

Special Meeting - 14th October 1904.

A special meeting of the County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 14th October 1904.

Present :- Sir J. H. G. Esmonde, Bart. M.P. Chm (presiding)
Other members :- Messrs C. A. Peacocke, M. A. Ennis, J. J. Kehoe, D. Dempsey, M. Murphy, J. A. Doyle, James Donohoe, J. Bolger, John Cummins, Edmond Hore, M. Browne, M. J. Furlong, and J. F. Walsh.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, and the Solicitor to the Council, were also present.

Change of date of Statutable Meeting.

The Chairman moved :- That the standing order of the County Council, dealing with dates of statutory meetings be suspended, and that it be hereby resolved that the next statutable meeting of the Council, be held on November 3rd at 1.30 p.m. instead of November 1st, the date fixed by Standing Order, owing to the fact that the first of November will be a Catholic holiday of obligation. Mr Hore seconded the resolution which was passed.

Proposed Marine Works Bill for S. E. Coast of Ireland.

Mr Peacocke moved the following which was seconded by Mr Cummins :- That the Council confirm the following resolution which has been adopted at a conference of the representatives of the County Councils of Dublin, Wicklow, Waterford, and Wexford, on the question of the necessity of a Marine Works Bill for the east coast of Ireland :- "That this meeting of delegates representing the County Councils of the maritime counties of Wicklow, Dublin, Waterford, and Wexford, views with alarm the condition of the fishing industry on the south-eastern coast, an industry which is gradually disappearing owing to the inadequacy of the

harbour accommodation along that coast, and the complete indifference shown to this important question by successive Governments, and with a view to preventing the decay of the industry and the further emigration of our fishing population - now reduced by thousands within the past few years - we call on the Government, to pass a Marine Works Act, suitable to the south-eastern coast, and to pass this, with all possible expedition; otherwise it will be too late to prevent the ruin of our fishermen. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Chief Secretary for Ireland, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the Prime Minister. The motion was put and passed unanimously.

— Payment of Poundage fees —

Under date 12th inst., a letter was received from Mr. J. J. Sullivan, Rate Collector, asking the Co. Council to allow him his poundage fees, altho' he did not close his collection, until Oct. 3rd as he was late at the Bank through an oversight.

Under date 11th October, collector Barden, wrote requesting the Co. Council, to obtain the permission of the Local Government Board to the payment of his poundage fees. He did not close his collection until the 3rd October, owing to meeting with an accident.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Ennis the following resolution was adopted:

"That we request the Local Government Board, to extend the time of closing the rate collections of J. J. Sullivan, and John Barden, until 3rd October so as to allow the payment of poundage fees; to these collectors, in view of the explanations offered in their letters, and having regard to the fact that the collections were closed three days after 30th September."

J. J. Sullivan

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