read from Mr. J. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of yours of yesterday with reference to the above, and in reply write to say, that at the moment I am unable to certify Mr. Bryan's Title as being in order owing to the fact, that the Property on which he proposes building is held under a Yearly Tenancy, and under the Provisions of the Act the Title must be either Fee Simple or else, Leasehold Interest for 60 years to run. On the 21st May last I wrote Messrs. Huggard Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, Gorey, who are acting for Bryan, informing them that if they could get a Lease of the Premises for say, 99 years I would then be in a position to certify, but since then I have not heard from them. I am writing them again on the matter today."

Under date 6th July, 1938, Mr. J. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote as follows:-

"Referring to previous correspondence herein, I send you herewith Copy of a letter I received this morning from Messrs. Huggard Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors for Bryan, from which you will see that Bryan is anxious to avail of the Loan when I am satisfied that his Title to the Plot on which he proposes to build is in order."

The following is copy of letter of Messrs. Huggard, Brennan and Godfrey, Solicitors, Gorey, referred to in foregoing:-

"We are in receipt of yours of the 2nd instant.

The delay in this matter is that Mr. Bryan's Landlord

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has arranged to give him a Lease for 99 years but we must get the Land Commission's Consent to this Lease as it is Registered Land, and we have applied for the Consent. We do not anticipate there will be any difficulty in getting it, and when the Title is in order we will forward the papers to you.

Kindly note that our Client is still anxious to get the Loan. Please do not allocate it to anybody else."

MISS MARY KEEGAN, GRATTAN STREET, GOREY: Under date 2nd July 1938, the following letter was read from Mr. J. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of yours of yesterday, and have written to Miss Keegan informing her that a Loan had been provisionally sanctioned under the above Acts to her, and asking her to send me on Particulars as to how the Premises are held on which she proposes building. I have also asked her to send in the Certificate from the Housing Officer to you."

JAMES DEMPSEY, PIERCESTOWN, DRINAGH: Under date 2nd July, 1938, Mr. J. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote as follows:-

"I have also written to Dempsey informing him that a Loan had been provisionally sanctioned, and asked him to send me in Particulars of his Title."

As regards application of James Dempsey, Piercestown, Mr. Murphy stated that he would be in a position to submit particulars as to this application at next meeting of the Finance Committee.

OUTSTANDING INSTALMENTS OF LOANS: Statement showing the amounts outstanding on foot of loans in respect of the period to the 31st March 1938 was submitted. The total outstanding was £127. 7. 5d on a year's collection of £1077. 10. 6d.

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Mr. Elgee stated he would proceed by Civil Bill as soon as possible against the most backward of the defaulters and would send result of proceedings to the Secretary immediately the cases had been dealt with.

Approved.

BUNCLODY COURTHOUSE

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, submitted the following draft agreement in connection with the proposed use of Bunclody Hall as Courthouse:-

"Memorandum of an Agreement made and entered into for and on behalf of the Committee of Management of St. Aidan's Hall, Newtownbarry, (hereinafter called the Landlords of the one part, and The County Council of the County of Wexford, having their Offices at the County Hall, Wexford, in the said County of Wexford, (Hereinafter called the Tenants) of the other part, Whereby it is mutually agreed as follows.

1. The Landlords will let and the Tenants will take from them as Tenants from year to year, the use of St. Aidan's Hall, Newtownbarry, for the Purpose of Holding the Sittings of the District Court therein, on the Third Saturday in each Month, or on such other occasions as the District Justice may require to hold a Court in Newtownbarry. The Tenancy to Commence on the day of 1938.
2. The Tenants shall pay to the Landlords for the use of the said Hall as aforesaid the yearly rent of £12, same to be paid by Half yearly Instalments of £6 each the first of such Instalments to be paid on the day of and day of in each year.
3. Either party shall have the right to terminate the letting hereby made by giving the other party three Months previous Notice in writing of their intention to do so, such Notice to terminate on a gale day.

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4. The Tenants shall supply such Portable fittings and furniture as may be necessary for the accom^modation of the District Justice, and the District Court Clerk, and at the termination of the letting hereby made the Tenants shall have the right to remove such fittings and furniture.

In witness whereof the Landlords have affixed their hands, and the Tenants have affixed their Common Seal hereto the day and year first herein written."

The terms of the agreement were approved on the motion of Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. O'Byrne.

SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP - J. J. O'NEILL

The following letter, under date 28th June 1938, from Rev. J. Doran, President, St. Peter's College, Wexford, was submitted:-

"I have a note from Mrs. O'Neill of Bushville, Taguat, stating that the Council has made no personal allowance for her son, John Joseph, in respect of his attendance in the College during the year. Mrs. O'Neill pays the personal extras to the College for her son and the College only makes a demand on the Council for £40, leaving her £10 to provide these extras.

The sum paid by the Council to the College was a pro rata payment of a total sum of £40, namely £25 odd, allowing for an absence of 13 weeks. Mrs. O'Neill feels that she has a corresponding pro rata claim of the £10 for personal extras.

I shall be glad if you kindly bring the matter to the notice of the Finance Committee."

The annual value of J. J. O'Neill's Scholarship is £50. The amount of the school fee was reduced from £40 to £25. 1. 2d. A pro rata payment of the £10 balance would be £6. 5. 0.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman that £5

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be recommended for payment of balance of John J. O'Neill's Scholarship to meet incidental expenses of the holder.

HOLIDAYS - VETERINARY INSPECTOR LYNCH

The following communication under date 1st July 1938 from Mr. J. Lynch, Veterinary Inspector, New Ross, was submitted:-

"I propose taking a holiday for a course of spa treatment from 13th to 28th instant inclusive. I have arranged with Mr. Taylor, V.S., to do duty in my absence.

I presume he will be remunerated same as last year.

Thanking Council and all, in anticipation."

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, that Mr. Lynch be granted leave as applied for, Mr. F. W. Taylor, M.R.C.V.S., New Ross, to do duty during his absence from 13th to 28th July inclusive at remuneration of £2 per week, this proposal to be subject to the sanction of the Department of Agriculture.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

The following letters under dates 30th June and 5th July 1938 respectively from Mr. F. S. Ringwood, Veterinary Inspector, Enniscorthy, were read:-

"I called to interview John Walsh on 28th June re figures marked X. He was not at home and had not left a list of places he was gone to. I called again on 30th and was informed he had gone to England on 28th to see a brother who was sick."

"I had an interview with John Walsh last evening, and he informed me that he only returned from England yesterday morning the 4th. As you will see by Form W.F.3 he only did one day's work last week."

The following communication, under date 5th July 1938, was sent to Temporary Warble Fly Inspector John Walsh:-

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"I enclose copy of report received from Mr. F. S. Ringwood, Veterinary Inspector. Please send explanation to reach me by Friday, 8th instant.

I would call your attention to the following regulation set out in printed list of instructions for Warble Fly Inspectors:-

"When setting out his work each morning the Inspector must leave at his residence such particulars in writing of the townlands he proposes to visit during the day as will enable the Supervising Veterinary Inspector to get in touch with him. He must not absent himself from duty, by leaving his district or otherwise, without the prior permission of the Local Authority. In case of illness, the fact should be reported to the Local Authority without delay."

Under date 6th July 1938, the following letter from John Walsh, Temporary Warble Fly Inspector, was read:-

"I have been absent off duty from the 28th of June. I had word from a brother in hospital in England, that hadn't been heard of for the past six years, and I had to cross over to him. It was when I came back I found out that I should have applied for leave. I expected to get back on the 29th to start work on the 30th, but I got delayed. I started to work on the 4th of July. Trusting that my enforced absence will cause you no inconvenience."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne it was decided to inform Mr. Walsh that, by absenting himself from his work without permission or notification to either the Veterinary Inspector or the County Council, he had disobeyed the regulations of the Department of Agriculture set out clearly on the printed list of instructions for Warble Fly Inspectors.

It was also decided to notify him that serious notice will be taken of any failure in the future on his part to comply with instructions from the Department of Agriculture or County Council in connection with the carrying out of his duties.

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APPLICATIONS - MALICIOUS INJURIES

Notifications regarding Malicious Injury Applications were submitted as follows:-

George McIlhagga, Kilcarbery, Enniscorthy, £15 damage to tyre and tube of motor car.

James Kehoe, Slievenagorea, The Ballagh, £20, burning of two knocks of furze.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, to defend.

TEMPORARY CLERK - COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE

The following letter, under date 27th June 1938, No. R/RS/32, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"With further reference to your letter of 22nd instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he will raise no objection to employment of Mr. M. Kirwan for one month in the office of the County Surveyor."

ROAD ROSSLARE STRAND TO CARNE PIER

Under date 7th July 1938, the following letter, No. R/RGR/32/3 from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) was submitted:-

"With reference to your letter of the 20th instant relative to your application for a special grant of 66 2/3% of the cost of reconstructing the County Road leading from Rosslare Strand to Carne Pier, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that he is prepared to consider favourably an application for a grant of 50% of the cost of the work estimated at £4,200.

I am to add that favourable consideration will also be given to an application for a grant, on a similar basis, towards the cost of reconstructing the road from Kilrane to St. Helens."

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by the Chairman that the County Council be recommended to accept the offer from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in connection with road Rosslare Strand to Carne Pier and that the sum of £2100, the Council's share

of the cost be raised by loan.

It was also decided to refer to the Council the proposal of the Minister regarding reconstruction of the road from Kilrane to St. Helen's.

ERECTION OF WEIGHBRIDGE

The County Surveyor stated that the Department of Local Government and Public Health had earmarked a sum of £400 for the erection of weighbridge for the purpose of checking the weights of motor lorries, etc. for Local Taxation Department. He (County Surveyor) proposed that weighbridge should be erected at the County Hall premises.

In reply to the Chairman, the County Surveyor stated that arrangements could be made by which cattle would be weighed on fair days at the weighbridge.

The following quotations were submitted by the County Surveyor:-

W. & T. Avery Ltd., 105 Middle Abbey Street, Dublin.	Steelyard	£. 301
do.	Ticket	320
do.	Dial	366
E. & A. Ashworth Ltd., Dewsbury	Steelyard	303
Henry Pooley & Son Ltd., 105 Middle Abbey St., Dublin.	Steelyard	315
do.	Dial	385
Samuel Denison & Son Ltd., Hunslet Foundry, Leeds.	Steelyard	317
do.	Ticket	407.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Murphy, it was decided to accept quotation from Messrs. W. & T. Avery Ltd., 105 Middle Abbey Street, Dublin, at £320 for machine (Ticket).

The County Surveyor stated that, in addition, it would be necessary to erect a weigh office in connection with the weighbridge, but he would be able to get the entire cost

out of the £400 allocated by the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

The position of the weighbridge and all other detailed arrangements were left in the hands of the County Surveyor.

MULRANKIN ROAD

The Chairman and Mr. Murphy stated that they had received representations from the Bridgetown Fianna Fail Club regarding the poor condition of Mulrenkin Road.

WEXFORD BRIDGE

The County Surveyor stated that Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) Alderman Corish and himself had interviewed Mr. T. C. Courtney, Chief Engineering Inspector of the Department of Local Government and Public Health on 7th July 1938 in connection with proposal of the County Council to expend a sum of £6000 on the repair of Wexford Bridge. They had placed before Mr. Courtney the application of the Council for maintenance grant of 40 per cent on the proposed expenditure of £6000. He (County Surveyor) would go into the matter more fully when the Chairman and Mr. Corish would be in attendance at next meeting.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES - EX-OFFICIO INSPECTORS UNDER WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS ETC.

Accounts paid for motor hire in regard to above, were examined by the Committee. Miss O'Ryan stated that 8 hours' "waiting time" seemed very long.

6. 12. '37.	Wexford to Taghmon and return, 18 miles at 6d per mile Waiting time, 8 hours at 1/- per hour.	s. d. 9. 0 8. 0
7. 12. '37.	Wexford to Blackwater etc. and return 30 miles at 6d per mile Waiting time, 8 hours at 1/- per hour.	15. 0 8. 0
9. 12. '37.	Wexford to Kilmore Quay, etc. and return 36 miles at 6d per mile Waiting time 8 hours at 1/- per hour	18. 0 8. 0

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13. 12. '37.	Wexford to Duncormick etc. and return 33 miles at 6d per mile	s. d. 16. 6
	Waiting time 8 hours at 1/- per hour.	8. 0
14. 12. '37.	Wexford to Blackwater and return 22½ miles at 6d per mile	11. 3
	Waiting time, 8 hours at 1/- per hour.	8. 0
15. 12. '37.	Wexford to Ballyvaldon, Screen, etc. and return, 28 miles at 6d per mile	14. 0
	Waiting time 8 hours at 1/- per hour.	8. 0

Waiting time was also charged by owners of hackney vehicles as part of agreement for hire of cars from other Garda Stations.

It was noted that on 7. 12. 37 that amount charged for hire of car from Gorey to Cahore, Ballygarrett, Ballycanew, etc., and return, 23 miles, was £1 while 23 miles at 6d per mile would only amount to 11/6d; also, for hire of car from Gorey to Ferns, Balloughter, etc., 23 miles, £1 was charged while 23 miles at 6d per mile would only amount to 11/6d.

On 14. 12. '37 for car from Gorey to Inch, Coolgreany, Hollyfort, Monaseed, Rock Tavern, Craanford, etc., and return 25 miles for which the charge was £1, would amount only to 12/6d at 6d per mile.

The meeting considered that some arrangement should be arrived at by which "waiting time" should not be charged for.

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan (Chairman), seconded by Mr. Murphy, it was decided to request the Minister for Justice to authorise ex-officio Inspectors appointed under Weights and Measures Acts and who own motor cars, to use their own cars where possible, at a rate not exceeding 6d per mile, in connection with the carrying out of their duties as ex-officio Inspectors, as this arrangement will obviate the necessity of paying, in addition to the ordinary mileage rate, a further payment of 1/- per hour for "waiting time" charged by motor hirers.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 8th July 1938, be received and considered."

NO. 11 COLLECTION DISTRICT: The following motion, of which notice was given by Miss O'Ryan on 22nd July, 1938, appeared on agenda paper:-

"That Rate Collection District No. 11 be amalgamated with Rate Collection Districts Nos. 8 and 10, as follows:- Electoral Division of Bolaboy to No. 8 District (Collector J. Cummins) and Electoral Divisions of Ballyvaldon, Castle Ellis and Castletalbot to No. 10 District (Collector W. Cummins)."

(The Secretary mentioned that this motion was circulated to members of the Council on 26th July 1938.)

In the absence of Miss O'Ryan, the above motion was (by permission of the meeting) moved by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. S. Murphy and adopted.

ROAD KILRANE - ST. HELEN'S: In connection with proposed extensive repair to this road it was decided to first carry out the improvement of Road from Rosslare Strand to Carne Pier, after which the road Kilrane - St. Helen's will be dealt with.

ERECTION OF WEIGHBRIDGE: The County Surveyor, in reply to queries, said that a special fitment would be necessary to have weighbridge deal with cattle.

The Chairman said that the Department were supplying money for this weighbridge to weigh motor vehicles, and he did not see how they could provide for the weighing of cattle. If they undertook this class of work it would be necessary to have some officer in charge of the weighbridge and he (Chairman) could not see how the County Council

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could arrange for his payment. He considered it the duty of a Municipal Authority to provide facilities for the weighing of cattle. They could easily understand that if the County Council could provide a weighbridge at Wexford, the other County towns would be looking for a similar privilege.

Mr. R. Doyle said that the weighing of cattle in Wexford was important as it was a shipping port.

The Chairman said that persons interested in having a weighbridge for cattle in Wexford town should approach the Corporation.

Mr. Corish said any representations made to Wexford Corporation in the matter would receive very careful consideration.

The matter dropped.

WEXFORD BRIDGE: Mr. Culleton said he had been asked by farmers and others whether the County Council were seriously going to throw £5,000 into the Slaney.

Chairman - The County Council came to a certain decision after fully considering the matter at the last meeting, and we will not re-open it to-day.

Mr. Culleton - I will give notice of motion to discuss it again at the next meeting.

Secretary - What phase of it do you want to consider?

Mr. Culleton - The question of erecting the new bridge and going into the finance of it.

Secretary - Mr. Corish has notice given in connection with the new bridge, but he will not move it until he sees what will happen the motion to repair the old one.

Mr. Corish - It is accepted that the new bridge will have to be built eventually.

Chairman - We won't discuss it to-day again.

The Secretary said that Mr. Corish's motion would have to be disposed of before Mr. Culleton could move anything in connection with a new bridge.

Mr. Culleton asked when Mr. Corish intended moving his motion and the Chairman said when they knew what position the Government would take up in the matter.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 8th July 1938, as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

MEETING 22nd JULY 1938: The Minutes of this meeting as follows, were submitted:-

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 22nd July, 1938.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, Chairman County Council (presiding); also, Messrs. P. Colfer, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Sean Murphy, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5569. 2. 7d was examined and signed.

PAYMENT TO RATE COLLECTORS - WORK AT ABATEMENT FORMS

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

"That £106. 1. 0 being at the rate of 6d per form, be paid Rate Collectors for work in connection with examination of data on Abatement Forms (Rates on Agricultural Land) as per Schedule submitted by County Secretary to this meeting as follows:-

<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>No. of Abatement Forms.</u>	<u>Amount.</u>		
		£.	s.	d.
James Quirke	246	6.	3.	0
William Doyle	164	4.	2.	0
Philip Doyle	207	5.	3.	6
Michael McCarthy	198	4.	19.	0
Patrick Nolan	183	4.	11.	6
Sean Gannon	240	6.	0.	0
John Deegan	316	7.	18.	0
Joseph Cummins	256	6.	8.	0
John Flood	179	4.	9.	6
Walter Cummins	369	9.	4.	6
John J. O'Reilly	252	6.	6.	0
Denis Kenny	235	5.	17.	6
Art Dunne	248	6.	4.	0
John J. Sinnott	252	6.	6.	0
E. J. Murphy	235	5.	17.	6
Maurice Kehoe	203	5.	1.	6
John Curtis	260	6.	10.	0
Patrick Carty	199	4.	19.	6
Totals	4242	£106.	1.	0."

ABATEMENT RATES - AGRICULTURAL GRANT 1938/39

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Murphy:-

"That Abatements of Rates in respect of Agricultural Grant 1938/39, as set out on Abatement Forms submitted to this meeting, be and are hereby agreed to."

PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE

Under date 9th July 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.3043/10/38 Loch Garman) that in the circumstances stated by the Finance Committee the Minister would raise no objection to payment of poundage at the rate of 7d to Collector William Doyle (No. 2 District) in respect of lodgments on foot of the second moiety and arrears of his warrant for the financial year ended 31st March 1938.

FILLING VACANCIES ON COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE

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

"That the following be appointed members of the Library Committee:-

James Kennedy, M.C.C., vice J. Cummins.

Sean Murphy, M.C.C., vice W. Cullimore.

Raymond Doyle, M.C.C., vice J. F. Heffernan."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Mr. Edward Kelly, Ballynadarra, Enniscorthy (an attendant in County Mental Hospital) wrote under date 11th July 1938 applying for an additional loan of £40 to complete building at Tomnalosset, Enniscorthy, under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. He had been provisionally granted loan of £130 but stated that, owing to increased cost of building materials he was in a difficult position as to the completion of the house without a further increase in the loan.

The house was almost completed.

The Secretary stated that Kelly had not yet made title to plot and in a letter to him on 25th May last Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote:- "I have to warn you not to enter into any commitment regarding the building of the house until I inform you that the Council have received the sanction of the Minister to the advance being made."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Murphy:-

"That the maximum amount of loan for Mr. Edward Kelly, Ballynadara, Enniscorthy, be fixed as soon as Mr. Kelly's Title to plot is certified by County Solicitor after which Certificate of Value will be obtained from Assistant Surveyor."

OLD AGE PENSION ACTS - ADJUSTED DISTRICTS

The following under date 25th June 1938 (A.359/1 Wexford County) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health, Old Age Pensions Branch:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 20th instant; and, in reply, I am to state that the Minister will raise no objection to the re-adjustment of the areas of the respective Old Age Pension Sub-Committees in County Wexford, as proposed by the County Council at their meeting on 13th instant.

With regard to the remuneration of the Clerks of the Sub-Committees, I am to point out that this is a matter for the Revenue Commissioners, in accordance with the Financial Instructions for Pension Committees and Sub-Committees issued by the Department of Finance."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Keegan:-

"That in view of the transfer of two Electoral Divisions from No. 2 to No. 7 Area and to the resolution of Sub-Committee for last-named area that their Clerk should receive additional remuneration for the extra work, we recommend the application to the Revenue Commissioners for favourable consideration and believe that a sum of £2

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per annum should be added to remuneration of Clerk for No. 7 Area. As Clerk for No. 2 Area has only a salary of £10. 13. 9d we consider no deduction could equitably be made from same."

Under date 8th July 1938 the Clerk of No. 2 Sub-Committee wrote that the latter were satisfied with the proposed re-adjustments of area.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

The following reports were submitted from Veterinary Inspectors re working of above Order for season 1938.

Enniscorthy District: Mr. Ringwood reported:-

"The working of this Order in my district was carried out, in my opinion, better than the previous year.

At the beginning of the period I made an attempt to get the small farmers to bring their cattle to centres; although this was not successful it had good results, as the farmers dressed the cattle the day before or day appointed and they sent word to the centre that they had done so, and I sent the Inspector to verify it.

I had occasion to warn Inspector James Doyle about his figures on Form W.F.3, as I found he was returning cattle as dressed which the owners had only promised to dress.

The Inspector John Walsh is badly situated for his district. To get from his residence Kereight to, say Boolavogue and back on a bicycle, would leave very little time for work. His reports did not cover as much work as the others. If possible, it would be better if he would reside in Enniscorthy during the period.

The Department Inspector, Mr. White, paid a few visits in my district, and as far as I know, was satisfied with the working of the Order."

Gorey District: The following was read from Mr.

Mernagh, M.R.C.V.S.:-

"Herewith my report re the working of the Warble Fly Order in my area for 1938. The three Inspectors did their work well, T. Kenny and P. Ryan especially being very thorough in their examination of the cattle. The farmers on the whole seem to have carried out the dressings better this than last ^{season}, but the Inspectors seem to waste a lot of their time in the beginning of the term (first week) going to places to find no cattle dressed and then in doubtful cases having to go back to see if the dressing had been carried out. Inspector Kenny complained of this matter to me, and I arranged with him to send out post cards to the different farmers for the first week stating the day he would call and to have the cattle dressed. He told me this worked out well. I make the suggestion as

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I think it would bring the matter more forcibly before the farmers.

I would also like to suggest that something should be done to stop people exposing cattle for sale at fairs that have definitely not been dressed."

New Ross District: Mr. J. Lynch, M.R.C.V.S., Inspector for portion of New Ross District, reported:-

"Considerable progress has been made during season, much more so than on any previous one.

I consider inspection of Fairs and a serious talk with owners chiefly responsible for this.

Owners have been warned that animals infested with live warbles will be stopped at ports or quarantined at the other side.

This is undoubtedly coming and the sooner the better.

Inspection on farms is often of little use for various reasons. I don't suggest that it should not go on or that it should be relaxed, but it is on the market that you get a fair idea of how the work is progressing.

While dealers can purchase infested cattle with impunity progress must necessarily be slow.

Inspectors Carty and Morrissey whose work I supervise, are both keen and efficient officers."

Mr. F. W. Taylor, M.R.C.V.S., Inspector for portion of New Ross District, reported as follows:-

"I beg to submit my report re the working of the above Order in my area during the present year.

As the Order has now been in force for three years there should be a marked reduction in the number of animals affected; and, although this, to a certain extent, is true, there are still a large number of animals infested under the present way the order is worked. The Inspector finds it hard, to get over four dressings during the season, and this will not, by any means, include all the owners, as some may not have the wash in stock, and others, for various reasons, may not be prepared to treat the cattle the day the Inspector calls.

My suggested remedy would be the strict enforcement of the Order, requiring the owners to dress all the affected animals during the first seven days of each month. If this was carried out it would mean that all affected cattle would receive five dressings during the season and, in this way, would insure all affected cattle receiving treatment. The owners to furnish the Inspector with a Form giving date when and number of cattle treated.

On the 27th April I called on the following:-

A. Whitney, Old Ross.
L. Dwyer, do.
T. Rochford, do.

L. Kehoe, Bigerin.
Mrs. Magee, do.
P. Hickey, Knockmullen.

All those have received first dressings, and, are now being treated to the second application.

The Inspector finished his second round about the 14th May, and has now started on the third round. He finds that owners are carrying out the regulations satisfactorily. It is noticed that the more advanced the case is the more beneficial the treatment.

June 15th called on the following:

Mrs. Lynch, Ballycohere - No Warbles.
J. Murphy, do. Third Dressing.
Mrs. Redmond, do. do.

Mrs. E. Kehoe, Ballyleigh, has dressed her cattle four times during the first week of each month and will dress again before the Order expires.

P. Fogarty, Ballyleigh, 3rd Dressings.
Mrs. Brennan, do. do.
Mary Bolger, Coolback, do.
M. Bolger, do. do.
J. Fogarty, Ballybanogue, do.

The Lay Inspector has given me every satisfaction. He is most willing, and has a very good way of taking the owners and explaining the Order to them.

The owners, as a rule, are willing to carry out the Order, but are too prone to suit themselves as to when they will apply the dressings. In my opinion, unless the Order is tightened up it will take a long time to get rid of the Warble Fly plague."

Wexford District: The following report was submitted from Mr. F. Staples, M.R.C.V.S.:-

"Re your request for my observations on the working of the Warble Fly Order for the season 1938 -

The three inspectors working the Wexford area - a very big district in which there is something like 1500 stock owners,-carried out their orders very efficiently. From what I have seen of my visits to the local farms and inspection of stock shown on the local fairs, I believe that the best results we have yet had in the effort to eradicate the Warble Fly, are those of season 1938."

The Secretary stated that Mr. Walsh's district comprised the following District Electoral Divisions:-

The Harrow, Tinnacross, Enniscorthy Rural, Enniscorthy Urban, Bree, Ballyhogue and Ballyhuskard. He resided at

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the most southern point and Mr. Ringwood's statement that Enniscorthy town would be the most central point from which Mr. Walsh could work was correct.

It was decided that the matter be dealt with when the appointment of Inspectors under the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order 1936 was next under consideration by the Council.

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1937

Under date 5th July 1938, the Department of Agriculture wrote as follows (No. L.2388/38):-

"With reference to your letter of the 28th ultimo, and to previous correspondence on the subject of Sheep Dipping arrangements for the forthcoming dipping period, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that he will offer no objection to the re-appointment as Sheep Dipping Inspectors of the six persons who were employed in that capacity last year with remuneration in each case, as last year, of £20 for the dipping period plus actual expenditure on postage..

It is noted that one of the Inspectors, Mr. T. Prendergast is to be warned as to the necessity for increased activity in the discharge of his duties."

The following are the names etc. of the Lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors referred to in Department's communication:-

Enniscorthy District:

James Murphy, Johnsville, Ferns.

Myles Roban, St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy.

Goey:

Patrick Ormonde, Ballyellis, Carnew.

Thomas Prendergast, Knockskimolin, Oulart.

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New Ross:

M. J. Hennessey, Monamolin, Rathnure, Enniscorthy.

Wexford:

James Hayden, Corlican, Killurin.

Letters were read from them accepting the terms and conditions of their appointments for the forthcoming Sheep Dipping Season.

Under date 8th July 1938 the Department of Agriculture wrote (E.2147/36) that the Garda Síochána would assist as in previous years in connection with the enforcement of the Sheep Dipping Order. They would prepare and furnish to local Authorities lists of sheep owners and notice of intention to dip would be available at the various Garda Stations. Where no local regulations requiring dipping of sheep at specified times and places obtained, the Gardai would report any instances of infringement of the Order that came under their Notice, but could not be expected to participate actively in the work of supervising the process of Sheep Dipping. They would forward notices of intention to dip to the Lay Inspectors concerned.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

UNIVERSITY: The following results of the recent examination of students for University Scholarships were furnished by the Authorities of University College, Dublin, under date 14th July:-

Robert A. Scanlon,
Brandane, Bannow.

Passed the First University
Examination in Arts. Renewal
recommended.

Gerald Coffey,
Baldwinstown,
Bridgetown.

Passed the First University
Examination in Agricultural
Science Part I. Renewal
recommended.

Peter Doran,
73 Main Street, Gorey.

Passed the First University
Examination in Engineering.
Renewal recommended.

James Doran,
73 Main Street, Gorey.

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Rejected at the First University
Examination in Engineering. May
present again in Autumn. Further
report then.

William Lambert,
Sunnyside, Broadway.

Rejected at the First University
Examination in Agricultural Science
Part I. May present at a Supple-
mental Examination in Autumn.

John Flynn,
Ballynaclare, Campile.)

John P. Kehoe,
Creacon, New Ross.)

Passed the Second Year (Honours)
College Examination in Arts.
Renewal recommended.

Anne Hickey,
Westgate, Wexford.

Passed the Second Year (Honours)
College Examination in Science.
Renewal recommended.

James J. Meyler,
Blackhall, Glynn.

Passed the Second University
Examination in Engineering with
First Class Honours. Renewal
recommended.

James G. Delaney, B.A.
Parnell Street,
Wexford.

Passed the Higher Diploma in
Education Examination with Second
Class Honours.

Thomas Cullimore, B.A.
Green Street,
Wexford.

Passed the Higher Diploma in
Education Examination.

William Murphy,
Coolhull,
Wellingtonbridge.

Passed the B.Agr. Sc. Degree
Examination.

Nora O'Sullivan,
Camolin.

Report in Autumn."

It was decided to inform James Doran, who had failed his first engineering examination that the renewal of his Scholarship is conditional on his being successful in the Autumn at the first University Examination in Engineering.

As regards Scholarship of Mr. William G. Lambert, letter under date 13th October 1937 was read from Mr. Drew, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture at University College, Dublin, recommending that this Scholarship should be held over for annual session 1938-39 to allow of Lambert spending 1937/38 period doing practical agriculture on a farm.

The following is the concluding paragraph of Professor Drew's letter:-

"Before proceeding to his third year course next session, Mr. Lambert must, of course, complete his first

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year examination by passing in the subjects in which he was rejected at previous examination. This must be done in June 1938."

The Finance Committee on 15th October 1937 adopted the following recommendation which was confirmed by the General meeting of the Council on 21st October 1937:-

"That the County Council be recommended to renew University Scholarship to Mr. William G. Lambert, Sunnyside, Broadway, on the terms and conditions set out in letter from University College, Dublin, under date 13th October, 1937, copy to be furnished Mr. Lambert."

It was decided that Mr. Lambert be requested to submit an explanation as to his failure at University Examination in June 1938 and also that he furnish evidence that he spent 1937-38 period doing practical agriculture on a farm as recommended by the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture at University College, Dublin, and ordered by the County Council.

SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHEME: With reference to application by Edwin F. Todd, The Bungalow, Kilrane, for an extension for a fifth year of his Scholarship under Secondary & Vocational Scheme the Finance Committee had decided that consideration of application should be adjourned to obtain information from applicant as to why he did not sit for Leaving Certificate Examination in 1938.

The following was read from Mr. Todd, under date 23rd June, 1938:-

"In answer to your letter of the 20th instant, I beg to inform you that the Master told me there would be no use in me sitting for the Leaving Certificate examination this year because I did not know enough to sit for it. I am only in fifth year this year, and it is usually sixth year students who usually sit for this examination."

The Scheme provided for a continuation of Scholarship for a fifth year only in cases of outstanding merit, and as the members did not think this applied to the present application they felt reluctantly obliged to refuse to accede to Mr. Todd's request.

The following was read from the Office of National Education No. Trg.2/51575 - 22nd June 1938:-

"In reply to your letter of the 14th instant, I am directed to say that the approval of the Scheme as submitted by your Council for the year 1939 is receiving attention, and that a further communication will be sent to you at an early date."

CARNE PIER

Under date 12th July 1938 (S.W.1/22/2) the following was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance to refer to your letter of 21st ultimo relative to the proposed improvement of this Pier and to state that, after full consideration of the matter, he is not prepared to vary the terms of his recommendation as set out in our letter of 27th May last."

The Secretary stated that in their letter of 27th May last the Office of Public Works stated that the Parliamentary Secretary was prepared to grant one third only of the expenditure estimated at £500, work to be carried out during the winter months.

When this offer was considered by the Council resolution was adopted asking for a State contribution of half of £650 revised estimate of County Surveyor and that the work should be undertaken at period considered suitable by this officer.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Murphy seconded by the Chairman:-

"That provided the Office of Public Works are prepared to contribute £217 one-third of County Surveyor's revised estimate of £650 for improvement work at Carne Pier, and to agree to the work being carried out during a period of the year selected by the County Surveyor (who considers it could not be satisfactorily undertaken in the winter) we recommend the County Council to arrange for proceeding with improvements immediately, balance of cost of work, viz., £433, to be provided from County Finances."

ROAD MATTERS

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE 1938/39 (ROADS RURAL): Under date 14th July, 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RU/205/9) referring to their letter of 8th March last (RU/205/4) as to submission of the balance of the programme of road and footpath works proposed to be carried out in the County during the current financial year and pointing out that provided the Council contributed £1521 a grant of £4312 was available - total for the Scheme, £5,833. The works were subject to the usual conditions as to employment of labour etc.

The County Surveyor said that the amount under the Schemes worked out in districts as follows:-

	£.
Enniscorthy	1723
Gorey	2370
New Ross	870
Wexford	<u>870</u>

Total £5833.

Continuing, the County Surveyor stated that the sum total which could be made applicable to work in the various Electoral Divisions eligible for employment grant would run to £10,000, so that he could take only half of it. The expenditure was governed by the number of unemployed in the district multiplied by an arranged factor which at the

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moment was 30.

The following are details of the works proposed to be undertaken:-

Enniscorthy District:

Palace Lane. Completion of. Amount £600. This lane was widened under a previous grant and was subject to heavy beet traffic.

Improvement of road adjoining Boolavogue Church £200.

Road from Enniscorthy town to Carley's Bridge £923.

He (County Surveyor) had received instructions from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 14th June (R/RM/32) directing him to have a proposal for the improvement of this road included in the accepted list under the employment schemes vote for the current year.

Miss O'Ryan said that in the whole County there was not in her opinion, a road which required more attention than that from Red Pat's Cross to Bree. It was practically carrying the biggest traffic of any road into Enniscorthy from that area and it was stated that people ran the risk of breaking their necks so bad were the potholes. It required immediate attention certainly as far as Borodale.

The County Surveyor agreed with Miss O'Ryan and said he would have been in favour of including in the Scheme the road she referred to as a substitute for the Carley's Bridge proposal but as the Committee could recognise he had been directed by the Department to include the latter in his proposals.

After discussion, Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to ask the Department to agree to substitute for the Carley's Bridge proposal the improvement of road from Red Pat's Cross near Enniscorthy to Bree via Galbally and in asking for the

consent of the Department to this recommendation he point out the very considerable amount of traffic this road carries.

Mr. Kelly said that the road from Enniscorthy to Blackwater through Kilcotty - an important thoroughfare - was in very poor condition and if possible, something should be done with it.

The County Surveyor said it was not possible to include this particular road in the present Scheme.

Gorey District: Road southwards from Ardamine towards Ballygarrett and same road northwards from Kilmuckridge - £2370.

New Ross District: Duncannon Line leaving village via coast road - £870.

The County Surveyor, in reply to Mr. Colfer, said that in New Ross only one Electoral Division, viz., Ballyhack, was eligible according to the rules and regulations of the Department.

Mr. Colfer considered that New Ross was very badly treated as regards road work generally. The roads in the district were in a very poor condition and in regard to the matter of grants it seemed to him that the North of the County was able to secure three-fourths of the money.

The County Surveyor said he certainly would like to do more work in New Ross if it were possible, but Mr. Colfer would admit that so long as the present regulations made by the Department were in force, he could not as regards any State-aided Scheme, go outside them. Work under this Scheme was governed by the number of unemployed in district Electoral Divisions.

Wexford District: Continuation of work from Kilmore Village towards Bridgetown, £870.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

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"That the Council be recommended to adopt the County Surveyor's recommendations as to work under Employment Schemes Vote 1938-39 - Roads Rural - substituting Road from Red Pat's Cross to Bree vice Road Enniscorthy - Carley's Bridge."

MAIN ROAD UPKEEP GRANT 1938-39: The Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote under date 14th July 1938 (RGM/201/38) that a provisional allocation of £11,918 being 40% of £29797 amount allowed by County Council for maintenance of main roads for year 1938-39 had been made on the usual conditions.

It was stated that application had been made to the Department to agree that the amount to be spent on repair of Wexford Bridge should rank for the 40% recoupment.

ROAD TACUMSHANE - KILLINICK: Under date 5th July 1938 Mr. William O'Leary, Ballybeg, Killinick, Hon. Secretary Fianna Fail Club, Ballymore, wrote that the Club called attention to the poor condition of the road Tacumshane - Killinick which was "fast crumbling away" with transport of heavy lorries and bus traffic from Kilmore to Wexford. They also called attention to the necessity for the erection of a danger sign at Montfield School and stated that a deputation would attend the meeting of the Finance Committee meeting of 22nd July 1938 relative to repair of lane which formed "a tie up" of Roads from Killinick to Rosslare and to Broadway.

Messrs. Willoughby Ross and William O'Leary attended as the deputation.

Mr. Ross said the road Killinick to Tacumshane was very bad particularly to the cross of Greenfield. It was a serious inconvenience to people attending Mass at Ballymore Church.

Referred to County Surveyor.

Mr. Ross, referring to the lane, said it was situate about a quarter of a mile from Killinick and, if repaired, would be a great convenience to the many people using it.

The County Surveyor said the lane was very narrow, and it would be expensive to make it the requisite width. It was very dangerous at the Broadway turn, and as a matter of fact, motorists could pass it without knowing of its existence. Something might be done in the matter.

Referred to County Surveyor.

As regards danger signal at Montfield School, the County Council had already agreed to provide this and it would be erected when available.

It was also agreed that the hedge at the place, which obscured the view, should be reduced.

APPLICATION INCREASED WAGES: Twenty road and quarry workers - Edenvale area - applied for an increase of 10/- per week in their wages owing to the increase in cost of living. They also asked that the working day would be changed to 8 a.m. - 5.40 p.m. instead of 8.20 a.m. - 6 p.m. as at present.

It was decided that the following extract from Minutes of County Council meeting of 13th June 1938 be furnished applicants:-

"Mr. Colfer said that in view of the increased cost of living, he would raise the question of increasing the wages of Road and quarry workers at the meeting at which Road Works Scheme would be considered."

The County Surveyor was requested to furnish his observations as to request re change of working hours.

WICKLOW GAP QUARRY: The following under date 8th July 1938 was read from Mr. James O'Neill, Clonroe, Tinahely:-

"On behalf of the men engaged at hand breaking stones at Wicklow Gap quarry (Gorey district) I beg to make appli-

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cation to have the pay increased from the present amount 3/6d per yard to 5/- per yard. The stones in this quarry are very hard and as a consequence, the output per man is small, from five to ten yards in each pay period which, at the price, affords a very small wage. In view of the above facts, I hope that the Council will give favourable consideration to this application."

The County Surveyor said that the cost of breaking in this quarry by machine was 3/3d per cubic yard, and the men were paid 3/6d.

Mr. Colfer said it was not fair to put man versus machine.

It was pointed out that it would be difficult to satisfy the Auditor if the difference between hand and machine breaking was over 3d per yard.

The Committee directed the County Surveyor to submit report of the working of this quarry to next meeting of Finance Committee setting out the amount broken by each man and his earnings during the breaking period.

COMPLAINT OF ROAD - GOREY TO CARNEW: The following under date 8th July 1938 was read from Mr. Herbert J. Hill, Agent Bank of Ireland, Gorey:-

"I find it necessary to travel to Carnew at least twice weekly, and think it well to call attention to the impossible state of this road. As you are aware this is practically a main road carrying heavy traffic from this side of the County to Carlow, and it appears to be merely patched annually, which would appear to be a waste of money unless a proper job is made of it. The stretch between Gorey and Craanford is by far the worst end, and motor car springs are constantly being injured on this road. I am sure the local members of the County Council will be able to bear me out in my contention, but undoubtedly the road shows grave

signs of neglect.

If you, yourself, had the time to travel over this road I am sure you will agree with my statements. I trust you will find it possible to make a suitable recommendation to your Council in this matter."

The County Surveyor submitted the following report under date 16th July 1938, from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"I have your of 12th instant re above, and in reply beg to state that during past month of bad weather when repair work should have been in progress this road deteriorated, particularly for week preceding date of your letter. Before receiving copy of Mr. Hill's letter from you, and when weather had somewhat improved repair work had been put in hands, and is now progressing, road being improved as a result. Mr. Hill's reference to road being merely patched annually and his opinion thereon may be taken as showing his knowledge, or rather his want of knowledge of such matters, when it is remembered that some six or seven years ago it was so hollow for its entire length that water would not pass off, and was in consequence really a bad road, so much so that Mr. Hill's predecessor, and possibly himself, often took a very circuitous route to avoid it. The road now as a result of "mere patching" is well brought up, and water does not lodge, and in my opinion, it is in a very much improved condition. His "grave signs of neglect" remark, so usual in discussing road matters, does not apply."

It was decided to inform Mr. Hill that repair to this road held up on account of weather, had been resumed and that during the past few years it had been very considerably improved.

Mr. Keegan said that to his knowledge the road was very much improved.

AUGHNAGOPPLE QUARRY: Under date 6th July 1938, letter was read from Messrs. P. J. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Enniscorthy, that Lady Coy was prepared to sell the fee simple of this quarry for £40. It was formerly leased by County Council at £2 per annum, but lease had expired.

The County Surveyor said he did not intend to use the quarry in future and it was decided to inform Messrs. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, accordingly.

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ROADS ETC. BRIDGETOWN DISTRICT: The following under date 15th July 1938 was read from Mr. Peadar Byrne, Hon.

Secretary to Public Meetings in Bridgetown:-

"Two meetings of the residents of Bridgetown were held in Bridgetown on the 4th and 11th instant. Public representatives were present at the second meeting. The meetings were convened to discuss ways and means of getting certain improvements done to roads leading into village, to road through village and to sewage in village. John Sinnott, Bridgetown, presided at both meetings.

The periodic flooding of the Moor road leading by Catholic Church, Protestant Church, School and doctor's residence was a cause for grave complaint; the urgent need for repair to same was stressed. The absence of a public water supply in Bridgetown was deplored. The residents depend for their water supply on privately owned pumps.

Re road from Bridgetown to Wexford - via Newcastle Cross - it was pointed out that there is an immense motor traffic over this road. It is a bus route and during the winter months thousands of tons of beet are drawn over this road to Bridgetown Station. Last year 10,000 tons of beet left Bridgetown Station.

The meeting unanimously decided to acquaint the County Council of the urgent need for a satisfactory job on the main Bridgetown-Wexford road - via Newcastle Cross. They feel that the men responsible for local administration will not allow this unsatisfactory state of affairs to continue once they are convinced that there is a genuine public grievance.

I have been instructed by the meeting to bring these matters to the notice of the County Council in the hope that steps will be taken to get the work in hand immediately."

It was decided that County Surveyor furnish to next County Council meeting report as to roads mentioned in Mr. Byrne's communication, and, to point out to the latter that he should communicate with County Board of Health as regards water supply and sewerage system for Bridgetown.

BALLYMURN STREETS: The following under date 14th July 1938 (R/RU/205/32) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"With reference to your letter of the 30th ultimo, applying for a grant of £150 under the Employment Schemes Vote for the purpose of improving the streets of Ballymurn, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that having regard to the number of recipients of Unemployment Assistance resident in the area, the making of the proposed grant under the Vote would not be justified."

Referred to County Council meeting.

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BOG AT TINNACREE, KILMUCKRIDGE: The following under date 1st July 1938 was read from Mr. M. J. Sinnott, Tinnacree, Kilmuckridge:-

"I would be very grateful to you if you would use your influence to bring the Bog in the above Townland under one of the Minor Relief Schemes. The mouth of the outlet needs opening and in my opinion if that was done the remainder of the job would be only the matter of a few days. The River seems to be in a fairly good state, but with the shifting sand the mouth got "choked up" with a sand dune during the Winter months. This bog grazes 30 Head of Cattle for me during the Summer and so far I cannot approach it due to flooding. Every other year, I was ^{able} with the aid of neighbouring farmers, to clear the "outlet" but this year the task seems formidable. Trusting you will do your very best in the matter for me. You will kindly remember I was discussing this matter with you at the last Finance meeting."

Referred to County Surveyor to report to next meeting of Finance Committee.

ROAD AT MORRISCASTLE: The following under date 4th July 1938 was read from Mr. M. J. Sinnott, Tinacree, Kilmuckridge:

"Your letter dated 30th June re a written statement re the roadway from Morriscastle Road to the above Townland. I have been in communication with the Irish Land Commission about this roadway for a considerable period. They promised to put the matter in order and went so far as to state "you will have the roadway" without stating a definite date". That was 12 months ago. They also sent me a map of the lands across which the roadway was to pass. I would be glad if you could bring to their notice the untold hardship I have to endure to get my milk and farm produce to the Morriscastle Road across the Beach. If they could put the work into execution soon the metalling can be carted cheaply from Tinacree Quarry, only a $\frac{1}{4}$ mile distant, that is whilst the fine weather lasts.

My farm is on the Boyce Estate. E.D. Cahore.
Should you require more information I will very kindly let you have it and any letters or maps in my possession."

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

"That copy of letter of Mr. M. J. Sinnott, Tinacree, Kilmuckridge, under date 4th July 1938, as to road to his farm, be furnished the Minister for Lands and that he be informed the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council are of opinion the construction of said road should be undertaken without delay."

TRAVELLING EXPENSES COUNTY SURVEYOR: It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Kelly, to approve of payment of £8. 14. 0 expenses of County Surveyor attending Local Government Department Conference in Dublin (four days) - Office of Works; Messrs. Delap & Waller, Engineers, Dublin re Wexford Bridge and consultation with Mr. T. C. Courtney, Chief Roads Engineer, Department of Local Government and Public Health re same, also at Dublin.

MEMORIALS OF 1798 INSURRECTION: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That, as recommended by County Surveyor, the Finance Committee recommend the County Council to agree to the erection of monuments to commemorate Insurrection of 1798 at the following places:- At Ballyellis on Road 42; at Clough, Gorey, near Pump; at Pound Cross, Little Cullinstown, between Rourke's Cross and Foulksmills."

PROPOSED EXTENSION OF MACHINERY YARD: In connection with proposed extension of Machinery Yard premises, the County Surveyor stated that about half an acre adjoining existing Machinery Yard at Enniscorthy, ~~which~~ he considered would be worth acquiring. He had been in negotiation with the Manager, Enniscorthy Co-op in reference to the matter.

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Colfer, that Messrs. Kelly and McCarthy, with the County Surveyor, be appointed to negotiate with the Manager of Co-operative Agricultural Society in the matter and that they be requested to report result to next meeting of Finance Committee.

NOTICES ON PUBLIC ROADS: The following resolution was adopted:-

"That advertisements be issued that painted or printed

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notices on County roads for the purpose of advertising Hotels or sale of goods, etc., cannot be erected without the consent of the Council and that the County Surveyor take steps to have removed all notices of this description in respect of which the permission of the Council has not been given."

PAYMENT FOR LAND FOR QUARRY AND CORNER: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Murphy:-

"That £6 be paid Andrew Byrne, Brownswood, Enniscorthy, for surface damage to 24 square perches of land in Brownswood quarry at 5/- and that £3 be paid to Patrick Nolan, Templenacroha, Palace, for land acquired for easement of corner."

WEXFORD TOWN - NEW WATER WORKS SCHEME

The following, under date 14th July 1938, was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of yours of the 7th instant with copy of advertisement herein.

I do not think that the County Council are in any way affected by this Scheme and accordingly, they need not take any action in the matter."

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

"That, as regards installation of new Water Works Scheme by Wexford Corporation the Finance Committee will insist on having a proper restoration made in the case of interference with County property; County roads must also be restored and all restoration work carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor. This provision should be inserted in specification for Waterworks prior to submission of same to intending Contractors."

BUNCLODY COURTHOUSE

It was arranged that the County Surveyor interview District Justice as to the furniture required in Village Hall, Bunclody, for the purpose of holding District Courts therein.

BEACH MATERIAL - FORESHORE BALLYHEALY SOUTH & RINGBAUN

The following letter under date 1st July 1938 (M.S. 5110) re above was read from Department of Industry and Commerce, Transport and Marine Branch, 14 Stephen's Green, Dublin:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to refer to your letter of the 22nd ultimo on the subject of the restriction of removals of beach material from the fore-shore at Ballyhealy South and Ringbaun and to state that, in consequence of the representations made by your Council and interested persons, he has under consideration the grant of licences for the removal of limited quantities of material to persons requiring it for their own use.

Enquiries in the matter are proceeding and a further communication will be addressed to you as soon as possible."

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES) ACT 1926

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That, in accordance with letter of 16th July 1938 (Ilgh) from Department of Local Government and Public Health, the Council be recommended to issue Pay Order for £204. 1. 7d, amount assessed on Wexford County under above Act for financial year ended 31st March 1938."

SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

Under date 7th July 1938, the Department of Agriculture wrote (C.7840-38) that seven samples of butter had been taken up in the County on 9th and 10th June last, three in

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Buncloody and four in Enniscorthy. The Public Analyst certified they were genuine.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS 1878 TO 1936

Under date 11th July 1938, the Department of Industry and Commerce, Gas & Weights & Measures Section, 6 Upper Castle Yard, Dublin, wrote (48376) that £24. 15. 0 was due for comparison and verification of the County standards (Weights and Measures) and £11 for adjustment of these standards, amount to be paid Accountant, Department of Industry and Commerce. Also, £1. 5. 0 due Messrs. Miller and Co., Dublin, for repairs to petrol measure.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That, in accordance with letter of 11th July 1938 (48376) from Department of Industry and Commerce, the County Council be recommended to pay £35. 15. 0d to Accountant of this Department and £1. 5. 0 to Messrs. Miller & Co., Dublin, for work under Weights and Measures Acts."

INCREASE OF SALARY OF MR. F. S. RINGWOOD, M.R.C.V.S.

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

"That, as regards the increase of salary to Mr. F. S. Ringwood, M.R.C.V.S., Enniscorthy, agreed to by Wexford County Council at their meeting held on 13th June 1938, said increase apply only to Mr. Ringwood's remuneration for the general duties under Diseases of Animals Acts, increase being from £75 to £90 per annum; no alteration to be made in the remuneration of £25 for duties under Bovine Tuberculosis Order or of £25 remuneration under Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order."

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SANCTION OF REMUNERATION MR. LYNCH'S HOLIDAY

Under date 9th July 1938 the Department of Agriculture wrote (L.2898-38) that no objection would be offered to the employment of Mr. F. W. Taylor, M.R.C.V.S. as Veterinary Inspector for duties in Mr. Lynch's district during the latter's absence from 13th to 28th July 1938, remuneration being calculated at £2 per week.

ERECTION HARBOUR MASTER'S HOUSE, COURTOWN

The County Surveyor reported he had accepted the tender of James Daly, Riverchapel, at £320 for erection of above building.

The action of County Surveyor was confirmed on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Murphy. He was satisfied that William Cousins, Ballycale, who tendered at £290 would not be able to complete the work within the specified period.

RE APPLICATION FOR LOAN £3600 FOR MACHINERY

Under date 9th July 1938, the Manager, National Bank, Wexford, wrote that his Directors were prepared to grant the above loan on the usual conditions and subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL

The Secretary to County Councils' General Council wrote that annual meeting would be held during Horse Show Week, August 2nd to 6th (inclusive) and asked if the County Council had any matters to submit to the meeting.

No order.

PROPOSED LOANS TO FARMERS

The following resolution was received from Limerick County Council:-

"1. That we request the Government to float a loan to stock derelict farms to the extent of three million pounds, at $3\frac{3}{4}\%$ to be repaid over a period of 15 years for amounts not exceeding £150.

2. In dairying Counties and Districts, that such a loan be administered through the Co-operative Creameries.

3. In tillage and grass feeding districts such a scheme could apply also, in so much as purchase of machinery on easy payment system and in case of cattle feeding to procure stuffs at stall feeding periods on a similar system."

It was decided to make no order on this resolution.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 22nd July 1938 be received and considered."

OLD AGE PENSION ACTS - ADJUSTED DISTRICTS: The Secretary stated that an acknowledgment as to the application to increase remuneration to Mrs. Howard, Clerk to No. 7 Sub-Committee had been received from the Revenue Commissioners:

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER: Mr. M. Redmond said he was informed that two cattle, the property of Miss Murphy, Oldcourt, Adamstown, grazing at Killurin and dressed under above Order, had died as the result of poisoning after being dressed for warbles.

The Chairman said that he understood a Veterinary Inspector of the Department of Agriculture had investigated this case and had reported that the animals did not die as result of warble fly dressing, but because they had eaten some noxious weed. He suggested that the County Secretary should communicate in the matter with the Department of Agriculture and with the local Veterinary Inspector and ask for their observations.

This was agreed to.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE - ROAD RED PAT'S CROSS TO GALBALLY:

Under date 2nd August 1938, Mr. James Fortune, Sparrowland, Hon. Secretary to Bree Motor Owners, wrote asking the County Council to receive a deputation as to taking immediate steps to have the road from Red Pat's Cross to Galbally put into repair.

The following attended as a deputation:-

Messrs. Samuel Deacon, Clonmore, Bree; Garrett Byrne, Bree and James Fortune, Sparrowsland, Bree.

Mr. Deacon, who acted as spokesman, asked if any definite decision had been received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to the proposed substitution of Bree road for road to Carley's Bridge. Time was getting on and the road was gradually becoming worse.

The County Surveyor said that the resolution of the Finance Committee asking for the substitution had been forwarded to the Department. The recommendation of the Finance Committee would be strengthened by the views of the motor owners.

Mr. Deacon said that every motor owner would agree that the two miles of the road at the Enniscorthy end was almost impassable. An accident occurred on this road the previous day as the steering wheel of a motor car broke on account of the potholes.

The County Surveyor said he had been over the road since the meeting of the Finance Committee, and there was no doubt of it being badly potholed.

Mr. Byrne said that people with ponies and traps were afraid to travel over this road as they might break the springs of their cars. It would be impossible to draw corn over it after harvest.

Col. Quin did not consider it such a terribly bad road. He had been over others which were a good deal worse. He met very little traffic on it.

The County Surveyor said there were worse roads, but that under discussion was one of the very important County Roads, in fact it was - from the point of view of traffic - almost equivalent to a main road.

Mr. McCarthy said as he walked this road three or four times each week he was familiar with its condition. It was certainly as bad as was represented by the deputation and by Miss O'Ryan at the meeting of the Finance Committee. It

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was full of large dangerous potholes and it was necessary for the safety of the travelling public some repairs should be effected.

The Chairman said the Council were doing their best for the roads with the money at their disposal. They would certainly have the potholes filled.

The County Surveyor said that they had repaired under Relief Grant the section of the road through Bree beside the School and Church. If they could arrange with the Department the piece at Red Pat's Cross was the next section to be attended to.

Mr. Deacon thanked the Council and the County Surveyor for the manner in which they had received the deputation, and for the steps taken by them to effect repair on this road.

In connection with the recommendations of the Finance Committee for the Districts of Gorey, New Ross and Wexford, Mr. Colfer asked if £870 had been allocated for the road from Kilmore village to Bridgetown. There was a meeting about a month ago in Bridgetown in connection with sewerage and other matters, and statements were made about the road leading from Sleedagh. He understood that that was the worst road. That was why he was surprised about the money being allocated for the road leading from Kilmore village to Bridgetown.

The County Surveyor said that they had had a lot of complaints about the Bridgetown - Kilmore road. There was a tremendous amount of beet traffic on that road, to Bridgetown station. They did about a third of the road, and he considered that the proper thing to do with the relief grant was to finish off one particular road.

Mr. Corish said Bridgetown street was in a wretched condition and the County Surveyor admitted it was bad. He

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(Mr. Corish) believed every Councillor would be in favour of having something done with this street.

Mr. Culleton said that the road from Bridgetown to Wexford via Newcastle was the one that required most immediate attention.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said they started with relief grants on the road between Kilmore village and Bridgetown. It was in a deplorable state. It carried a huge volume of beet traffic - a much larger volume of beet traffic than the other road, as far as he knew. The street of Bridgetown was very bad, but he thought it would be wrong to do anything with it until there was something done about the sewerage. He was not against doing the street some time, but he thought a lot of other work should be done first.

Mr. Corish agreed, but he thought the County Health Board would do something for a sewerage system in Bridgetown in the very near future. What he wanted to secure was that when that was done, something would be done with the street.

Mr. Colfer asked if the £870 for the road from Kilmore village would finish the section.

Mr. Birthistle said it would go near finishing it. He thought the Council ought to complete that road. Even if the money would do a job in Bridgetown it would not be right to do it until water and sewerage had been attended to first.

Mr. Corish said that their information was that it was absolutely impossible for children to get to school there in certain periods during the winter, and the doctor and other people had to go with motors to bring them to or take them from school.

Mr. Birthistle said that the only flooding he knew at the moment occurred in a very heavy time just at the end of Bridgetown. The canal water backed up but this was very occasional.

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Mr. T. Redmond said he had referred at previous meetings to the practice of bringing up isolated roads here and there. The County Council had provided an extra 4d in the £ to improve the roads this year and it was definitely understood that no isolated applications for additional road expenditure would be considered. And yet this is what the Council were doing at practically every meeting. He had been asked if anything was going to be done with the roads in the Hook parish ever again. The roads there had come to such a pass that people could not go to Mass or children to school. They had the worst roads in the County there. The question of a road here and there could be raised everywhere. It had been suggested that instead of a County Council there should be a parish Council. He suggested that instead of multiplying public bodies they should be abolished.

Chairman - I don't believe there is a road in the County - except probably three times a year - that the children can't go along. We had a very full discussion here months ago about the money we were going to provide for the roads and agreed to raise a certain amount by vote of the Council so there is not much use now in criticising about the roads.

Mr. T. Redmond said that the Chairman had forgotten the decision that no question of roads should be raised during the year until the road estimates came to be considered again.

Chairman - No question of providing ^{further} money for any road because money is not there, but the Council are entitled to criticise in regard to a road being made and in regard to road maintenance, but not to suggest a further allocation for any road.

Mr. T. Redmond - I would like to see an extra shilling put on, but where is it going to be got?

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The County Surveyor said that there had been two Relief Grants - in part of the parish of the Hook dealing with the Slade and Churchtown end of it. There was the main line down through Fethard, on past Dungulph, and they would carry that on nearly up to the other road during the coming year; and there was the part from the road from Poulfur going towards Saltmills done under relief grants. It was all a question of money.

Mr. T. Redmond said that in regard to the grant work on the road from Porter's Gate to Slade, it was stated it was money thrown away unless the road received a dressing of tar.

Mr. Smyth contended that the road north of Ballygarrett, which was the worst portion, should be done first in Gorey district.

The County Surveyor said that the Department wanted continuous lengths of road dealt with and not bits here and there. When he was over this road in dry weather he could not say that any one section was better than another.

Mr. Colfer complained that New Ross area did not get fair treatment over the figures for link road maintenance.

The County Surveyor said that recently a long line of main road had been included in the area and roads which formerly had an allocation of £12 or £15 as County Roads had now an allocation of £90. He had made what he considered was the best selection possible for the Employment Grant and as he explained already he would have had put on the road from Red Pat's Cross instead of that to Carley's Bridge if he had not been directed by the Department to put the last named road in the list.

The recommendations of the Finance Committee were then approved.

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BUNCLODY COURTHOUSE: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Michael Redmond:-

"That the Seal of the Wexford County Council be affixed to the Agreement dated the 2nd day of August 1938 between the Rev. Denis Murphy, P.P., and Mr. Denis Lennon, and said County Council as to the letting of St. Aidan's Hall, Newtownbarry, for the purposes of holding the Monthly Sittings of the District Court, at the yearly rent of £12."

REMOVAL BEACH MATERIAL - FORESHORE BALLYHEALY SOUTH AND

RINGBAUN: The following letter under date 28th July 1938 (M.S.5110) was read from Department of Industry and Commerce (Transport & Marine Branch, 14, St. Stephen's Green, N., Dublin):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to refer to the letter of the 1st instant from this Department on the subject of the restriction of removals of beach material from the foreshore at Ballyhealy South and Ringbaun and to state that he is now prepared to consider applications for licences to remove limited quantities of material therefrom.

Licences will be confined to persons requiring the material for their own use and not for sale, and will stipulate that removals must not be made from the beach or banks landward of the line of high water of ordinary medium tides.

This decision has been communicated to the local interested parties."

Mr. Murphy said that owing to the formation of the foreshore, it was very difficult to define what was the line of high water and in consequence the men affected were anxious that an Inquiry should be held by the Department. The proposal seemed to mean that as the tides varied differ-

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ent parts of the bank would have to be marked out.

The County Surveyor said it was certain that permission to draw road material would not be given.

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

"That the Department of Industry & Commerce, before fixing the high water mark at Ballyhealy South and Rinbaun, be requested to send one of their Inspectors to the County to obtain the views of the local people concerned.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 22nd July 1938, as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

MEETING 5th AUGUST, 1938: Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 5th August, 1938.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs. P. Colfer, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Sean Murphy, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5295. 19. 10d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

The Chairman said he wished to call attention to the recent close of the Rate Collection especially the number of cases in Enniscorthy and Wexford with under one year's rates outstanding. There were 128 ratepayers in Enniscorthy and 149 in Wexford who came under this head and he could not ^{but} believe with some effort a great many of these would have paid. In Gorey and New Ross there were about 30 or 40 in each. In parts of the County there were townlands in which a majority of the people who in the past paid their rates, came in as defaulters. He could only conclude that the Rate Collectors did not press for payment in these townlands. The Finance Committee should ask themselves if they were going to allow this state of affairs to continue.

Miss O'Ryan said she could endorse, as regards portions of South Wexford, what the Chairman had said. There were, in one townland, nine persons who defaulted in respect of one half year's rates.

The Chairman said the increase in the number of defaulters of a half year when compared with last year was

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very serious. The past year could not be described as a bad year and practically all the land of the County was put to some use.

Mr. Keegan said that in the arrears sheets he found names of people who were much better able to pay than many who had discharged all their liabilities to the Council.

After further discussion it was decided that arrangements be made by which the Rate Inspector would accompany the Rate Collectors in backward areas, district by district, calling on ratepayers in arrear. That in view of the increase in the amount of Rate Arrears the Finance Committee are not satisfied with the services given by the Rate Inspector during the past year.

That Rate Collectors be informed that unless a substantial improvement in the collection of outstanding arrears be made the Finance Committee will not recommend payment of interim poundage.

That Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, communicate with ratepayers who are in arrear, including persons who owe one half year only and who are considered to be in a position to pay, demanding immediate payment of outstanding arrears along with the first moiety of current rate.

PART PAYMENT OF RATES: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. McCarthy:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the continuance in this County of the system of acceptance of "part payment" of Rates, in respect of current Rate Warrants."

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SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

SANCTION TO LOAN: Under date 28th July 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.20570/1938 Loch Garman) stating the Minister would not raise objection to the proposal of Wexford County Council to make advance of £175 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Edward Hudson in respect of house at Tomduff, Enniscorthy.

APPLICATION JAMES DEMPSEY, PIERCESTOWN: With reference to application for loan of £175 the Committee considered it would be more advisable for Mr. Dempsey to apply for the tenancy of a labourer's cottage rather than incur a liability for 35 years of payment of a weekly instalment of 4/11d in addition to meeting legal expenses in respect of a Small Dwellings Loan.

JAMES KENT, ROCHESTOWN: With reference to application in this case for loan of £170, letter to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, from Messrs. Colfer & Son, New Ross, Solicitors for Mr. Kent, was read. The letter pointed out that Mr. Elgee (as the holdings of Mr. Kent were not registered) stated he was not in a position to certify the title. A considerable number of holdings purchased under the 1923 Act were not yet registered as the Land Commission had not sufficient staff to cope with the work.

Mr. Elgee said that Kent was a yearly tenant and the sale of the estate to the Land Commission was not yet completed. He had a similar case with an applicant named Roche and the Land Commission turned down his application to recognise the title pending the holdings of Mr. Roche being vested in him. He feared they would do the same in Mr. Kent's case and they could only wait until Mr. Kent was in a position to make title.

The Chairman said that the estate was vested in the Land Commission but not, up to the present, in the tenants,

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but this would be done eventually. The only thing the Finance Committee could do would be to press the Land Commission to issue vesting orders to the tenants.

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

"That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, request the Land Commission to proceed as quickly as possible with the issue of vesting order of his holdings to James Kent, Rochestown, and, in fact, to the other tenants on the estate."

NEW ROSS BRIDGE

The following report under date 5th August 1938, was read from the County Surveyor:-

"At present, I am carrying out repairs to the timber decking of the swing opening span. It has been necessary to replace the longitudinal timbers resting on the main iron girders, and I find that the cover plates on two of the latter at points of "contrary flexure" are defective. These are on the down stream East side, and I am arranging for their replacement. As far as noted while repairing the remainder of the "swing" the other plates were fairly sound. I am satisfied that there has been no undue stress on either the top or bottom flanges of the girders as the plate webbing and angle iron are in perfect condition. The webbing plates are truly flat, and this would not be so if the flanges were overstressed.

I do not consider there is immediate danger, but as this is such a very important structure I am reporting the matter.

I advise that early next year a fully detailed examination should be made of all the iron work, and necessary steps taken to make good all defects."

The County Surveyor said that the bridge was 70 years old and although there was apparently no danger a good deal

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of the structure at which danger might be expected was covered up and could not be examined closely without a certain amount of stripping. He was providing by the suggested examination against any possible contingency. It might, after examination, be found that certain repairs were necessary.

The report of the County Surveyor was approved.

EXTENSION OF MACHINERY YARD AT ENNISCORTHY

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 27th July from Mr. F. Daly, General Manager, Enniscorthy Co-operative Agricultural Society:-

"We confirm conversation with yourself, Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Kelly yesterday, respecting extension of leases of Stores etc., presently held by County Council, and additional ground.

We duly reported our discussions to our Board Meeting last evening, and whilst they complain that the rent of the additional acre is very small - when consideration is taken of the value of the extension or renewal of existing leases - they are nevertheless prepared to agree to the tentative arrangements made yesterday at our interview, as follows:-

The Enniscorthy Co-operative Agricultural Society Ltd. agree to lapse the unexpired portions of all existing leases and give a new lease to include the four lettings plus one statute acre of the adjoining Camp field for a term of 99 years at an annual rent of £75, with an option to surrender at the expiration of each 20 years, legal costs of transfer for the purchaser's account as customary."

The Secretary said that the following were the rents paid to the Co-operative Society at the moment:-

Store and Yard £50; Small Coal Yard £5; Small piece of ground £2 and Store at end of workshop £3. Total £60.

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The County Surveyor admitted that the sum demanded by the Society was high, but they could not get a place as suitable and as convenient in Enniscorthy town or any where near it. They could not have the Machinery Yard at the County Hall as the space there was not adequate.

Mr. McCarthy said it was next to impossible to procure in Enniscorthy Urban area a site suitable for building.

The County Surveyor stated that the existing leases with the Co-operative Society would expire in 1944.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Murphy seconded the following resolution, which was adopted:-

"That, in connection with proposed extension of Machinery Yard, Enniscorthy, we recommend the County Council to accept the offer made on behalf of Enniscorthy Co-operative Agricultural Society Ltd., under date 27th July 1938, annual rent to be £75 per annum."

THROWING SAND ON MAIN ROAD, ENNISCORTHY URBAN

In reply to Mr. Keegan, the County Surveyor said he had just received the hydrochloric acid in connection with experiment to provide runlets in Main Road between Enniscorthy Bridge and Donohoe's corner and which had become polished and slippery by the practice of carters throwing sand on the surface. He would carry out the experiment immediately, but it was not to be taken that this step was to relieve Enniscorthy Urban Council of any responsibility they had in the matter. The complaint which had been made was by hotelkeepers and other residents along the route that the sand was blown into their houses injuring furniture, clothes, etc.

As regards the question as to who should take proceedings against the carters who were carrying on the practice of throwing sand, Mr. McCarthy said he thought the legal opinions on the point were divergent.

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The County Surveyor held that as the action of the carters created a nuisance to the residents the Urban Council should proceed against them. He thought the County Council might, in the first instance, see what was the result of the experiment and if it was found that the acid did not roughen the road surface they might ask the Urban Council to take steps to prevent the continuance by the carters of the practice of throwing sand on the road.

Mr. Keegan said that the trouble was caused by overloading horses. He believed the matter had gone on quite long enough and they should now ask the Urban Council to have the practice discontinued. He proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Colfer, and adopted:-

"That Enniscorthy Urban Council be requested to take the necessary steps to prevent carters spreading sand on road from Enniscorthy Bridge to Donohoe's corner, as we believe this practice causes a nuisance."

APPLICATION UNDER MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES VOTE

The Chairman said that many persons who made application for repair of lanes etc. under Minor Relief Schemes Vote were under the impression they could count on repair being carried out if the County Council recommended it to the Office of Public Works.

This, however, was not the case.

The function of the County Council was confined to the recommendation of every suitable scheme. The selection was made by the Office of Public Works and they were influenced by the incidence of unemployment in each particular electoral area. Besides, the amount set aside would meet only a percentage of the applications. Up to the present, the Office of Works had selected about ten per cent of the applications recommended by the County Council.

It was very necessary that ratepayers should not

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ignore the fact that the Council could not spend any of their own money on private lanes. All such repairs were paid for entirely by funds provided by the Government.

TACUMSHANE - KILLINICK ROAD

The County Surveyor said he had made a special examination of this road. It was fairly rough and pot-holed. Small pot holes came in the road and these were filled and levelled off, which was all that could be done with the money allocated for repair. On looking up his records he found he was given one-third of the amount estimated by him and without more money he could not promise any improvement.

The same set of circumstances, the County Surveyor stated, applied to the roads in Bridgetown district.

FLOODING AT BALLINOULART AND TINNACREE, KILMUCKRIDGE

Under date 4th August 1938, the following memorial was read from ten ratepayers concerned:-

"We, the undersigned landowners, ratepayers and residents in the undermentioned townlands, beg to petition the Wexford County Council to have the stream which runs through the following townlands and which is the cause of the flooding on the public road at Ballinoulart and a very large area of lands at Tinacree, Ballinoulart, Ballyteigue and Cullentra (cleaned) Outlet to the sea on the boundary between Ballinoulart and Tinacree. We ask to have this done under the Scheme of Minor Relief Grants. There is a very large number of unemployed in the district."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Keegan, it was decided that the application be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Scheme.

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BALLYTHOMAS (WICKLOW GAP) QUARRY

The following report under date 4th August 1938, was read relative to the application of the men engaged at hand breaking material in above quarry to have the rate for breaking increased from 3/6 to 5/- per cubic yard:-

"I beg to report that statement as set out in mens' application for increase is in accordance with facts, as I found on investigation that the average output per man is about three-quarter c.y. per day. On the other hand, an increase to five shillings would make material too costly.

I am of opinion that machine breaking is the only way out and believe men would not be adverse to this method."

It was decided that County Surveyor consult with the men concerned as to having material in Ballythomas quarry broken by machine.

ROAD GOREY-CARNEW

The following under date 29th July 1938, was read from Mr. Herbert J. Hill, Agent, Bank of Ireland, Gorey:-

"I am much obliged for your letter of 28th instant in this matter, and agree that some repair work has been going on on this road. My main complaint is that the road is usually allowed to become extremely bad and is then merely patched in places. The fact that bad weather held matters up is not quite the case, as while the road was deteriorating in February, March and April last we had first class weather and nothing was done to prevent the road becoming worse, though one day during that period I indeed saw rough stones being placed on the road a short distance outside Gorey. These stones were then covered with mud from the side of the road, possibly by way of "cement". This would appear to be a very antiquated method of road repair, and was similar to work which I saw undertaken in Kerry some 40 years ago.

I am obliged, however, for your taking notice of my

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complaint, and trust that the Surveyor will shortly see this road properly repaired."

It was decided to mark this communication "read".

GROVE LANE (GOREY)

The County Surveyor submitted the following memorial under date 19th July 1938 signed by nine users of above lane:-

"We, the undersigned, wish to bring to the notice of the County Council, the condition of the lane known as Grove Lane, connecting the two Hollyfort Roads, and leading across the Bann River between Great Grove and Little Grove. This lane leads to several farms and cottages, and its condition in Winter^{time} makes traffic of any kind completely impossible.

We would point out that there is no alternative route connecting these roads."

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

"That Grove Lane, Gorey, be listed for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote."

EXTENSION OF HOUSE

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 25th July 1938, from Mr. Patrick Kavanagh, Banogue, Gorey:-

"I am writing to you for permission to extend a building to a house at Banogue, Gorey. The house already there is less than 30 feet off road. I was speaking to Mr. Treanor and he told me to write to you. I would be very thankful for your permission to do so."

The County Surveyor said this application dealt with a building which was 19 feet from the centre of the road. Mr. Kavanagh proposed to fill in a dangerous place under

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the hill and adjoining the house so that the extension of the building which would not obscure the view would be an improvement.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor.

FLOODING AT BALLYKELLY, NEW ROSS

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, submitted the following letter under date 25th July 1938 from Messrs. Colfer & Son, Solicitors, New Ross, acting on behalf of Mr. Henry Long, Ballykelly:-

"We are in receipt of your letter of the 21st instant and have sent a copy to our client requesting his instructions.

Referring to the date on which we visited the place with you and the Parties interested, it is our recollection that there was no evidence to suggest that a drain carrying the water from the public road ever ran beside the fence lately removed by Mr. Long.

The puzzling feature of the case was, that there was no apparent trace of any arrangement for dealing with the sudden flooding of the road other than a hole that had been made in the road fence a short time before by a road worker."

Mr. Elgee said he had had an interview with Mr. Long after receipt of letter from Messrs. Colfer & Son and he (Mr. Long) was to see Messrs. Colfer about sending a further letter. So far no letter had been received.

The County Surveyor said he advised that the County Council should take proceedings in this case. The only drainage was by the fence which had been removed by Mr. Long. Portion of the flooding was caused by water from Mr. Long's land on the opposite side of the road.

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

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"That, in the event of promised communication from Messrs. Colfer & Son, Solicitors for Mr. Henry Long, not being regarded as satisfactory by Mr. Elgee, proceedings as to the flooding of road at Ballykelly be taken against Mr. Long who, we are advised, is responsible for same."

DEFAULTING ROAD CONTRACTORS

The County Surveyor submitted the following report under date 2nd August 1938 from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"The following contractors have been defaulting, and I would be glad if you arrange to take up the roads:-

Road No. 466 James Doyle, Ballindoney, Ballywilliam.
do. 578 John Doran, Gobbinstown, do.
do. 702 Michael Shannon, Campile.
do. 799 Michael Shannon, do. "

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to take into his own charge the following roads:- 466, 578, 702, 799 or to take such other steps towards securing the maintenance of said roads as he considers advisable."

RIVER AT ASSALY, KILLINICK

Application for the cleaning of river which runs through the lands of Assaly Little (Killinick), Ferney, Ballydusker and adjoining townlands, was received from eight ratepayers affected.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, it was decided to schedule application to have the work carried out under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Inspector B. Carr, Garda Siochana, Enniscorthy, wrote under date 27th July 1938, that he intended making application at Enniscorthy District Court on 11th August 1938 for the committal to Good Shepherd Convent Industrial School, New Ross, of Mary Browne (12 years and 4 months) and Mary Kate Neill (8 years and 2 months) illegitimate orphans.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 5th August 1938 be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION: Mr. McCarthy said that the Rate arrears were steadily creeping up. The seizure by the Rate Collector on his warrant was effective but costly to the Collector and was subject to a certain risk. When the Rate Collector obtained a decree it was lodged with the Sheriff and perhaps it would be found that several prior decrees were in existence. The Government should be asked to reconsider the present position and adopt legislation under which it would not be necessary for the Collector to take out a decree, but that on proof of the amount due the Rate Collector would be given a distress warrant enabling him to seize anything on the land.

The meeting approved of the suggestion of Mr. McCarthy.

Mr. T. Redmond held that in several districts a good deal of the arrears was due to the fault of the Collector.

The Chairman said they had put forward last year a recommendation that the services of the County Solicitor be given to the Rate Collectors. It was a deterrent to the collection that outside Solicitors were employed. They would, of course, relieve the Collectors of the costs of employing a Solicitor. If the County Solicitor was acting they could immediately follow up decrees by examination orders and all other necessary legal steps could be taken promptly.

Mr. Smyth complained of the difficulty of farmers in Maccamore district paying their rates owing to the high valuation of their land.

The Chairman's suggestion was approved.

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BALLYTHOMAS (WICKLOW GAP) QUARRY: Mr. Culleton asked what had been the usual practice in Wicklow Gap and Edenvale - hand-breaking or machine?

The County Surveyor said that the Council agreed that they should go to 2d or 3d for hand-breaking over the cost of machine-breaking and they were giving 3/6 a yard. Now the men were asking for 5s. That was out of the question altogether. There was no doubt that a man could not earn much by hand-breaking if he could only break three-quarters of a yard in a day.

Mr. Culleton asked if there could be a compromise. If they started breaking by machinery they would be putting a certain number of men out of employment.

The County Surveyor said that even if men broke a full yard they would get only 3/6d a day. Working with a breaker they would get 5s. a day.

In reply to Mr. Keegan, the County Surveyor said it was not that the men were satisfied to go back to machine breaking, but they could see no other way out.

Mr. Colfer said the biggest point was that there was such little difference between the amounts for hand-breaking and machine breaking - only 3d. There should be a greater allowance. Of course 5s might be rather high.

County Surveyor - You would have to get the law altered. It was practically agreed that we give 2d or 3d extra for hand-breaking as against machine-breaking, but if you make a bigger difference you would probably be surcharged.

Col. Quin said they had to think of the cost. They had been howling about not having enough money for the roads. They should think of the ratepayers.

Mr. Culleton said he thought they should try to arrange a compromise. Perhaps the men would be inclined

to agree to something less, and perhaps they could ask for permission to make an agreement with them on something less. After all, it was very nice for Col. Quin to talk about the ratepayers. He (Mr. Culleton) was not there to squander the ratepayers' money, but they should remember that the people concerned had to pay rates, too. Where were they going to find the rates? In some cases, the installation of machinery could not be avoided, but in any case in which they thought they could avoid putting men out, it was up to them to provide work for them, and not to drive them to starvation. It was all very well for the Department to make cast-iron orders, but if they went too far the people would not stand starvation all the time. He suggested that a Committee consider the matter with representative from the two places, Wicklow Gap and Edenvale.

Mr. Corish - What's the County Surveyor talking about in regard to the law on the matter.

County Surveyor - When I say the law I mean the Auditor will surcharge if you spend more money than is necessary in preparing material.

Mr. Corish - You mean that if the Council passed a resolution to give men more money the Auditor would not agree.

Secretary - If it could be shown that there could be an alternative method.

Mr. Culleton said there was a tendency to drive the men off the face of the earth and put in the machine instead.

Chairman - I think we have opposed that all the time. Where hand-breaking was feasible we have adopted it.

Col. Quin asked if it was meant that all machines should be scrapped.

Mr. Corish - It might not be a bad idea if you did, and put something on the men's breakfast table.

The Secretary said he thought that the point as to

whether they could give 9d or 1s. increase for hand-breaking over machine-breaking as mentioned by some Councillor, should be referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

Mr. Colfer said the increase would not mean so much.

The County Surveyor said that in Ballythomas Quarry, while the men were working for the Council at a small wage they could not get any unemployment assistance. If they got the same money over a shorter time they would get the unemployment assistance for the balance of the time, so he really beleived they would be better off if they got the same amount of money for a shorter time.

Mr. Colfer asked if he would be in order in proposing, say, 4s. a yard for hand-breaking.

Chairman - I suggest that you raise the question of what you would allow for hand-breaking at the November meeting.

Mr. Elgee said he would have the opinion for next meeting.

RENEWALS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That as recommended by University Authorities renewals of Scholarships to the following be and the same are hereby agreed to:-

Coffey Gerald
Doran Peter
Flynn John
Hickey Anne
Kehoe John P.
Meyler James J.
Scanlon Robert A."

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconed by Mr. McCarthy, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 5th August,
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1938, as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

SEALED ORDERS - WATER SUPPLIES ETC.

Under date 19th July 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (P.H.11145/38 - Loch Garman Pd) forwarded copy of Sealed Order (Public Health)(Special Expenses)(June) Order 1938, giving the County Health District of Wexford as area of charge for the following Water Supplies:-

Camolin; Coolgreaney; Ferns; Knocknasilloge and for water supply and sewerage system at Oylegate.

PAYMENT ROAD GRANTS

The Secretary reported that since last meeting the following sums in respect of Road Grants had been received:

£688 (Employment Grant 22nd July 1938).

£890 special Grant (Enniscorthy - Killealy road 22nd July 1938) and

£870 New Ross Urban Council (22nd July 1938).

SANCTION OF INCREASE OF SALARY MR. F. S. RINGWOOD, V.S.

The following under date 22nd July 1938 (L.2662/38) was read from Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your letter of the 5th instant in the matter, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that he will offer no objection to the proposal of your Local Authority to increase from £75 per annum to £90 per annum the remuneration of Mr. F. S. Ringwood, M.R.C.V.S., Local Authority Veterinary Inspector in the Enniscorthy district, in respect of duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts, other than duties under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order, 1926, with effect as from the 13th May last."

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KILANERIN VILLAGE

Mr. Keegan referred to the necessity of having the water tables at Kilanerin village attended to and it was decided that the County Surveyor obtain report in the matter from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, for next meeting of Finance Committee.

ANALYST'S REPORT FOR JUNE QUARTER

It appeared from Report of County Analyst for quarter ended 30th June 1938 that the total number of analyses carried out was 285, made up of Foods 222; Drugs 60; Waters 3; Number adulterated:- 8 whole Milks; 1 Skim Milk; 1 Butter and 2 Olive Oils.

RENEWALS LICENCES UNDER POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT

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

"That renewals of licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to the following:-

Connolly E. O'Neill, Buncclody.

Daly F., Manager Co-op, Enniscorthy.

Hamilton William R., Bullring, Wexford.

Hill H., Ballycanew.

O'Connor P. J., North Main Street, Wexford.

Redmond E., The Harrow, Ferns.

Tackaberry N., Buncclody."

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENTS

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

"That the several proposals for payment submitted to this meeting including payments to Contractors for Roads and works as certified by County Surveyor on Form 22, be

and the same are hereby agreed to and we direct that Pay
Orders for same issue from this meeting."

T. Allen
12th Sept. 38