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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING - 13th FEBRUARY, 1939

MINUTES

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary Wexford Co. Council.

The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 13th February 1939.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, C. Culleton, Raymond Doyle, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, James Kennedy, James Lawler, Thomas McCarthy, Sean Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wamyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Myles Smyth, Malachi Sweetman and James E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last monthly meeting, 9th January 1939 and of special meeting, 20th January 1939, were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for the following were agreed to:- Ordinary payments £1463. 10. 0 and £228. 14. 1 Transfer to County Wexford Vocational Education Committee.

THE LATE POPE PIUS XI

Miss O'Ryan said it was their sorrowful task to extend sympathy to the Papal Nuncio, His Excellency, Most Rev. Dr. Robinson, on the death of His Holiness, Pope Pius XI. A simple person like her, she said, could not find words to express their sympathy in a fitting manner, and all she could say was that they had lost their Holy Father.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded the resolution and said that almost the last act of the late Pope was to provide Ferns diocese with a Bishop, an act for which they should feel grateful.

Mr. Corish, on behalf of the Labour Party, supported the resolution. He said that words would be inadequate to

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convey what they felt at the passing of the Holy Father who was not alone a great Churchman but a great diplomat who worked in the interests of humanity as a whole. He would be a great loss not alone to the Church but to the world.

The Secretary said the death of the Pope was deplored not only by Catholics but by all men of goodwill throughout the world.

The resolution was passed in silence.

THE LATE MRS. CULLEN

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

"That we offer our deep sympathy to Mr. Thomas Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, on the death of his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Cullen."

The Secretary expressed his personal sympathy and that of his staff with Mr. Cullen in his bereavement.

THE LATE MRS. HYDE

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

"That the following reply from the President of Eire to vote of sympathy to him in the death of Mrs. Hyde be inserted on the Minutes of the day:-

'The President wishes to thank you sincerely for your very kind expression of sympathy in his recent bereavement."

THE LATE MR. THOMAS ASPLE, EX-COUNTY COUNCILLOR

It was decided on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. O'Byrne that the following reply under date 16th January 1939 from J. Asple, Galbally, Bree, to vote of condolence in the death of Mr. Thomas Asple, ex-County Councillor, be inserted on the Minutes of the day:-

"Please convey my sincere thanks to the County Council

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on my own behalf and on behalf of his other relatives for their kind sympathy in the death of the late Mr. T. Asple. Also for your own personal remarks."

THANKS FROM RIGHT REV. DR. STAUNTON, D.D., LORD BISHOP OF FERNS

The Lord Bishop of Ferns wrote returning heartiest thanks for the kind congratulations and good wishes of the County Councillors in his appointment to the See of St. Aidan.

MONTHLY MEETING IN APRIL

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Colfer, that at the monthly meeting to be held in March the Council decide whether the monthly meeting in April be held on 3rd or 11th of that month as the ordinary day of meeting, 10th April, is Easter Monday (Bank Holiday).

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

MEETING 20th JANUARY 1939: The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of above 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 20th January, 1939.

Mr. D. Allen, T.D., Chairman, presided; also present:- Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Sean Murphy, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4757. 15. 2d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following is the state of Rate Collection to date of meeting:-

Percentage of Warrant Collected.

1.	P. Nolan	58.3
2.	S. Gannon	57.6
3.	J. Curtis	56.2
4.	J. J. O'Reilly	54.0
5.	A. Dunne	52.9
6.	M. Kehoe	52.3
7.	E. J. Murphy	51.8
8.	P. Carty	51.7
9.	P. Doyle	51.7
10.	J. Cummins	51.6
11.	J. Deegan	51.3
12.	J. Quirke	51.1
13.	D. Kenny	50.9
14.	M. McCarthy	50.3
15.	J. Flood	47.5
16.	W. Doyle	46.6
17.	J. J. Sinnott	42.7
18.	W. Cummins	42.5

Average 51.2

Percentage collected at corresponding period last year was 52.1.

POUNDAGE: Under date 16th January, 1939, the following was read from Mr. J. M. Curtis, Hon. Secretary, County Wexford Rate Collectors:-

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"I have been instructed by Rate Collectors to make application to the Finance Committee that poundage be paid to Collectors immediately they have 50 per cent and amount of half-year's arrears collected."

The Secretary explained that all Collectors had received the first interim payment of poundage fees and nine were paid the second interim.

Application for sanction in accordance with resolution of Finance Committee adopted at last meeting had recently been made to the Minister.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of letter from Mr. Curtis pending decision of the Minister on the resolution adopted by the Finance Committee at last meeting.

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

SCHOLAR EILEEN CARTY: The following letter under date 16th December 1938 from the Department of Education (Secondary Education Branch), 1 Hume Street, Dublin, re above student was read:-

"I am directed to refer to the Department's regulations governing the award of its Secondary School Scholarships, and to point out that under Rule 49 of these Regulations for 1938-39, a pupil may benefit in the same school year from Scholarships provided by the Department and a County Council to the total value of not more than £50.

Eibhlís Ní Charthaigh, a pupil of Clochar Lughaidh, Monaghan, who has qualified for the award of a Scholarship (value £15) on the results of the Intermediate Certificate Examination in 1938, has informed the Department that she holds a Scholarship (value £50) from your Council. In view of Rule 49 referred to above, I am to inquire what amount your Council propose to pay in respect of her Scholarship in the current school year."

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

"That the County Council have no objection to Eileen Carty, Scholarship Holder under Secondary and Vocational Scheme receiving in addition to her County Scholarship of £50 the special scholarship of £15 awarded to her by the Department of Education on the results of her Intermediate Scholarship Examination in 1938.

The County Council believe it would be a hardship on this pupil to be deprived of the amount of the last named scholarship in the circumstances and are quite prepared to pay their scholarship up to the full amount."

ILLNESS OF CLERICAL ASSISTANT

In connection with the illness of Mr. Stephen Hayes, Clerical Assistant, County Council office, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the authorities of Peamount Sanatorium be requested to furnish fortnightly reports as to the progress of Mr. Stephen Hayes from the date he took up residence at the Sanatorium and to continue during the period of his illness."

The Secretary stated he intended employing during Mr. Hayes' illness Laurence Cleary, 11 Roche's Terrace, Wexford, who had 10 years experience with Cunard White Star Line Company in Liverpool as Shorthand-typist and general clerk with that firm.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. McCarthy it was decided that the appointment of Mr. Cleary be confirmed, wages to be at the rate of £3 per week.

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SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

DANIEL SHEEHAN, EFFERNOGUE, FERNZ: This applicant, through his Solicitor, Mr. J. J. Bolger of Enniscorthy, withdrew his application at the last meeting of Finance Committee.

Mr. Kelly then explained that this occurred through a misunderstanding and Sheehan was still anxious to build his house.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, stated that he could not certify that the Title was in order until a sub-division had been carried out.

It was decided to await a further report in this matter from the County Solicitor.

MARTIN DOYLE, GARRYCULLEN, BALLYCULLANE, farmer, applied for loan of £160 for house valued at £250.

The Secretary stated that the maximum amount to which Mr. Doyle would be entitled would be £155.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was decided to recommend the County Council to approve of loan not exceeding this amount provided appropriate Certificates are received from Assistant Surveyor and County Solicitor.

APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS: James Doyle, Garryhasten, Clonegal, Labourer, applied for loan of £70 on house valued at £170.

The Secretary stated that the maximum loan in this case would be £85.

It was decided to refer this application to Mr. Ronan, County Councillor, and provided his inquiries evoked satisfactory information, a loan not exceeding £70 be agreed to, provided the appropriate certificates are received from Assistant Surveyor and County Solicitor.

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MARY BREEN, BOOLABAWN, DAVIDSTOWN, SMALL FARMER, applied for loan of £150 on house valued at £230.

The Secretary stated that the maximum amount of loan in this case would be £135.

It was decided to refer the application to Mr. McCarthy, County Councillor, for investigation and report.

EDWARD BANVILLE, HAYTOWN, DUNCANNON: Mr. Elgee submitted letter under date 16th January 1939 from Mr. Banville, withdrawing his decision not to proceed with the erection of his house. He explained that he was now in a position to proceed with the work and in consequence would ask the Council to cancel his refusal to accept loan.

It was decided to agree to Mr. Banville's request.

DANIEL SULLIVAN, BALLYELLAND, DAVIDSTOWN: In this case, the loan was for £130 and Surveyor's value of house at £220 had been agreed to. The applicant now applied for additional loan and on re-inspection by Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, the value of the house was raised to £260. The maximum amount to which the applicant would be entitled would be £165, or £35 additional on the original amount.

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That, in view of the figure of re-valuation of house of Daniel Sullivan, Ballyelland, Davidstown, the loan to him be increased to £165."

NICHOLAS BREEN, KILLOGGY, FERNS: In connection with the report that this applicant had set his house to a member of the Garda, correspondence was read from applicant including the following letter under date 12th January, 1939:-

"I received a letter from you some time ago, which I showed to Guard English. He told me that he could not

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leave the House as he could get no other. I live in the house occasionally but I am not prepared to live there permanently yet. I got permission from County Council to take the Guard and his family in as lodgers. He is a good tenant, and as it is essential to have fires lighted in the house, I would be grateful if the County Council were satisfied to let matters stand as they are at present."

The Secretary stated he had written to Mr. Breen under date 17th January, 1939, asking him to forward copy of letter from County Council giving him permission to take in lodgers. So far no reply had been received.

It was decided to adjourn further consideration of the matter until next meeting.

TOMNABOLEY RIVER AND ROAD

The following memorial in connection with flooding of above road was submitted:-

"During winter months every year it frequently happens that no motor-car or horse-drawn vehicle can use main Boolavogue-Monamolín road owing to depth of water in river-bed across the road.

For some years past school children and people going to Mass have had to return home as the existing footbridge was periodically flooded and impassable.

On five Sundays this winter all the members of ten families missed Mass as the footbridge was flooded. Fifteen school children were unable to attend school on twelve occasions during October, November, and December. We, the undersigned, regard the question of a bridge across the road, as a most urgent one. At this point the roadway is sufficiently wide to enable a bridge to be erected, leaving an open space at one side.

Signed:- Laurence Allen, C.C., Boolavogue.

Henry Armstrong, N.T., Boolavogue.

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Michael Gahan, Barmona.

Patrick Donohoe, Tomnaboley.

Thomas Martin, Clone.

Patrick Cullen, Raheendarrig.

James Breen, Clone.

William Murphy, Clone."

The County Surveyor stated that there was no doubt that the complaint in the memorial was justified and something would have to be done to obviate the flooding.

It was decided that the County Surveyor furnish detailed report to next meeting of Finance Committee.

APPLICATION FOR REMOVAL OF SHRUBS

Under date 9th January, 1939, Patrick Kavanagh, Camteigue, Buncloody, wrote asking for permission to remove from around his labourer's cottage and allotment, shrubs, (two sycamore and one larch trees) in hedgerow which he stated were of no use for any purpose except fuel, in fact, they were practically a nuisance. He had applied to the Sergeant, Garda Siochana, Buncloody, and was told he would have to get permission from the County Council.

It was pointed out that the matter was really one for the Board of Health and it was decided to forward copy of letter and felling notice to that body.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE 1938/39 ROADS (URBAN) SUPPLEMENTAL

Under date 10th January, 1939, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (RU/205/109/S) that for the purpose of providing additional employment in the urban district of New Ross through the medium of road and footpath works, a supplemental grant of £1397 had been allocated, subject to a local contribution of £193. Total for Scheme £1590.

The County Surveyor stated he had communicated with

MOTOR TAX OFFICE

The following letters were read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 15th instant, relative to the proposal to employ Messrs. Thomas Wafer and Michael Kirwan upon the work of motor registration and licensing, and to state that, in the circumstances, no objection will be raised to the proposal."

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 5th instant, and enclosure, relative to the extra clerical assistance required in connection with the work of motor registration and licensing during the present "rush" period, and to state that, in the circumstances, no objection is seen to the employment of Mr. James E. Sinnott."

In connection with the supply of 3,000 Local Taxation Index Cards, quotations were received from the People, Wexford, at £2. 14. 6d and Browne & Nolan Ltd., Nassau Street, Dublin, at £3. 2. 6d.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Colfer, the tender of the People was accepted.

On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, it was decided that the "Pronto" 2 Drawer Card Index Cabinet as supplied to Wicklow, Tipperary and other County Councils by Messrs. Browne & Nolan, Ltd., Nassau Street, Dublin, at £1. 17. 6d each, be accepted.

URBAN DEMANDS

The following statement of the indebtedness of the Urban Councils was submitted:-

<u>Enniscorthy:</u>	Due to 31st March 1938	£1572. 19. 0
	Due to 30th September 1938	<u>£1901. 8. 3</u>
		£3474. 7. 3.

New Ross: Paid in full to December last.

Wexford: Paid in full to March 1938.

Due - one quarter - to end of September 1938
£1942.

Mr. McCarthy explained that in connection with the Enniscorthy district the Rate Collector had been in default on rather a large sum and at the moment it was impossible for the Urban Council to effect any arrangement to meet the demands of the County Council. The matter, however, would not be lost sight of.

GOREY TOWN COMMISSIONERS AND DANGEROUS PREMISES, GOREY

Under date 7th January, 1939, the following was read from the Town Clerk, Gorey Town Commissioners:-

"I am directed by my Commissioners to apply to your Council for a report on derelict premises in Main Street, Gorey, owned by Richard Whitney, Kilmichael, Gorey.

These premises are in a very bad state at the moment, and my Commissioners consider the matter is one of extreme urgency."

The Secretary stated that Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, had informed the Town Clerk that the County Council had no responsibility in this matter.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

District Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Gorey, wrote under date 19th January, 1939, that several children were to appear before the District Court in Gorey on Friday, 27th January, 1939, and it was possible three of the four of them might be committed to Artane Industrial School. Their ages ranged from 11 to 14 years.

Referred to County Solicitor.

The District Court Clerk, New Ross, wrote under date 17th January, 1939, stating that application would be made on 24th January for committal to St. Aidan's Industrial

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School, New Ross, of Teresa Kenny, 10½ years old,
illegitimate child of Annie Kenny, Charleton Hill, New Ross.
Referred to Guntý Solicitor.

BINDING MINUTES

Quotation of Messrs. J. English & Co., Quay, Wexford,
for binding minutes of County Council for 1938 at £1. 5. 0
was accepted.

ARCHITECTURAL COMPETITION SYSTEM

Correspondence was read from the Hon. Secretary of the
Architectural Graduates' Association, 34 Dame Street,
Dublin, asking the County Council as regards the erection
of public buildings to adopt the system of having
architectural competition, selection to be made by
Architects of acknowledged standing.

It was decided to make no order.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 20th January 1939 be received and considered."

TOMNABOLEY RIVER: Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said that the "eye" of the bridge had been fenced and if this was cleared and the river cleaned up it would take a lot of water. There should be a bridge at the place.

The Chairman said they should try and deal with such cases yearly and in this way they would be all covered in a short time.

Mr. Ennis said there was an alternative road which would mean only a mile of a detour. It would cost about £400 to have a new bridge erected there. He thought it was up to the people themselves to do something. He would do what he could to help them.

The matter dropped.

DANGEROUS PREMISES IN GOREY MAIN STREET: The County Surveyor said he had inspected the place in company with Mr. O'Byrne, County Councillor. He understood the Town Commissioners were to get in touch with Messrs. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, to obtain particulars they were to supply to him (County Surveyor) but he had not heard anything further up to the present.

On the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Corish, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 20th January 1939 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 3rd FEBRUARY 1939: The 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 3rd February 1939.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, T.D. (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, County Solicitor and Rates Inspector were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4971. 14. 5d, was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following gives the state of Rate Collection to date:-

<u>Percentage amounts</u> <u>collected to date.</u>		
1.	P. Nolan	59.2
2.	S. Gannon	58.0
3.	J. Curtis	57.5
4.	J. J. O'Reilly	56.4
5.	D. Kenny	55.2
6.	P. Doyle	55.1
7.	M. Kehoe	54.7
8.	A. Dunne	54.3
9.	E. J. Murphy	54.2
10.	J. Quirke	53.6
11.	J. Deegan	52.8
12.	P. Carty	52.5
13.	J. Cummins	52.3
14.	W. Doyle	51.6
15.	J. Flood	51.4
16.	M. McCarthy	50.6
17.	W. Cummins	45.0
18.	J. J. Sinnott	<u>44.0</u>

Average 53.2.

The collection was .9 lower than at the corresponding period last year.

POUNDAGE: The following letter under date 24th January 1939 (G.2732-39 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

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"With reference to your letter of the 17th instant requesting sanction to second interim payment of poundage fees to Collectors who reached the required standard by the 28th January, 1939, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that there has been no application of this nature received from other Counties. An extension of one month has already been given which was ample to give the Collectors an opportunity of lodging the amounts required. It has been noted from the Rate Collection Returns that three Collectors who at the end of November had less than 50% lodged were able to bring their collections up to 55% or over at the end of December and that in one case an improvement of 10% was effected. The average collection throughout the country on the 31st ultimo was an improvement on the collection on 31st December 1937. At the latter date Wexford County was very slightly above the average for the country but has since fallen below the average.

The Minister in these circumstances sees no reason to justify the further extension proposed but on the understanding that no further application can be entertained he will raise no objection to the second interim payment being now made to the Collectors who lodged the required amounts by the 7th instant."

The Secretary stated that payments of second interim had been made to:-

Collectors Nolan, Gannon, O'Reilly, Kenny, Dunne, E. J. Murphy, Kehoe, Curtis, and P. Carty.

The following had reached the required standard, but not at the given date:-

Collectors Quirke, P. Doyle, Deegan, J. Cummins, W. Doyle and Flood.

The following had not yet qualified:-

Collectors M. McCarthy, W. Cummins and J. J. Sinnott.

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Proposed by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:-

"That the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council, having considered letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 24th January 1939, No. G.2732/39 Loch Garman, request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to agree to the following proposal:-

Payment of full Poundage to the following Collectors who have reached the required standard for 2nd interim payment as follows:-

J. Quirke	18th January 1939
P. Doyle	19th January 1939
J. Deegan	9th January 1939
J. Cummins	14th January 1939
W. Doyle	31st January 1939
J. Flood	2nd February 1939.

That payment of Poundage less a defer of 3% be made to the following Collectors when they reach the required standard, this defer to be re-instated in each case should the warrants be satisfactorily closed:- M. McCarthy, W. Cummins and J. J. Sinnott."

TEMPORARY RATE CLERK: James Sinnott, Newtown, Clonevan, was selected as temporary Rate Clerk (Gorey Area) as recommended by the Chairman and Mr. W. P. Keegan.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT - ADDITIONAL INSPECTORS

The following under date 27th January 1939 (Div. Ref. 61/39) was read from Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Wexford:-

"I wish to bring to notice the position obtaining in regard to the enforcement of the Food & Drugs Acts in the County of Wexford. As a result of correspondence received by me from different Superintendents, from time to time

relative to the large areas which the several ex-officio Inspectors of Food & Drugs were responsible for, I found it necessary to inquire fully into the matter with the result that I am very strongly inclined to the opinion that in the best interests of the enforcement of these Acts a number of additional appointments is very essential.

At the present time we have eight (8) ex-officio Inspectors in the County and they are enforcing the Acts in their respective areas as follows:-

- (1) Garda P. O'Toole, 967, Wexford - Wexford Urban and Rural; Castlebridge; Rosslare Strand; Rosslare Pier and Killurin Sub-Districts.
- (2) Garda J. Grimes, 3604, Baldwinstown - Baldwinstown; Kilmore Quay and Taghmon Sub-Districts.
- (3) Garda M. Dwyer, 4597, New Ross - New Ross; Ballywilliam and Carrickbyrne Sub-Districts.
- (4) Garda J. Martin, 5336, Ballycullane - Ballycullane; Carrig-on-Bannow; Campile; Duncannon and Fethard-on-Sea Sub-Districts.
- (5) Garda P. O'Donnell, 3862, Enniscorthy - Enniscorthy; Ferns; Killanne and Clonroche Sub-Districts.
- (6) Garda P. McLoughlin, 4581, Blackwater - Blackwater; Oulart and Oylegate Sub-Districts.
- (7) Garda J. Riordan, 3707, Gorey - Gorey; Camolin; Courtown Harbour; Clonevan; Hollyfort and Coolgreaney Sub-Districts.
- (8) Garda F. Healy, 2833, Bunclody - Bunclody Sub-District.

The result of my examination of the position convinces me that in most cases the areas allotted to each ex-officio are far too unwieldly to permit of effective enforcement of the Acts and no better allocation can be effected without making additional appointments. This is made more manifest since the Free Milk Scheme became operative as the obtaining of necessary Samples from Free Milk Suppliers has, in a number of cases, necessitated travelling at a very early hour in the morning to these residences (only place of delivery) sometimes situate a distance of 13 or 14 miles from the ex-officio's Station.

Thus, apart from ensuring a more effective enforcement of the Acts, by appointing more ex-officio Inspectors, it will not be otherwise possible to avoid travelling expenses in the performance of the Duty. While the appointment of the new members will avoid any claims for travelling expenses as the area can be so divided to obviate travelling more than eight miles (approx.) from the respective centres.

I am, therefore, to recommend that your Council would appoint the following new members in addition to those already acting:-

1. Garda Charles Hely, 833, Rosslare Pier Station.
2. Garda Bernard J. Toner, 6510, Killurin Station.
3. Garda Laurence Lennon, 3085, Carrickbyrne Station.
4. Garda Richard Cotter, 4890, Killanne Station.
5. Garda Edward Barry, 4201, Ferns Station.
6. Garda Edward Raftery, 6562, Courtown Harbour.

The only expense involved by your sanction is the provision of usual kit for the six members, and I can confidently assure your Council that this comparatively little expense will be wisely utilized in the best interests of efficiency. Incidentally, it will obviate more expense which cannot otherwise be longer avoided in many instances due to travelling long distances in inclement weather. The usual half-yearly requisitions for equipment will not show much, if any increase, and pending next issue of such equipment I can arrange that the Duty can be proceeded with by distributing the equipment in possession of those members already appointed.

I would request that each member be appointed for the County so that in the event of transfers taking effect within the County a new appointment will not be necessary."

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

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"That the County Council be recommended to appoint the following members of the Garda Siochana (as requested by the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana) as Inspectors under Food and Drugs Acts for the administrative County of Wexford:- Garda Charles Hely (Rosslare Pier); Garda Bernard J. Toner (Killurin); Garda Laurence Lennon (Carrigbyrne); Garda Richard Cotter (Killanne); Garda Edward Barry (Ferns) and Garda Edward Raftery (Courtown Harbour)."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

NICHOLAS CARR, KILLANNE: Under date 20th January 1939, this applicant wrote to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, that he could not give an undertaking that he would be able to complete the building of his house by 31st March, but would write again in 9 or 10 days' time.

The County Solicitor said he had not heard anything since from Mr. Carr.

No order.

JAMES DOYLE, CLONHASTON, CLONEGAL: Letter was submitted to the meeting from Local Councillor that James Doyle was a labourer with a family and held about five acres of land. He did not appear to have money to spare and it was believed it would be difficult for him to erect house ~~xxxx~~ with the amount of loan and grant unless he was able to procure financial aid from some other source.

It was suggested that he be written to and asked what the proposed house would cost and also if he was in a position to supplement from his own resources the amount he would receive from Local Government Department and from County Council.

The Secretary stated he was writing to Doyle as suggested.

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The Chairman mentioned that applicant was a small farmer and would get site and gravel free. He was also prepared to put his own labour into the erection of the house.

It was decided to adjourn the matter to County Council meeting of 13th February 1939 when applicant's reply would be considered.

NICHOLAS BREEN, KILLOGGY, FERNS: This applicant forwarded letter from County Council offices under date 1st June 1937 in which it was stated that the County Council would raise no objection to his taking in a Civic Guard and his family as lodgers.

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

"That Nicholas Breen, Killoggy, Ferns, be called upon by Mr. J. Elgee, County Solicitor, to reside in the house which was erected by him under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

MARY J. DOYLE, GURTEEN, INCH: The County Solicitor reported he had written on 21st January asking Mrs. Doyle if she intended proceeding with her application, and had pointed out that the house should be completed by 31st March next. No reply had been received from her to the present.

DANIEL SULLIVAN, BALLYELLAND, DAVIDSTOWN: The Secretary stated, under date 27th January 1939, he had written to the Department asking for the sanction of the Minister to the additional £35 which the Council had agreed to advance in this case, owing to increase in value of house certified by Assistant Surveyor.

SANCTION TO LOANS: Under date 19th January 1939, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote

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(H.30008/2/38) sanctioning advance of £95 to Andrew Browne, Clonamona, Craanford, and £100 to Catherine and Patrick Flynn, Ballindoney, Ballywilliam.

AGREEMENT TO ADVANCE The Finance Committee recommended the County Council to agree to advances of £145 to each of the following applicants:-

Edward Kelly, Ballynadara, Enniscorthy.

Anne Foley, Borrmount, Enniscorthy.

Arthur Doyle, Killagoley, Enniscorthy.

APPLICATION FOR LOAN: Thomas Murray, Sleedagh, Ballycogley farmer (occupier of 23a. 2 roods) applied for loan of £120 on house valued at £200.

The Secretary stated that £120 was the maximum amount which could be advanced in respect of this application.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to advance to Thomas Murray, Sleedagh, Ballycogley, a sum not exceeding £120 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, this proposal to be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health."

MRS. MARY ANNE PENDER, BLACKSTOOPS, ENNISCORTHY: Mr. Elgee County Solicitor, said that this woman, against whom a decree had been obtained for a large sum for arrears of instalments of loan, had been paying 10/- per week up to three weeks ago when her husband was disemployed. The latter was going to England to relatives of his wife to seek work and his wife now sought permission to let the house for a short time, she continuing to pay the 10/- per week. He recommended the acceptance of the proposal.

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

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"That, in view of the report to this meeting by County Solicitor, the County Council be recommended to allow Mrs. Pender to let house erected by her under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts for a limited period as we consider the circumstances in this case exceptional."

Mr. McCarthy said there was a likelihood of this house being sold in which event the total amount due on foot of Loan advanced by the County Council would be repaid.

MARY BREEN, BOOLABAWN, DAVIDSTOWN: It was reported by Local Councillor that this applicant, who applied for loan of £135, held only three small fields. Her son was a farm labourer and was unemployed. There was also another daughter and a younger son in the family. She was in receipt of a small British Army Pension, but it did not appear she would be in a position to pay off a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

It was decided to recommend Mrs. Breen to apply for a labourer's cottage.

POSITION OF COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Under date 24th January 1939, the Secretary, Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.68/11/39 - Loch Garman Sc) that the Minister had made an Order terminating the suspension of Dr. Bastible as from that date (24th January 1939) and directing that the remuneration which Dr. Bastible would have received during the period of his suspension if he had not been suspended should be wholly forfeited.

Under date 25th January 1939 the following letter (No. P.H.68/11/39 - Loch Garman Sc) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to the Department's letter of yesterday's date, I am directed by the Minister for Local

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Government and Public Health to forward, herewith, for the information of the Wexford County Council, duplicate of an Order made by him on the 24th instant terminating the suspension of Dr. C. Bastible from the office of County Medical Officer of Health for Wexford County and directing that the remuneration which Dr. Bastible would have received during the period of his suspension, if he had not been suspended, shall be wholly forfeited."

The following under date 1st February 1939 (P.H.68/12/39 Loch Garman Sc) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to the Department's letter of the 25th ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to request that the Wexford County Council may take immediate steps for the filling of the vacancy in the position of County Medical Officer of Health consequent on the resignation of Dr. C. Bastible. For this purpose the Council should, in the first instance, fix the remuneration to be attached to that post and transmit particulars thereof to this Office for the Minister's approval."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to fix remuneration of incoming Medical Officer of Health as follows:- Salary £800 per annum. Locomotive expenses up to £200 maximum.

The candidate appointed must have some years experience as Medical Officer in practice.

That age limit should be from 30 to 45.

That candidates must have graduated in Ireland.

Preference for knowledge of Irish."

VALUATION BILL 1938

The following under date 3rd February 1939 was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"As requested I have gone into the above Bill, in order to ascertain in how far it affects the County Council.

Generally speaking, as far as the County Council are concerned the Bill does not affect the valuation of Agricultural Land at all, as the Valuations at present in existence for Lands are to remain as at present. The Bill will, however, affect Buildings which are on Agricultural Land.

Certain duties are cast upon the Secretaries of the Local Authorities, and on the Poor Rate Collectors in connection with the Annual Revision of the Valuation, but I think that these duties are practically the same as are at present in force.

The cost of the General Valuation is to be borne by the Local Authorities, at a cost estimated at $2\frac{1}{2}$ d in the Pound on the total Valuations exclusive of Lands.

The cost of the Annual Revision is to be borne by the Local Authorities at the rate of $\frac{2}{5}$ th of One penny in the £, on the Total Valuation, including Lands.

The funds payable by the Local Authorities are to be raised by means of the Rate out of which are defrayed the expenses of such Rating Authority in meeting the demands of the Local Authority charged with the Administration of the enactments relating to the relief of the Poor."

The Secretary stated that according to present figures the contribution of the Council to the cost of the General Valuation would be £1100 and the cost of annual revision was estimated at £675.

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

"That as regards cost of administration set out in Valuation Bill 1938 the Finance Committee are of opinion

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that led in the £ on the valuation of other hereditaments should be an ample contribution for the General Valuation and they also consider that the present cost of the annual revision of valuation, viz., £195, should cover this work."

DRAINAGE COMMISSION

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the County Council be recommended to nominate the County Surveyor to submit evidence to the Drainage Commission."

COUNTY COUNCIL INSURANCES

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

"That the County Surveyor invite quotations for Insurances of County Council under Employers' Liability and for Third Party risk. That the small items of insurances for fire, etc. be renewed on the same terms as obtained for year 1938-39 provided the County Surveyor considers the premium figures reasonable."

It was also decided that canvassing the members of the Council as regards acceptance of any particular quotation will be regarded as a disqualification.

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following applications under above Scheme were submitted:-

Blake Alice, Kilmore Quay, Co. Wexford.

Conlan, Peter, 20 Upper John Street, Wexford.

Coady Walter, Ard na Greine, New Ross.

Carty Matthew Francis, 6, Upper Bride Street, Wexford.

Creane Francis Dominic, 48, White Rock View, Wexford.

Corish Edward, 10 Robert Street, New Ross.

Devereux Nicholas Victor, Trinity, Taghmon.

Devereux Michael, "Alverna", John's Road, Wexford.

Ennis William Peter, 13 Grogan's Road, Wexford.
Fingleton Patrick, Shannon, Enniscorthy.
French Sean, Shannon Hill, Enniscorthy.
Gleeson Ellen, Taulaught, Ballycullane.
Kehoe Paul, 16 High Street, Wexford.
Kavanagh Richard Joseph, Kilcavan Upper, Gorey.
Keating Anne Mary, Kilmore Quay, Wexford.
Kelly Anne Teresa, Ralphtown, Bridgetown, Wexford.
Kelly Catherine Teresa, Upper John Street, Wexford.
McCormack Margaret Mary, Drimma, Rosslare Strand
Murphy Annie, Ballydaw, Marshalstown, Enniscorthy.
Murphy Brigid Elizabeth, Wilkinson, Glynn, Co. Wexford.
Murphy Michael Joseph, Carley's Bridge, Enniscorthy.
Nolan Lawrence, 6, Redmond Street, Enniscorthy.
Ua Lionain, Cairbre, Baile Caoilte, Cuil Grenine, Guaire
Ua Lionain, Fiacre, do. do. do.
O'Rourke Mark Anthony, 6 Upper King Street, Wexford.
O'Donnell Francis Kevin, The Fort, Duncannon, Wexford.
O'Gorman Frances Mary Teresa, The Hills, Wexford.
O'Keeffe Mary, Clonroche, Co. Wexford.
O'Leary Katherine Josephine, 1 St. Enda's Terrace,
Wexford.
O'Rafferty Mary, Coolgreany, Inch, Co. Wexford.
Pierce John Francis, 7 St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy.
Reynolds Gerald Richard, 25 McSweeney Street, Wexford.
Roche Thomas, St. John's Road, Wexford.
Roche Thomas Joseph, 7 Davitt Road, Wexford.
Ryan Annie Philomena, Mulmintra, Taghmon.
Sadler William, Columba's Villas, Wexford.
Synnott Roger Alphonsus, "Mount John", Grogan's Road,
Wexford.
Stafford William, Bride Place, Wexford.
Slevin Thomas, John Street, New Ross.

Underwood Thomas Joseph, 67 South Main St., Wexford.

Wall James, 1 Irish Street, Bunclody.

Walsh Samuel Joseph, 18 Court Street, Enniscorthy.

Wilson Edward, John Street, New Ross.

In the case of Nicholas Victor Ennis, ^{Doverux} Trinity, Taghmon, as the limit of Income according to the Scheme for five children is £310 and the income of parents in this case was given as £320 the application was refused.

In the case of William Peter Ennis, 13 Grogan's Road, Wexford, as the limit of income according to the scheme for two children is £270 and the means of parents were set out at £310 the application was refused.

In the case of Frances Mary T. O'Gorman, The Hills, Wexford, the means of parents were not stated as the child had lived for a number of years with her grandfather, who had filled the form of application.

The Committee decided that as the parents were alive the form of application should be filled up by them and that the Council would recognise the authority of Guardians only in cases in which parents were deceased.

It was decided that application of Ellen Gleeson, Talaught, Ballycullane be accepted although not lodged until 2nd February 1939.

In the case of Mary Graham, Gurteen, Inch, the Chairman said that the father of this girl had some difficulty in obtaining a birth certificate and had held over the form until he had secured this certificate.

It was decided to recommend the Council to accept this application provided it came to hand prior to County Council meeting on 13th February 1939.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 1939

The following is a list of applicants under above Scheme:-

Abbreviations: C(Children); I(Income); V(Valuation).

Blake, Alice, Kilmore Quay, Co. Wexford.

C.1. I.£70. Fisherman.

Conlan, Peter, 20, Upper John Street, Wexford.

C.2. I.£170. Joiner.

Coady, Walter, Ard Na Greine, New Ross.

C.8. I.£256. Sergt. Garda Siochana.

Carty, Matthew Francis, 6, Upper Bride Street, Wexford.

C.1. I.£150. Lightshipman.

Creane, Francis Dominic, 48, White Rock View, Wexford.

C.5. I.£120. Plasterer.

Corish, Edward, 10, Robert Street, New Ross.

C.5. I.£300. District Court Clerk.

Devereux, Nicholas Victor, Trinity, Taghmon.

C.5. I.£292. (Mother, National Teacher)
(Father, Hackney Car Owner)

Devereux, Michael, "Alverna" John's Road, Wexford.

C.2. I.£150. Tailor.

Ennis, William Peter, 13, Grogan's Road, Wexford.

C.2. I.£310. Clerk (Limit income 2 children £270)
(applicant £310.)

Fingleton, Patrick, Shannon, Enniscorthy.

C.9. I.£224. Civic Guard.

French, Sean, Shannon Hill, Enniscorthy.

C.1. I.£104. Army Pensioner.

Gleeson, Ellen, Taulaught, Ballycullane.

C.5. I. nil. Unemployed. (received 2nd February).

Kehoe, Paul, 16 High Street, Wexford.

C.5. I.£156. Fruiterer.

Kavanagh, Richard, Joseph, Kilcavan Upper, Gorey.

C.4. I.£26:10: Od. Labourer.

Keating, Anne, Mary, Kilmore Quay, County Wexford.

C.1. I.£80. Carpenter.

Kelly, Anne Teresa, Ralptown, Bridgetown, County Wexford.

C.4. I.£78. V.£19:10: Od. Farmer.

Kelly, Katherine, Teresa, Upper John Street, Wexford.

C.5. I.£223: 6:10d. Home Assistance Officer.

McCormack, Margaret Mary, Drimma, Rosslare Strand.

C.3. I.£50. Widow.

Murphy Annie, Ballydaw, Marshalstown, Enniscorthy.

C.3. I.£70. Agricultural Labourer.

Murphy, Brigid, Elizabeth, Wilkinson, Glynn, County Wexford.
C.3. I.£.160. V.£49. Farmer.

Murphy, Michael, Joseph, Carley's Bridge, Enniscorthy.
C.6. I.£156. Mill Worker.

Nolan, Lawrence, 6, Redmond Street, Enniscorthy.
C.5. I.£50. Labourer.

Ua Lionain Fiacre Baile Caoilte, Cul Greine, Guaire.
C.7. I.£212. Irish Teacher.

Ua Lionain Cairbre, Baile Caoilte, Cul Greine, Guaire.
C.7. I.£212. Irish Teacher.

O'Rourke, Mark, Anthony, 6, Upper King Street, Wexford.
C.3. I.£260. Traveller.

O'Donnell, Francis, Kevin, The Fort, Duncannon.
C.6. I.£130: 7:10d. Pensioned Lighthousekeeper.

O'Gorman, Frances, Mary, Teresa, The Hills, Wexford.
C.4. I.£120. V.£12. Agent Singer Sewing Machine Co.

O'Keefe, Mary, Clonroche, County Wexford.
C.1. I.£19:10: Od. Labourer.

O'Leary, Katherine, Josephine, 1, St. Enda's Terrace, Wexford.
C.7. I.£200. Poor Rate Collector.

O'Rafferty, Mary, Coolgreany, Inch, County Wexford.
C.5. I.£185. V.£13. Shopkeeper.

Pierce, John, Francis, 7, St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy.
C.9. I.£243. Linotype Operator.

Reynolds, Gerald, Richard, 25, MacSweeney Street, Wexford.
C.3. I.£150. Fitter.

Roche, Thomas, St. John's Road, Wexford.
C.3. I.£150. Steward.

Roche, Thomas, Joseph, 7, Davitt Road, Wexford.
C.7. I.£156. Iron Moulder.

Ryan, Annie, Philomena, Mulmintra, Taghmon.
C.9. I.£180. V.£56. Farmer.

Sadler, William, Columba's Villas, Wexford.
C.4. I.£195. Postman.

Synnott, Roger Alphonsus, "Mount John" Grogan's Road, Wexford.
C.5. I.£260. Joiner.

Stafford, William, Bride Place, Wexford.
C.7. I.£182. Motor Driver.

Slevin, Thomas, John Street, New Ross.
C.6. I.£300. Driver

Underwood, Thomas, Joseph, 67, South Main Street, Wexford.
C.3. I.£210. V.£20. Shopkeeper.

Wall, James, 1, Irish Street, Bunclody, County Wexford.
C.3. I.£78. V.£10. Unemployed Baker.

Walsh, Samuel, Joseph, 18, Court Street, Enniscorthy.
C.4. I.£234. Solicitor's Assistant.

Wilson, Edward, John Street, New Ross.
C.4. I.£100. Boot Merchant.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER

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

"That we recommend the appointment of the following temporary Warble Fly Inspectors for season 1939 on the same terms and conditions as obtained in 1938, viz.:- Salary £2. 10. 0 per week plus actual cost of postage expenses:-

Area No. 2 Enniscorthy: James Doyle, Coolree, Ballindaggin, Rossard, Ballindaggin, Kiltaly, Killanne, Castleboro, Clonroche, The Leap, Killoughrim and Marshalstown. - (9)

Area No. 3 Enniscorthy: John Walsh, Kereight, Ballyhogue, The Harrow, Tinnacross, Enniscorthy Rural, Enniscorthy Urban, Bree, Ballyhogue, Ballyhuskard. - (7).

Area No. 4 Enniscorthy: William Brien, Glenteigue, Edermine.

Kilcormack, Bolaboy, Castle Talbot, Ballyvaldon, Castle Ellis, Kilmallock and Edermine. - (7).

Area No. 5 Gorey: Thomas Kenny, Brideswell, Carnew.

Wingfield, Coolgreany, Limerick, Ballylarkin, Kilgorman, Ballynestragh, Monaseed, Ballyellis and Ballybeg. - (9)

Area No. 6 Gorey: Patrick Lawlor, Camolan.

Kilcomb, Kilnahue, Rosminogue, Huntingtown, Ballyoughter, Gorey Rural, Gorey Urban, Courtown and Ardamine (9).

Area No. 7 Gorey: Patrick Ryan, Newtown, Kilmuckridge.

Ballycanew, Ballygarrett, Killena, Monamolin, Wells, Killincooley, Ford, Cahore. (8).

Area No. 8 New Ross: John Flynn, Ballindoney, Ballywilliam

Barrack Village, Templeudigan, Clonleigh, Ballyanne, New Ross Urban, New Ross Rural, Whitemoor, Barronstown, Adamstown and Old Ross (10).

Area No. 9 New Ross: John Morrissey, Camross, Foulksmills

Oldcourt, Rochestown, Carnagh, Carrigbyrne, Kilgarvan, Whitechurch, Dunmain, Newbawn and Horetown. (9).

Area No. 10 New Ross: William Carty, Yoletown, Ballycullane.

Kilmokea, Killisk, Inch, Clongeen, Tintern, Rathroe, Ballyhack, Fethard, and Templetown. (9).

Area No. 11 Wexford: Edward Woods, Kingsford, Barntown.

Glynn, Kilbride, Killurin, Kilpatrick, Artramon, Ardavan, Ardcolm, Forth, Carrig, Taghmon and Whitechurch (Glynn). (11).

Area No. 12 Wexford: Patrick Rossiter, Slevoy, Foulksmills.

Ballymitty, Harristown, Bannow, Harpurstown, Duncormack, Aughwilliam, Kilcowan, ^{Killbeg}~~Killinick~~, Bridgetown, Newcastle and Rathaspeck. (11).

Area No. 13 Wexford: Dermot E. Druhan, Lady's Island, Broadway.

Wexford Rural, Wexford Urban, Drinagh, Rosslare, Killinick, Mayglass, Kilmore, Tomhaggard, Tacumshane, Kilscoran, St. Helen's and Lady's Island. (12)."

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

"That, as regards appointment of John Walsh, Kereight, No. 3 District, the County Council be recommended to inform him that if he does not show a substantial improvement over the number of cattle inspected under Warble Fly Order last season they will not continue his services as Inspector."

It was decided to communicate with Mr. David Creane, Ballyphilip, Kilmyshal, Clôhamon, who acted during last treatment period as Inspector in No. 1 Area that if he does not notify the County Council by the 10th instant he is prepared to act for the coming season, the position will be filled.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEME ROADS (RURAL) 1939/40

Under date 31st January, 1939, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RU/206/1) that subject to the necessary funds being provided by An Dail, a grant of £7,900, subject to a local contribution of £2,800 towards a Road Works Scheme estimated to cost £10,700 would be provided on the usual conditions.

The County Surveyor said amount referred to in Department's letter had been already provided for.

OBSTRUCTION TO SCENIC VIEWS

Under date 24th January, 1939, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RU/205/32.U) that with regard to the allocation of grants to meet the cost of removal of obstructions to scenic views £135 had been allocated to County Wexford by the Department for the two following works:-

(1) Remove existing mound and hedge, fence and replace with wire fence on Road T.8 in townland of Brownswood, to give view of River Slaney - £75.

(2) Remove trees adjoining road T.7 No. 12 in townland of Mountgarrett, to give view of river Nore. - £60.

The County Surveyor said these were the two works he had recommended to the Department.

STORE-KEEPER FOR MACHINERY YARD, ENNISCORTHY

Under date 23rd December 1938 the following letter was read from Mr. W. Murphy, Machinery Overseer:-

"In connection with the Machinery Yard, Enniscorthy, the amount and value of materials on hands and passing through takes up a large amount of valuable time on the Blacksmith, and very often when he is engaged at giving out and checking stores his helper is practically idle, and as well the records cannot be properly kept. Unless a change is made at the beginning of the New Year I cannot accept

responsibility for the stores or the records. I would suggest that a store-keeper be appointed who would also keep records of all materials, check invoices, time sheets, as well as making himself generally useful. Such a man could be got for considerably under the Blacksmith's wages, and the latter would not be interrupted in his work as he is at present."

The County Surveyor said that the question of keeping records would be only part of the duties of the new official. He would have a good deal of other duties to carry out. There was no question that owing to the large amount of machinery and stores it was very necessary to have someone to keep in close touch with all their equipment. If he (County Surveyor) were allowed to employ a man temporarily for a limited period he would see how the proposal would work out. The attendance of Mr. O'Kennedy at the Machinery Yard would cease in April and he (County Surveyor) would like to have someone appointed in the meantime. Of course, Mr. O'Kennedy's duties were confined to writing up and checking machinery records but the new man would have a great deal more to do as was pointed out in the application of the machinery overseer.

After discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That the County Council be recommended to make a temporary appointment to the position of store-keeper to the Machinery Yard for a period of three months, salary to be £2 per week, County Surveyor to draft list of duties."

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

"That the position of temporary store-keeper be filled through advertisement, canvassing to be regarded as a disqualification. Intending applicants to be furnished with Conditions of Appointment on application to the County

Surveyor's office. Period of employment to be as agreed to by the Finance Committee, viz:- a probationary term of three months."

PURCHASE OF NEW LORRY

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 1st February 1939 from the Machinery Overseer:-

"I seriously suggest that you should recommend the Council to change our present 15 cwt. Lorry for a new lorry capable of drawing $4\frac{1}{2}$ tons. My reasons for suggesting this are as follows:-

The Council now have 3 Air Compressor Drills; and we have secured suitable secondhand lorries on which we are about to mount two of those drills. It has been found impossible to secure a suitable lorry for the transport of the third drill, and even had it been possible to do so I would scarcely recommend that this drill should be permanently fixed up as a mobile unit. This drill will generally speaking only come in for occasional shifts, as most of our work will easily be covered by the first two drills. I estimate it would on the average only be necessary to shift the third drill about 12 times in the year.

We have been hiring lorries to shift those drills, and the average cost per shift works out at £3. The ordinary lorry is not fitted for, or heavy enough to do this work satisfactorily and the system has proved most unsatisfactory in another way, as we never can count on any local lorry owner being able to come on any particular day at a particular hour to shift our drills. Drill Operators, smiths, etc., have often been hanging about idle for a day or two waiting on such lorries on many occasions. Another point to consider is that unconsciously we have been getting lorry owners to haul our plant and their licences or insurance may not cover such work.

My suggestion to replace our 15 cwt. with a $4\frac{1}{2}$ ton lorry would obviate all those difficulties, and in addition, this lorry would turn in to do all the other work which is at present too heavy for our 15 cwt. lorry, viz., carrying two or more drums of oil and spare parts etc., to our various plants.

Another big economy which can be effected by purchasing a $4\frac{1}{2}$ ton lorry is that it would be available to haul gelignite to all our blasts. At present, this is costing an average of £100 per year at least.

Finally the lorry I suggest would be suitable, and in my opinion available for general haulage from quarries etc., on the average two days per week.

Here again such a lorry would be an economy as a railway owned vehicle of similar tonnage would cost £3 per day to hire.

From the forgoing I think you will admit the advisability of making the change which I suggest and in the best interests of the work I would ask you to support my recommendation."

The County Surveyor pointed out that in his opinion the proposal made by the Machinery Overseer would certainly make for improvement in road administration and he (County Surveyor) recommended absolutely the proposal to the meeting. They would sell the present lorry as they would not want it. He believed they should be able to purchase a new $4\frac{1}{2}$ Ton Ford lorry for between £390 and £425. He would be able to provide the cost out of the credit balance in the Machinery Account.

Mr. McCarthy proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That, in view of the recommendation of the County Surveyor, the County Council be recommended to procure a $4\frac{1}{2}$ Ton Ford lorry for road work, cost not to exceed £450.

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That this proposal (if necessary) receive the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

That the County Surveyor be empowered to dispose of the 15 cwt. lorry, the property of the Council."

CONDITION OF WEXFORD BRIDGE

The following letter under date 1st February 1939 from Mr. A. D. Delap, 16 Molesworth Street, Dublin (Consulting Engineer) to the County Surveyor relative to the state of Wexford Bridge was read:-

"In your last letter you mention that questions may be asked as to our reason for delay in getting on with this job, and you ask for our explanation.

The reason is that we have not been able yet to satisfy ourselves as to what is the best way of doing it. Each way we have tried we have been met with further evidences of the dangerous condition of the bridge, which makes it clear that the cost of what we had provisionally proposed would be prohibitive or would not give the service that would be reasonably required.

We have again and again been tempted to throw up our hand and say that the bridge cannot be repaired. No one who looked at what can be seen where the bridge is now open could think we were not right in doing so, but we still hope, with a little more time, to find some way by which at a reasonable cost the bridge can be made for a few more years to carry some light load. Nothing that we or anyone else can do, can keep the bridge standing for much longer, but we do not wish to insist on closing it completely - while there is any hope of giving it a year or two more useful life, even though the usefulness is very limited."

In reply to the Chairman the County Surveyor said that he could not estimate what it would cost to take out the ^{fe} bars and in addition there was more than a possibility of damaging the shoes when these were being taken out.

He had considered various proposals in regard to the repair of this bridge. Originally Mr. Delap was inclined to condemn the bridge out of hand but at the request of the Council considered the possibility of repair, but this would only be advisable if it could be carried out at a reasonable cost, and should be regarded only as a temporary measure to preserve the structure for a few years pending the erection of a new bridge. The original scheme of strengthening the pitch pine beams with longitudinal and cross steel girders was considered, but on going fully into this and after consultation with Mr. Courtney, Chief Roads Engineer, Department of Local Government and Public Health it was rejected, as unsuitable. The possibility then of lightening the super-structure by removing the cast-iron plates and road metalling was next dealt with. This would entail the replacement of a number of tie-bars and in addition a number of shoes and beams. Eventually this was decided upon as being a possible solution and the County Council adopted this scheme subject to approval of the Local Government Department. Mr. Courtney asked for a number of details of calculations and tests of materials etc. and the matter remained in abeyance while his request was being carried out. In the meanwhile he (County Surveyor) had taken steps to open the spans which were known to be defective and to remove the one broken tie rod. On still further examination he found that the difficulty of dealing with new tie-bars would render this scheme very uncertain of completion without greatly increased cost and would further possibly entail damage to the cast iron shoes and in his opinion would be costly, undesirable and uncertain. Recently Mr. Delap at his request came down and made a further thorough examination, having also the advantage of seeing the spans which had been opened up. In view of this they

were compelled to consider various alternative systems of repair.

(1) He suggested in the first instance a single line of traffic with a passing place in the centre. Mr. Delap went fully into this confining the single line to lorry traffic only. On further examination^{of} this suggestion ~~he~~ (County Surveyor) decided that a single line would be out of the question as there would be constant blocking of traffic and if they allowed horse vehicular traffic to take another section of the bridge it would be almost impossible to prevent lorries going on to it, with a certainty of serious damage to the structure if not collapse. He (County Surveyor) personally then considered

(2) the possibility of having two separate and independent lines for lorry traffic and he believed this was the proper solution. He made an approximate estimate of the cost of these two systems. The single line system would cost in or about £4,500 or ~~the~~ double line would cost in round figures £6000 or probably somewhat more. Of course these estimates are very much in excess of the original figure as approved by the Council at £2600. He was satisfied that under no circumstances should they continue with the £2600 proposal. As a matter of fact he regarded the proposal for a double line of traffic as the only possible solution of the problem as it would mean that practically no dependance would be placed on existing beams shoes or tie bars. If, however, on closer examination this proposal was not found really feasible he suggested the bridge should remain as it is and that immediate steps should be taken for the erection of a new bridge. As the situation presented itself to him it would be a mistake to proceed with the repairs already agreed to.

The Chairman said they did not appear to be any further

in this matter than they were six months ago. Suppose they asked Mr. Courtney or his Assistant, Mr. Bloomer, down and have a conference as to what was really the most advisable steps to take as regards repair of this bridge. If it was found necessary to spend £6000 on the bridge he could not recommend that any further sum than the amount already agreed to should be raised from the ratepayers. They expected that the Department would contribute 40% of the £2600 set aside for the repairs which would leave the contribution from the ratepayers at £1560. He favoured borrowing any balance required from their Treasurer and they would then have only to provide for the payment of the instalments. He did not understand the position of Mr. Delap in the matter at present. They had paid him 100 guineas for his report, and having received that it was not the intention of the County Council to go any further with him. After that, the matter of repair was one for the County Surveyor.

The County Surveyor said he would ask, in view of the difficulty of the position, that Mr. Delap's services should be retained for some time and until they were able to decide what was the best method of repair.

Mr. Murphy said that the report sent in by Mr. Delap appeared now to be worthless. After the report Mr. Delap could not do more for them than the County Surveyor.

The County Surveyor strongly urged the retention of the services of Mr. Delap for a somewhat longer period as the matter was so serious and of such magnitude. He (County Surveyor) had been greatly helped by the advice and discussions with Mr. Delap.

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

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"That the matter of the continued employment of Mr. Delap be referred to the County Council. The Finance Committee consider that his additional fee as Consulting Engineer should not exceed £50 in addition to the 100 guineas already allowed him for his report."

DRAIN AT BALLINAMONA, CAMOLIN

The following under date 19th January 1939 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 5th November last I wrote to Mrs. Lynch requiring her to clean up the Drain at Ballinamona within ten days from the receipt of my letter, and since then, I have heard nothing from her nor the County Surveyor, and am unable to say how the matter now stands."

KILMANNOCK DRAIN

The following, under date 19th January 1939, was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of yours of yesterday and in reply write to say, that on the 5th November last I wrote to Captain Henahan requiring him to remove the obstruction from the Drain, and I saw him a few days afterwards when he was discussing the matter with the County Surveyor, and I understood that the County Surveyor was to visit the Lands and point out to Captain Henahan what the Obstruction complained of was. Since then, I have heard nothing further in the matter."

CARNE ROAD

The following under date 24th January 1939 was read from Mr. S. B. Weldon, Carnsore, Broadway:-

"Is there any chance of getting something done in way of repair to the road coming from Main Road to end of The Pier at Carne."

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I kept it myself for a good many years and Mrs. Doyle helped after coming here.

Now, all the farmers are drawing seaweed over it as they claim it is a public road.

One or two people could not possibly repair it now.

I might mention I was talking to Mrs. Doyle this morning and she will make no objection."

It was decided to inform Mr. Weldon that the County Council had already decided they would take no responsibility beyond the end of the existing road.

ROAD CONNECTING TALBOT HALL WITH MAUDLINS

Under date 23rd January 1939 the following memorial signed by eleven ratepayers of the townland of Maudlins, Shallows Park and Ryleen (New Ross) as to the condition of above road was read:-

"We, the undersigned ratepayers, wish to bring to the attention of the Council the state of the road connecting Talbot Hall with Maudlins. This road is now in an impassable condition due to the middle of the road having been worn down to about fifteen inches below the level at the sides, thus causing considerable loss to those of us unable to transport beet, wheat etc. from our farms.

We ask that the simple rights of citizenship be extended to us, and we guarantee to give every opportunity for the drainage and upkeep of this road."

It was decided to adjourn consideration of the matter to next meeting of Finance Committee pending receipt of report from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor.

CONSIDERATION OF RATE ESTIMATE

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

"That the County Council be recommended to apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for his

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consent to extension of date for agreeing to Rate Estimate for General and Separate Charges for year 1939/40 from 1st March to 13th March 1939."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Application for committal of the following children to an Industrial School was referred to County Solicitor:-

Myles Acton, Forest Road, Gorey, born 26th August 1926

Elizabeth Mary Acton, " " " 12th Nov. 1929

John Acton, " " " 10th Sept. 1932

children of John and the late Mary Acton of above address. Application to be made under Childrens Act 1929 (No. 24 of 1929).

In connection with the application of Superintendent Ryan, Garda Siochana, Enniscorthy, as to the committal to an Industrial School of Margaret Mary Conway, John Street, Enniscorthy, seven years old, it was stated that the father, a mill worker at Messrs. Davis Flour Mills, Enniscorthy, had three other children. It was pointed out that the father in this case was in receipt of £3 or £4 wages per week and in the opinion of the Finance Committee should be in a position to support the child instead of having her sent to an Industrial School at the cost of the ratepayers.

It was decided that the County Solicitor should take what steps he considered most advisable in the matter, and that he should communicate with the Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Enniscorthy, and ascertain the amount of weekly wages of which Conway was in receipt.

APPLICATION INCREASED GRANT ST. KEVIN'S REFORMATORY SCHOOL, GLENCREE

An application was received from Rev. W. F. O'Connor, O.M.I., Manager, St. Kevin's Reformatory School, Glencree, for an increased capitation Grant. He pointed out that the institution was in a serious financial position. The Auditors of their accounts reported "The position indicated

is one of insolvency whereby the assets are insufficient to meet the obligations incurred and unless there are some means employed to introduce additional income or to drastically curtail expenditure there appears to be no prospect of continuing without each year adding to the present deficit".

The Departments of Education and Finance had increased their contribution to 10/- per week per boy and the City Manager in Dublin had agreed to an increase ~~to~~ 8/- per week per boy, increase to be retrospective from 1st April 1938. Fr. O'Connor asked that other Local Authorities would follow the example of Dublin.

In reply to the Chairman the Secretary said that the 3/- increase for the fourteen boys in the institution would cost £109. 4. Od. The present rate per week was 5/- for each boy.

The amount paid Reformatory and Industrial Schools for the past year was £3270.

It was decided to inform Fr. O'Connor that owing to the financial position of the County Council and the many heavy commitments they have to meet the Finance Committee could not see its way to recommend an increase in the capitation maintenance grant for Glencree Reformatory School.

ILLNESS OF CLERICAL ASSISTANT

At the meeting of Finance Committee on 20th January 1939 the following resolution had been adopted:-

"That the authorities of Peamount Sanatorium be requested to furnish fortnightly reports as to the progress of Mr. Stephen Hayes from the date he took up residence at the Sanatorium and to continue during the period of his illness."

The following under date 24th January 1939 was read

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from Dr. Alice Barry, Peamount Sanatorium:-

"Re Mr. Stephen Hayes. This man is not a patient at Peamount Sanatorium. I did examine a man of that name in December last, but though he was not fit for work he did not require Sanatorium treatment."

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That Dr. Alice Barry, R.M.S., Peamount Sanatorium, be requested to inform the Wexford County Council as to the disability or ailment from which Mr. Stephen Hayes, Clerical Assistant in County Council Office, suffered that necessitated sick leave for a period of three months.

That a similar query be addressed to Mr. Hayes."

MATTERS ADJOURNED

Consideration of applications for repair of the following lanes was adjourned to next Finance Committee meeting:-

Ballygarron Lane (Kilmuckridge).

Ballincash Lane.

Curracloe Roads.

Ballinacoolabeg Lane (Castlebridge)

Flooding between Camblin and New Ross.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 3rd February 1939 be received and considered."

POUNDAGE: Mr. M.Redmond proposed the confirmation of the recommendation of Finance Committee as regards the 3% defer.
Mr. Ronan seconded.
The resolution was adopted, Col. Quin dissenting.

POSITION OF COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH: On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan, the recommendations of the Finance Committee were agreed to except as regards the recommendation as to knowledge of Irish, in which case the words "A knowledge of Irish desirable but not essential" were approved.

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

"That, on receiving approval from the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to proposed salary and locomotion expenses the Statutory Request to the Local Appointments Commission be filled up in accordance with the recommendations of Finance Committee except the recommendation as to Irish which is to be in accordance with the resolution adopted at this meeting. That a conference be arranged between the County Council, County Health Board and County Medical Officer of Health (when appointed) to make arrangements as to his duties including (if necessary) any delegation from County Council to County Board of Health."

VALUATION BILL 1938: The following letter under date 11th February 1939 (F.79/1/38) was read from the Department of Finance:-

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VALUATION BILL 1938: The following letter under date 11th February 1939 (F.79/1/38) was read from the Department of Finance:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Finance to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 7th instant embodying the text of a resolution adopted by the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council at their meeting on the 3rd idem in connection with the provisions in the Valuation Bill prescribing the rates of contribution to be made by rating authorities towards the cost of revaluation and the subsequent annual revisions.

In reply, the Minister directs me to point out that the entire cost of the initial general revaluation carried out in the last century and, prior to 1874, one half the cost of the annual revisions fell upon the rating authorities. The Valuation (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1874, prescribed fixed annual sums to be paid by the respective rating authorities towards the cost of the annual revisions, the aggregate being intended to cover one half the entire cost. In fact, for years back it has not nearly sufficed. On the revaluation of the cities of Dublin and Waterford in 1908-15 and 1924-26, respectively, the rating authority bore one half the cost.

It is estimated that under the proposals in Sections 33 and 34 of the Bill the local contributions will cover less than one half the cost of revaluation and less than one half the cost of the annual revisions thereafter, the balance of the cost in each case falling to be met out of the Exchequer. In the circumstances, the Minister considers that the rates of contribution proposed in the Bill are not onerous on rating authorities, having regard to the advantages to them of having an up-to-date cadastre prepared and maintained for the levying of rates."

Under date 9th February 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Circ. letter No. 15/39) forwarding copies of Valuation Bill 1938 and explanatory memorandum for circulation to the Councillors.

The Secretary said the request had been carried out.

It was decided to adjourn further consideration of the matter including consideration of letter from Department of Finance to next meeting of the Council.

SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME: In connection with the case of Nicholas Victor Devereux, Trinity, Taghmon, the following under date 7th February 1939, was read from the mother of the applicant:-

"Yours of the 4th to hand. My standing salary is £258. 6. 0 with a varying capitation grant of 8/- per unit according to the attendance of pupils. This Grant on an average is £15 per annum. When calculating my husband's income for car hire I did not deduct tax and Insurance which is £18 plus £10 = £28. This leaves the total family income at £292."

No reply had been received from Mr. Ennis.

In the O'Gorman case the application has now been filled by the parents.

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

"That, in view of explanatory letter as to means from Mrs. Devereux we declare her son, Nicholas Victor Devereux, eligible to compete for award of Scholarship under Secondary and Vocational Scheme for 1939."

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

Under date 26th January 1939 the following letter (No. L.400-39) was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state, for the information of your Local Authority, that the above Order, as amended by the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) (Amendment) Order, 1936, will again come into operation on the 1st March next. Immediate action should, accordingly, be taken by the Local Authority in regard to the appointment of temporary Inspectors, and advertisements on the lines

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indicated in the enclosed extract from this Department's communication (E.9078/36) of the 18th December, 1936, should be issued forthwith. A copy of the advertisement should be forwarded to the Department in due course, and the names of the selected candidates, together with particulars of their proposed districts, should also be submitted, as early as possible, but in any event not later than the 25th proximo.

While there was a reduction in the number of infested animals, as a result of the operations of the Order during the 1938 season, the Minister is not satisfied that the manner in which the Order has been administered in the areas of the majority of the Local Authorities is such as will secure the eradication of the warble pest within a reasonable period. This is to be regretted, having regard to the widespread system of inspection and the wide publicity already given to the Order. It is evident, in the circumstances, that many stock-owners must be evading their obligations and that a more effective enforcement of the Order is called for. In this connection the Minister observes that the number of detention notices served during the past season was relatively small, and that legal proceedings were taken in only a few cases in respect of non-compliance with the requirements of the Order.

The attention of the Local Authority is directed to the fact that visits to stock-owners and the work generally of the Inspectors should not be allowed to develop into mere matters of routine as would appear to have been the case in a number of instances last year. It should be impressed upon stock-owners that the Order is being operated in their own interest, and in the interests of the country's valuable live stock export trade, and that, having regard to the importance of the Order, the Local Authority will not hesitate to take legal action in any reported case of failure to dress cattle in the prescribed manner and at the prescribed times.

The qualifications and general suitability of the candidates for appointment as temporary Inspectors should receive particular attention, as it is only from the Inspectors' efficiency and application to their duties that any real progress can be expected. It may be mentioned that the Minister found it necessary, last season to withdraw his approval of the employment of a number of the temporary Inspectors owing to their general incapacity and negligence, and he trusts that the need for any similar action on his part will not arise in the ensuing season.

The record of any applicant formerly employed as temporary Inspector should be carefully scrutinised and he should not be recommended for appointment if his previous service was not satisfactory in every respect.

In order to expedite the taking of disciplinary action in the case of any temporary Inspector, where such action appears to be immediately called for, it is suggested that the Chief Executive Officer of the Local Authority should have general authority to suspend such Inspector forthwith pending further investigation and a decision as to whether his appointment should be terminated.

Before being selected each candidate should be required to give the usual undertaking, viz., that he will devote his whole time to the work and not engage in any other business during his period of employment; that he will procure (if he does not already possess) a means of locomotion that will enable him to carry out his duties; that he will reside at or reasonably convenient to the centre of the district to which he may be assigned; and that he will not hold any agency for the sale on commission of any of the approved cattle wash preparations or engage in any other way, directly or indirectly, in the sale of these preparations.

I am to request that you will bring this communication before the Local Authority without delay, that you will

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inform the Department as to the date of the meeting at which it will be considered, and that you will duly furnish particulars of the action taken in the matter."

Under date 3rd February 1939 David Crean, Ballyphilip, Kilmyshal, Clohamon, wrote that he was prepared to discharge the duties of Warble Fly Inspector in No. 1 Area (District Electoral Divisions of Moyacomb, Kilrush, Buncloody, Castle-dockrell, St. Mary's, Tombrack, Kilbora, Ferns, Ballycarney and Ballymore) on the same terms and conditions as obtained in 1938.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Sweetman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That David Crean, Ballyphilip, Clohamon, be appointed Warble Fly Inspector for No. 1 Area on the same terms and conditions as obtained in 1938."

The Chairman said he had been informed by a cattle dealer in a big way of business that the Irish farmers were losing thousands of pounds by warbled hides and in their own interests they should make every effort to see their cattle were properly dressed. When the local authority paid Inspectors the farmers should co-operate. It was to their own loss if they did not. There was a deduction of 10/- per beast made for those affected with warbles. It had been suggested that farmers who neglected to dress their cattle should be prosecuted and although the Council would not desire to do this it would have to come if farmers did not carry out the order properly.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES - ROADS: The County Surveyor said there was a condition that 90 per cent of the money be spent before March 31st. Considering that they had to get material from a quarry five miles away, it was impossible to fulfil that condition, and he had pointed out that to the Department and he expected they would allow the work to proceed. Regarding

the money to be spent under the Unemployment Vote, he suggested the work done last year on the road between Kilmuckridge and Courtown be continued. It was only a third class road, but the traffic was as heavy as on a main road.

Mr. Corish urged that the Curracloe road should have attention.

The County Surveyor said it did not come in amongst the eligible townlands. There would be further expenditure on the road between Bridgetown and Kilmore.

Mr. Murphy asked what about Bridgetown streets.

Mr. Corish said these were in a shocking condition.

The County Surveyor said they could do something at Bridgetown but they would have to employ men from Kilmore. He was not in favour of doing anything at Bridgetown until the sewerage scheme was finished.

Mr. Corish said if the County Surveyor inquired from the Engineer to the Board of Health he would ascertain that the sewerage system at Bridgetown would interfere with the street to a very small extent.

Miss O'Ryan asked if the Duncormack roads in respect of which a deputation complaining of their condition, was recently before the County Council, could be improved.

The County Surveyor said that there should be at least 16 men unemployed in an electoral area before they could do anything.

It was decided that the County Surveyor submit a detailed report as to how he proposed to expend the money provided under the Scheme.

STOREKEEPER FOR MACHINERY YARD: The County Surveyor thought the best thing was to take on a man temporarily to see how he would go on, but the Finance Committee thought it better to advertise. The work was carried on by the blacksmith up to the present, but there was a tremendous amount of work

and stores in the yard and it was almost impossible to keep track of it, because the blacksmith would be away at other work. It had developed into a factory and there was no way at present of keeping time sheets to enable the work to be segregated so that the cost of every individual job could be charged up to it.

Col. Quin - Is it any more expense on the rates? Who will pay the £100 a year?

County Surveyor - The Road Works Scheme you have already passed will pay it. I'd ask you to allow me to appoint the temporary man.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. T. Redmond seconded that the County Surveyor be empowered to employ a temporary man.

Mr. McCarthy said that would not be fair, because a temporary man would have an undue preference over the other applicants who reply to the advertisement and it would be nonsensical to advertise. The fairest thing to do was to advertise the job at the start.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was agreed to.

The County Surveyor said the proposal would really save money to the Council.

PROPOSED PURCHASE OF LORRY: The County Surveyor stated he had been inquiring into the purchase of a Ford lorry and found their heaviest weight would not be equal to the work. In consequence, the allocation by the Finance Committee would not be sufficient. The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. T. Redmond:-

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to purchase a suitable 4½ Ton lorry, cost not to exceed £550."

WEXFORD BRIDGE: The following under date 9th February 1939 was read from Mr. Alfred D. Delap, Consulting Engineer (Delap & Waller, 16 Molesworth Street, Dublin):-

"We reported on this bridge on 9th May 1938 and again in June, on the under water parts of the structure. We found that the bridge was unsafe for the restricted load it was then carrying, and we asked for still further limitations, viz:- to one ton on two wheels, two tons on four wheels, both at a walking pace.

Since then we have been trying to find some way by which the bridge could be made fit to carry reasonable loads for a limited time, and have to this end been making further investigations into its condition. All we have seen confirms our original report that the bridge is in a very dangerous condition and unfit to carry any traffic, except very light loads at very low speeds.

We have examined many possible ways of making the bridge fit to carry reasonable loads at limited speeds for a few more years: most of these we have had to reject on account of the cost or because they stressed the structure beyond what we now know it can safely bear. We cannot for any reason consider ways that we feel are unsafe, but we submit one plan which will be reasonably safe, and we leave it to your Council to consider whether the estimated cost of this is justifiable in view of the inevitable early end of its useful life and of the restrictions on the traffic which must be applied so long as it is used.

The proposal which we now submit involves the lightening of the dead load on the bridge, by the removal of most of the cast iron floor plates and of the road material, and replacing them with a timber deck. The main bearers are in such a condition that they must not be asked to take any wheel load at all, we do not want to disturb them as any movement may destroy their sole useful function of stiffening

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the bridge.

To carry the wheeled traffic, we propose to introduce two new timber trussed beams under each of the two motor tracks: that is, four new trussed beams for the whole length of the bridge, and to leave the existing bearers as they are at present, only doing sufficient work on them to keep them from falling down under their own weight.

We considered using steel beams instead of timber, and found that of the two the timber, at present prices, worked out the cheaper and besides the increased cost of the steel beams it was found very difficult to fasten down the timber deck satisfactorily. Other difficulties arose in every attempt to combine steel and timber beams.

As regards cost. We can estimate the cost of all the new work and have done so, but though we have, in view of the inevitably short remaining life of the bridge, cut down all renewals and repairs, we must include substantial sums for absolutely necessary renewals and repairs which will only become obvious as the removal of the superstructure progresses.

It has become quite clear that the remaining life of this bridge must be short, it cannot possibly be more than a few costly years. It is for the Council to decide whether the advantages of what we propose are worth the cost or whether it would be better to close the bridge forthwith to all wheeled traffic, pending a decision on the question of a new bridge.

If a new bridge is to be built, its site will have to be decided on and a temporary bridge provided. The proposal we have put before you would enable the present bridge to deal with traffic during this period.

We estimate the cost of our proposal at £7,403. 0. 0, and we attach a plan showing details."

In reply to Miss O'Ryan the County Surveyor said that a new temporary bridge would cost between £10,000 and £15000.

The Chairman pointed out that as a new bridge would take five or six years to build it was necessary to have a temporary bridge in the meantime, either by repairing the existing structure or by erection of a new temporary bridge. He believed it would be much cheaper to repair the present bridge by spending £7,400 which, according to the reports of their engineers would give it a life of five or six years.

The County Surveyor said one of the first things to be done was to select a site for the new bridge if the Council decided upon building one.

Miss O'Ryan said it was stated at last meeting that before they could decide upon building a new bridge, certain inquiries would have to be made regarding the site opposite the old courthouse which was favoured by some people. The rights of the Railway Company, Harbour Commissioners and Corporation would have to be inquired into.

Mr. McCarthy said he had proposed that the erection of a new bridge be adjourned for 12 months, but he now felt that he would have to revise his view after considering the reports of County Surveyor and Mr. Delap. He wished to know how far they could carry on with the repairs to old bridge at the cost of £2600, already agreed to, if they decided in the very near future to erect a new bridge.

The County Surveyor was against carrying on the repair work covered by the £2600. In the first place he believed the amount would not be at all sufficient to cover what might be revealed when the bridge was stripped. It was more than possible they would have to remove a number of the tie-bars which would cause damage to the shoes. In fact, in his opinion, the work would be so expensive and uncertain he could not advise the Council to direct him to undertake it. He had considered the position with Mr. Delap, and his

partner, Major Waller and Captain Harvey, engineer on the bridge and the proposals now submitted were the result of two full days' consultations and examination of the position. What they proposed was to keep the bridge open until the new one was erected, and this was as far as they could go.

Mr. Corish held it was absolutely essential for the town of Wexford that the bridge should be kept open.

The County Surveyor said that a new bridge on approximately the present site would probably have to be alongside the old one, down stream. If they had a new bridge in contemplation on exactly the present site, they would have to build a temporary bridge alongside which would cost anything up to £12,000 or £15,000. If the present bridge were used as a temporary bridge while they were building a new one alongside it, he thought the one difficulty about that would be the crossing at the Wexford side, because they would have to build a new bridge over the railway. Of course, if they decided that the new bridge should be on the site of the old Wexford bridge, opposite the old courthouse, the present bridge would fit in perfectly as a temporary bridge.

The Chairman said it would be a big problem to decide where to put a new bridge. He could see the Harbour Board, Railway Company and the Corporation involved, and it was quite a possibility that the way out of that - supposing they decided to build a bridge at the old courthouse - would be an Act through the Dail. That was a possibility, but as the procedure was very slow ~~so~~ he was afraid that they would have to repair the old bridge. The only thing they wanted to be clear on was if, supposing the Council decided to build on the existing site, the existing bridge would have to be removed before the new bridge would be built.

The County Surveyor said if they selected the site for the new bridge on the existing site or beside it they would

have to rebuild the railway bridge to meet the Ministry of Transport loading. This would be costly but not so expensive as the erection of a new temporary bridge.

In reply to Mr. O'Byrne, the County Surveyor said the Council had not received the approval of the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to the proposed repair on the £2,600 basis. Mr. Courtney, Chief Roads Engineer to the Department, had inspected the bridge and has required particulars and calculations etc. from Mr. Delap. In the meantime, the bridge was opened and it was found much worse than they thought.

The Chairman pointed out that the Department of Local Government and Public Health would not initiate anything as regards the repair of the bridge but they would examine, criticise and advise any proposals put up by the Council.

Mr. Corish said that the report presented to them left Wexford in an unenviable and precarious position. It was the duty of the Council to do something about this matter now. In view of the position he considered inquiries covering the preliminaries necessary regarding the new bridge should be made without delay and at last meeting he had asked that these inquiries should be made.

In reply to Mr. Sweetman the County Surveyor said if Wexford bridge was closed the detour by Ferrycarrig from Castlebridge would mean an extra four miles over the existing route.

Mr. Sweetman said this meant hardship to the local people but was not of much concern to motorists.

Col. Quin said that most of the Council were satisfied that a new bridge would have to be built and they should face their responsibilities in the matter.

Miss O'Ryan said that at the previous meeting she had expressed herself in favour of the erection of a new bridge. But, it was perfectly natural for the members that they

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should consider whether the estimate of the County Surveyor at £2,600 would give a life of from three to five years to the existing structure in order to allow time to consider the erection of a new bridge. They were receiving different opinions as to the site of this new bridge from shopkeepers on the Quay and Main Street. It would be recognised that it was a matter which required very careful consideration.

The County Surveyor said that at the present time they had several spans of the bridge blocked off at one side, and in fact in regard to some of them it was doubtful if they should not close the whole span. Since he started opening up the bridge they had closed, partially, two other spans. They had, of course, a limitation of speed, but unless they had a man there with a machine gun they could not stop it.

Mr. Doyle said that at the last meeting he opposed the building of a new bridge, because the report of the engineers gave him the impression that they might get useful service out of the bridge for seven or eight years. Everyone was aware of the condition of the market in regard to timber, steel, etc. They were up against re-armament and world buyers. If they postponed the building of a bridge for four or five years they might save 40 or 50 per cent.

The County Surveyor said that under the system now proposed new trusses would be under the wheels of traffic and there would be two separate independent lines fenced off between. These trusses would really take the load.

Miss O'Ryan favoured the holding of a special meeting to decide the site of a new bridge. If they were going to utilise the existing structure as a temporary bridge, the cost of rebuilding the railway bridge and of any arrangements which might be necessary with other interests that might be involved would have to be considered in great detail.

The Chairman believed the inquiries referred to by Miss O'Ryan would take twelve months.

Miss O'Ryan said she was going to mention 14 days.

Mr. T. Redmond said he had voted against the proposal to adjourn consideration of erection of new bridge for twelve months because he believed a new bridge was absolutely necessary and there was certainly no doubt that a new bridge would have to be built within a very short period.

It would, in his opinion, take three or four years before the bridge would be completed. The present traffic into Wexford might be diverted to the detriment of the town if people had to go around by Ferrycarrig. They should decide at once upon the erection of a new bridge and carry out such repairs to the old one that would make it in the meantime fit for traffic.

Mr. Corish believed they had arrived at the stage when they should direct their engineers and officials to report as to the best site and to get in touch with the various interests concerned in order to ascertain the exact position as to the erection of new bridge, either on the present site or on the site beside the old courthouse.

Col. Quin said it was clear steps would have to be taken to strengthen the present bridge in the manner suggested by the Engineers. If they used the present bridge as a temporary bridge and decided to erect a new bridge parallel to it they could by a slight diversion avoid the reconstruction of the railway bridge, as it need not be interfered with.

Mr. Culleton held that the previous recommendations of the County Surveyor and Mr. Delap for a new bridge had been repudiated by the Council. He supported the building of a new bridge at Wexford in 1920 and in his opinion a good deal of the money necessary for the erection of that new bridge had been spent in the meantime patching the old one.

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The Chairman proposed the following resolution:-

"That repairs to Wexford Bridge in accordance with reports of County Surveyor and Mr. Delap, Consulting Engineer, at a cost of £7,043, be proceeded with.

That the equivalent of a rate of $2\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £ on the County be allocated for this expenditure, provided 40% maintenance grant be forthcoming from the Government.

That our Secretary communicate with the Department of Local Government and Public Health and explain the position to them and ascertain if they are prepared to put up the 40% in question."

The Chairman, in moving this, pointed out that if the money was borrowed no State Grant would be available as he had already mentioned.

Col. Quin seconded the motion which was adopted without dissent.

In reply to Councillors, Mr. Delap (who was present) said he had referred to only two or three points. One was that in the proposal now before the Council they (engineers) had provided for Douglas fir instead of pitch pine. Pitch pine was almost unprocurable, and Douglas fir could be got for something like half the money, but it would not last. For the first three years it was as good as pitch pine, but after three years it deteriorated very rapidly, and could not be counted on lasting more than five years. Continuing Mr. Delap said it would take about five years before the new bridge could be erected. However, before coming to any decision on the exact site they should have full and complete information as regards the two sites which had been referred to. If the existing site was used they should decide whether the new structure would be on the exact situation or immediately parallel to it.

The County Surveyor, having referred to the detailed examination which he had made in 1913 of every span of the

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bridge, said the timbers which were then found satisfactory were now defective. In fact, the more they opened the bridge the less they thought about it from the point of view of bearing traffic.

Mr. Corish stressed his point as to the County Council officials getting in touch with the Railway Company and all others who would be interested in the erection of a new bridge at the old Courthouse site, to ascertain their views.

The Chairman said he would expect that at the next meeting of the Council they would have a report from the County Surveyor as to the site of the new bridge, and as to what would be involved in the reconstruction of the railway bridge if a new bridge was erected on the site of the present bridge or parallel thereto. Also as to the old Courthouse site.

Mr. Corish said that in view of the fact that the public had the right of usage over the railway tracks at the old bridge site opposite the Old Courthouse, he believed the Council should ask their Solicitor (Mr. Elgee) to ascertain what their exact position was. Carts and lorries were going over these tracks every day drawing sand and various other materials.

The County Surveyor said in regard to the selection of a site in addition to the legal question there was also the question of comparative cost. In his opinion, borings would have to be made at both proposed sites.

x Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Murphy seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That we request our Solicitor to ascertain what exactly would be the position of the County Council as regards the rights of the Railway Company and all other interests concerned relative to the proposal to

- (1) Erect new bridge on the present site or parallel to it
- (2) Erect new bridge on the old Courthouse site."

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Mr. Corish said that in view of the alarming report of the engineers as regards the condition of Wexford Bridge he would move at next meeting that Standing Orders be suspended to enable him to propose that the Council take steps to erect a new bridge on a site to be determined later, and when the Council were in full possession of all possible information as regards the rights of all parties concerned.

CARNE ROAD: The County Surveyor said that the County Council could not legally spend any money on this road; they had no responsibility in the matter.

Mr. Doyle said it would be a great convenience to a large number of people if it could be put in repair.

TALBOT HALL ROAD AND MAUDLINS: Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said this was a fourth class road and was not in a very bad condition. The local people wished to have it steamrolled.

Mr. T. Redmond said that the road was used by 7 or 8 farmers; it was always bad as not much attention had been given to it. It was always "in a bog" as the centre had sunk and there was usually six or eight inches of mud on it.

The County Surveyor said it was a question of money pure and simple.

Mr. Walsh said that a very small amount would improve it.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Walsh seconded a resolution that the County Surveyor take the necessary steps to provide some extra material for this road.

This proposal was adopted.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION - MARGARET MARY CONWAY: The following under date 7th February was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"As instructed, I have now ascertained that at the Enniscorthy District Court on the 2nd instant, the above-

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named Margaret Mary Conway was committed to St. Aidan's Industrial School, New Ross, and an Order was made for the payment by her Father of 1/- per week. Conway is earning, as I am informed, £2. 7. 0 per week, and he has three children in addition to Margaret Mary."

Miss O'Ryan said that Conway's circumstances should be brought to the notice of the proper authorities. They could not consider that Conway was not in a position to support his child.

In reply to Mr. O'Byrne, Mr. Elgee said that he did not appear at the hearing of the application to commit the child in this case.

Mr. O'Byrne said the case should not be allowed to go by default and the District Justice should be put in possession of the facts.

Mr. McCarthy considered it most unfair to the County Council that they should be responsible for the maintenance of the child in this case.

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

"That Mr. Elgee (County Solicitor) take the necessary steps to have a re-hearing in the case of Margaret Mary Conway, John Street, Enniscorthy, committed to New Ross Industrial School, on the ground of the father's means."

The Chairman said that he was aware that in three cases in his district when the mothers died the people of the district were in favour of getting the children away and in this way the father was relieved of responsibility.

Miss O'Ryan said that every application should be closely scrutinised and information as to the means of parents and guardians obtained and brought to the notice of the District Justice.

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SICK LEAVE, MR. HAYES, CLERICAL ASSISTANT: The following under date 8th February 1939 was read from Dr. Alice Barry, R.M.S., Peamount Sanatorium:-

"This man, when seen by me in December, had mild pleurisy and a latent Tubercular lesion. His general condition was anaemic and there was a danger of the latent lesion becoming an active Pul. Tuberculosis."

The following translation of letter, written by Mr. Hayes in Irish and under date 11th February 1939, was read:-

"If I knew what was wrong with me, I would not have found it necessary to see a doctor. The best thing for you to do to get information about my illness is to ask the doctor who is in charge yourself."

The Chairman said that when the Council agreed to give Mr. Hayes three months' sick leave they were under the impression he was in hospital. The County Board of Health required fortnightly certificates from any of their staff absent through illness.

After further discussion the Chairman proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded a resolution directing Mr. Hayes to submit fortnightly medical certificate during the balance of his sick leave.

Passed.

On the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Corish, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 3rd February 1939 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."

RESIGNATION OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The following, under date 12th February 1939 was read from Mr. John Connors, County Councillor:-

"I beg to tender my resignation as a member of your Council as I cannot give the time to attend meetings. I wish to thank all the members for the good spirit of friendship that always prevailed. Also, Mr. Frizelle and Mr. Barry who did their best at all times to please everybody.

Wishing your Council every success."

On the proposition of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Colfer, the resignation was accepted with regret and Mr. O'Byrne gave notice that a successor to Mr. Connors be co-opted at the next meeting.

APPLICATION FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS' UNION -
SALARIES OF ASSISTANT SURVEYORS

Under date 7th February 1939, the following was received from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union (Wexford Branch) on behalf of the four Assistant Surveyors Messrs: Birthistle, Cullen, Ennis and O'Neill, to have their salaries placed on an incremental basis:-

"On the 12th October, 1936, this Branch of the Local Government Officials' Union put in an application on behalf of four District Surveyors to have their salaries placed on an incremental basis.

The Surveyors are definitely paid the lowest salaries of any Surveyors in the country. Moreover, not alone are the commencing salaries in other Counties higher than the present fixed salaries in County Wexford, but, in most of the other Counties they increase by yearly increments of £10 to £15, to a maximum of £400.

It may be pointed out that the Wexford Roads are among the most difficult to maintain on account of its being such an intensive tillage county.

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The Surveyors concerned are naturally not satisfied to remain the lowest paid of their class in the country, and now ask the Council to accede to their request for increments of £15 per annum to a maximum of £400.

There has been some suggestion for combined services in this County but it would now appear that any such scheme would not be feasible or satisfactory for many years to come.

It is consequently respectfully requested that this application be now definitely dealt with. Their salaries are £275 per annum with no increments and the average length of service of the four men concerned would be eighteen years."

Mr. Kelly said he would give notice of motion to move at next meeting of County Council that the request of the Assistant Surveyors to have their salaries placed on an incremental basis, be acceded to.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said what the Surveyors desired was that a small committee of the Council would be appointed to consider their applications. They were the worst paid Assistant Surveyors in Eire. The following committee were then appointed to meet the Surveyors and report to County Council at first available meeting:-

Messrs. Bowe, Culleton, R. Doyle, ~~McCarthy~~, M. Redmond, F. T. Redmond and J. E. Walsh, to meet after next meeting of County Council and submit report.

GOREY TENDERS COMMITTEE

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Kelly, the following minutes of Gorey Tenders Committee were confirmed:-

GOREY TENDERS COMMITTEE

Meeting of Gorey Tenders Committee was held in Gorey Courthouse on 11th February 1939.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, T.D. (Chairman County Council) who presided. Also, Messrs. W. P. Keegan, Sean O'Byrne and Myles Smyth.

The County Secretary, County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors R.J. Ennis and T. Treanor were also in attendance.

The following Road Contracts were accepted. Period from 1st April 1939 to 31st March 1942:-

87. Amount allowed £10.

Abraham Storey, Croghan, Inch, who gave as his Sureties, James Graham, Croghan, Inch, and Andrew Kinsella, Croghan, Inch, tendered at £10 and was accepted.

This was the only tender.

1021. Amount allowed £15.

Andrew McCann, Moteybower, Carnew, who gave as his Sureties, John Sunderland, Baltyfarrell and Thomas O'Loughlin Knock Brandon, tendered at £15 and was accepted.

This was the only tender.

101. Amount allowed £20.

James Farrell, Kilmichael, Arklow, who gave as his Sureties, Patrick Kavanagh, Cloneranny and James Tackaberry, Killowen, tendered at £20. As tender was not signed by Contractor the work was given in charge of County Surveyor.

102. Amount allowed £21.

James Farrell, Kilmichael, Arklow, who gave same Sureties as for No. 101, tendered at £20. 10. 0. As tender was not signed by Contractor the work was given in charge of County Surveyor.

104. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

108. Amount allowed £30.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

124. Amount allowed £16.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor,

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125. Amount allowed £12.

A Edward Savage, Gorey Hill, Gorey, who gave as his Sureties, Francis Carty, Coolnastud, and James Hempenstall, Main Street, Gorey, tendered at £12 and was accepted.

126. Amount allowed £20.

n Edward Savage, Gorey Hill, Gorey, who gave same Sureties as for No. 125, tendered at £20 and was accepted.

This was the only tender.

127. Amount allowed £20.

Patrick Kinsella, Ramsfort Park, Gorey, who gave as his Sureties James Hempenstall, Main Street, Gorey and Daniel Kinsella, Knockavota, tendered at £20. As Contractor was not in attendance work was given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

142. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

1015. Amount allowed £12.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

184. Amount allowed £14.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

185. Amount allowed £9.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

186. Amount allowed £14.

ll John Donohue, Ballyconran, Craanford, who gave as his Sureties, Patrick Donohue, Ballyconran, Craanford and Michael Nolan, Ballyconran, Craanford, tendered at £14 and was accepted.

333. Amount allowed £25.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

There was no competition for Road Contracts and all tenders submitted were at figures allowed by County Surveyor.

Haulage: A number of Contractors for Haulage were accepted the lowest suitable quotation in each case being taken.

In some instances in which the meeting considered the quotations too high the work was given in charge of the

LOAN COOLGREANY SEWERAGE SCHEME

The following motion (copy of which was circulated to the members of the County Council on 4th January 1939,) stood in the name of the Chairman:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at meeting of Wexford County Council to be held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on Monday, 13th February 1939, at 10.30 a.m.:— That the Wexford County Council consent to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of £2,900 (Two Thousand Nine Hundred Pounds) for the purpose of installing a sewerage scheme at Coolgreany."

In moving his motion Mr. Allen pointed out that 10 years ago a water supply had been installed in Coolgreany. In this village there was a new school, doctor's residence, three shops, Garda barracks and some private houses. The population was 200, and it was essentially necessary that a sewerage scheme should be provided for them.

Mr. Corish seconded the motion, which was adopted nem. con.

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' PENSIONS ACT 1936

Under date 1st February 1939, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (National Health Insurance Section) wrote (A.1227/1939) in connection with the nomination of four delegates nominated by County Council and County Borough Councils to vote for the election of five members of the Committee of Management of the National Health Insurance Society.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Colfer, that consideration of selection of delegates be dealt with at March meeting of the Council.

AUDITORS REPORT MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

Under date 20th January 1939, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (A.31411/38) forwarding copy of Auditor's report of the Audit of Accounts of the Enniscorthy District Mental Hospital Committee for two half years ended 30th September last. Attested copies of the Abstracts were also furnished.

It was decided to refer the report to the Mental Hospital Committee.

ANNUAL ESTIMATE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Under date 10th January 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.72/39(F) Loch Garman) forwarding copy of letter to the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance, assenting to the consideration of their annual estimates and demand for next financial year being considered at meeting of the Board on 16th January 1939.

ANALYST'S REPORT - DECEMBER 1938 QUARTER

According to report submitted by the County Analyst in respect of above quarter, the following analyses had been carried out:- Foods 256; Drugs 70; Waters 3. Total 329. Number adulterated were one whole milk and one butter, also one water had been condemned.

SALE OF HOUSE - SEALING OF DEED

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Keegan and adopted:-

"That the Seal of the County Council be affixed to the Deed of Transfer and Release made between Patrick Fanning, Moneycross, Gorey, of the 1st part, The County Council of the County of Wexford of the 2nd Part, Laurence Darcy of the 3rd part, and Robert Fitzsimons of the 4th part of Part of the Lands of Moneycross Upper, on part of which said Lands the County Council hold a Charge for the sum of £100

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advanced by them to the said Patrick Fanning under the provisions of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, and the balance of which said Loan amounting to the sum of £96. 13. 9 is now to be paid off to the Council out of the proceeds of the sale of the said Lands."

FLOODING AT ORRISTOWN AND RATHMACKNEE

In connection with the appointment of Committee at County Council meeting in January 1939 to inspect and report re flooding at above, Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said that application had been made to have the flooding obviated under a Minor Relief Scheme grant. There was, accordingly, no necessity for a Committee to meet as nothing further could be done in the matter.

KILMACREE FLOODING

Mr. Sean Murphy said he had brought before the Finance Committee over two months ago the question of the flooding of cottage of Patrick Whelan, Kilmacree. It was flooded, owing to defective water table and nothing had been done in the meantime.

The County Surveyor said he had visited the place with Mr. Carson, Health Board Engineer, and pipes would be put in to remedy it. He believed it was a matter for the County Board of Health.

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

"That the County Surveyor submit to Finance Committee a detailed written report as to the steps taken to obviate the flooding at the cottage of Patrick Whelan, Kilmacree.

LICENCES POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT 1908

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem. con.:-

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

New Licences:

Nicholas Culleton, Shelbourne Co-operative Society,
Campile.

Patrick Prendergast, Haggard, Ramsgrange.

Renewals of Licences:

Nicholas Mernagh, Rathnure, Enniscorthy.

William Hogan, Fethard-on-Sea.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Kelly,
seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:-

"That the several proposals for payment submitted to
this meeting (including payments to Road Contractors certi-
fied by County Surveyor on Form 22) be and the same are
hereby agreed to and we direct that Pay Orders in respect
of same issue from this meeting."

D. Kelly

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