

Special Meeting — 12th February 1907

A Special meeting of the County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse Wexford on 12th Feb'y 07.
 Present: messrs M. A. Ennis, Vice Chairman (presiding) Other members: messrs John Bolger, St Kinsella, J. E. Mayler, M. Browne, E. Store, C. H. Peacocke, M. Doyle, James Donohoe, John Sinnott, Mark Lodd, James Sinnott, John Cummins, D. Dempsey and J. Bolger. The County Secretary, the County Surveyor, and Mr. John Elgee, Solicitor, were in attendance.

The Rates

Mr. Store proposed, Mr. Peacocke seconded, and it was passed "That we hereby adopt the estimate of our Secretary for Rates for General and Separate Charges for the financial 1907-8 (as already adopted by the Finance Committee) and determine the rates in the £ to be levied off the several Rural Districts of the County for general Rates as follows:—

	<u>Land</u>	<u>Other Hereditaments</u>
Enniscorthy.	2:5 ⁵	4:2 ⁵
Gorey.	2:2	2:6
New Ross.	2:10	4:7
Wexford.	1:11	3:6

And we further determine the amounts to be demanded from the Urban Districts of the County as follows:—

Enniscorthy	£1020	14	1
New Ross	1176	3	3
Wexford	1716	6	7

Resolution from Cork Council.

In connection with a resolution received from Cork County Council re evicted tenants, the following were read ~~from~~ the meeting:— under date 11th February '07 from Clerk of the Enniscorthy Union:—

"The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Guardians on Thursday last on the motion of Mr. J. Sinnott, seconded by Mr. J. Lynch:— That we the Enniscorthy Board of Guardians, condemn the action of the County Council for passing at their last meeting

the notorious cork resolution, and that we call on the county councillors representing the Divisions in our District to attend the special meeting of the Council on Tuesday next and support the motion of Mr. J. Donohoe to have this resolution rescinded, and thus save the honour and good name of the county."

Under date 11th February 1907, the following was received from the Clerk of the Gorey District Council:-

At the meeting of the Gorey Rural District Council held on the 9th inst., it was proposed by Mr Lyons, seconded by Mr. P Walsh and passed unanimously:-

"That we disapprove of the action of the county Council in passing the notorious cork resolution at its last meeting, and call on the county councillors in our divisions to vote for its rescinding at the meeting to be held on Tuesday."

Mr. Donohoe moved:- "That the Resolutions adopting the Resolutions received from the Cork County Council, nominally dealing with the present position of the Evicted Tenants, but in reality attacking the Irish Parliamentary Party, be rescinded."

Mr Ennis seconded.

A poll was taken with the following results:-

For rescinding the resolution:- Messrs John Bolger, Kinsella, Mayler, Store, Ennis, Peacocks, Donohoe, John Sinnott, Jas Sinnott, M Coad, and J Bolger - 11.

Against:- Messrs Browne, Fummins, and Dempsey - 3.
Did not vote - Mr M Doyle - 1.

The Chairman declared Mr. Donohoe's motion carried.

Mr. Donohoe proposed and Mr. J Bolger seconded the suspension of standing orders to enable a further resolution to be moved:- A Poll was taken with the following result:- For suspending the standing orders:- Messrs John Bolger, Kinsella, Mayler, Ennis, Peacocks, Donohoe, John Sinnott, M Coad, James Sinnott, J Bolger, and M. Doyle - 11.

Against:- Messrs Browne, Store and Fummins - 3.

The Chairman then declared the standing orders suspended.

Proposed by Mr. Donohoe, seconded by Mr. Kinsella, and passed unanimously:- Resolved:- That we the County Council of Wexford recognising that in the power and unity of the Irish Parliamentary Party alone rests

the sole hope of obtaining from the British Government the reforms necessary to the good government of our country, the final solution of the land question by compulsory purchase, the reinstatement of the evicted tenants, and financial justice. We therefore pledge them our moral and material support and our determination to resist and denounce factionists, and factionism on every necessary occasion, as inimical to the best interests of the country. Copies of this resolution to be sent to Mr. J. B. Redmond M.P. Mr. Dillon M.P. and the county members

Proposals for Payment.

Proposed by the Chairman:— That the Proposals for payment formulated by the Proposal Committee be adopted subject to the orders noted thereon and intimated by the Chairman.

Passed

Scholarships.

On the motion of the Chairman the standing orders were suspended to enable him to move the following resolution which was adopted nem. con:—

That in view of the promised Government Bill on the subject of University Education in Ireland, this Council requests His Majesty's Government to take into consideration steps for enabling local authorities (within the area administered by them) to place higher education within the reach of children of persons of slender means, by providing, both independently and in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, scholarships, (awarded through competitive examinations) tenable in an institution of university standing. That this purpose can be achieved either by direct provision in the forthcoming Bill or by amendment of the Technical Instruction Acts of 1889, 1891, and 1899

That as the Wexford County Council has already, by resolution, agreed to provide students of this County with scholarships limited to the subjects specified in the Technical Instruction Acts 1889 and 1891, which are insufficient to qualify students for matriculation in an University, we request the Right Hon. A. Burrell M.P. Chief Secretary

for Ireland, to receive a small deputation which would place before him in detail the views of the Wexford county council on this important subject.

That Sir J. H. G. Eamonde (Chairman of the council) and Messrs Ennis, Donohoe, and Peacocke, be appointed the deputation for this purpose, and that the Chief Secretary be requested to receive them at an early date.

W Ennis

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