

Rural District Council.

**THE MADDOXTOWN HUMP AGAIN.
ANOTHER DISAGREEMENT.
PROJECT DEFERRED FOR SIX MONTHS.**

A meeting of the above was held subsequently. Mr. K. White, J.P., Co.C., chairman, presiding.

Medical Officer's Report.

The L. G. Board forwarded copy of a report received from Dr. Hourigan, Freshford, in which he stated that the district is not in a good sanitary condition; there is only one public pump and the water supply is defective; the sewerage of the district is defective, and the local guardians do not take any interest in the question of sanitation.

Mr. E. Bergin said they wanted to get down an engineer from the L. G. Board to see what the cost of the sewerage would be.

Sanitary Officer Bergin was asked by Mr. Dillon if he had anything to say about the sewerage of Freshford.

Mr. Bergin, S.S.O.—I have nothing to say in its favour, anyway (laughter).

Mr. E. Bergin said the water was destroyed by the creamery, and there was fever caused by it the same as in Tullisroe.

Mr. Kelly—There was no fever caused by it in Tullisroe (laughter). When was the fever caused in Tullisroe?

Mr. E. Bergin—Oh! about six or seven years ago.

The report was referred to the local councillors.

The Audit.

The L. G. Board wrote forwarding a copy of the report of their auditor, Mr. St. J. Conscience, on his audit of the council's accounts for the half year ended the 30th September.

There was nothing of public importance in the report.

Sub-Sanitary Officer's Application.

Mr. W. Bergin, S.S.O., wrote renewing his application for £1 for attending at Freshford Petty Sessions to prosecute a man named Morrissey under the Public Health Acts.

After a short discussion it was decided on the motion of Mr. James Dillon, seconded by Mr. J. F. Kelly, to ask the L. G. Board whether it was the duty of the sub-sanitary officer to prosecute in the name of the council for offences under the Public Health Acts.

The Maddoxtown Pump.

Mr. Anderson asked the chairman if he had visited the different sites at Maddoxtown where it was proposed to sink the pump.

The chairman said he had visited the place. Kearney's site seemed to him to be the most central, but the people who would be benefited by it had better facilities for getting water from the river for washing and other purposes. This site, however, was the deeper of the two. Miss Lanigan's site would be further away from the people who required the water, but that site was the shallower. If he wanted to oblige the majority of the people he thought that Kearney's site was the most central.

Mr. Rice—That is agreed on by everyone. It is impossible that we would agree because Mr. Mulrooney and Mr. Kearney are not friends, and that is the cause of the whole trouble.

Mr. Mulrooney—I think it is very wrong for you to make such a remark. Mr. Kearney and I are on the best of terms.

Mr. Rice—I was given to understand that you were not.

Mr. Anderson—That is not fair.

Mr. Rice—Mr. Anderson stated that they would be satisfied with the doctor's report. This day fortnight he had the majority for Kearney's site.

Mr. Anderson—There is no use in Mr. Rice making such a charge. The doctor said that the site on Kearney's would be suitable if the surface water could be taken off it.

Mr. Rice—That is an after consideration.

Mr. Anderson—Yes, but it will also be after expense. Continuing, Mr. Anderson said a committee was formed at the council to visit the place, and he had said that it would be better if it were left to the councillors themselves as they were on the spot. Then when the committee

Masons' Wages.

Mr. Thomas McCarthy, Secretary of the Kilkenny branch of the Incorporated Guild of Brick and Stone Layers, forwarded the following resolution passed at the last meeting of that society:—That we hereby give notice to public boards and employers that, owing to the increased cost of living, we are obliged to ask for an increase of wages, to date from March 15th, 1915. The present rate of wages is £1 12s per week; rate in future, £1 18s, in the city of Kilkenny. That copies of this resolution be sent to all public boards and builders and contractors.

Mayor—I am sure no one will have any objection to this when it will come into force. We only employ one mason, and I am sure there will be no objection on our part to giving him the increase.

Ald. Purcell proposed that the mason employed by the Corporation be given an increase of 2s. a week.

Mr. Comerford seconded the proposition, which was supported by Mr. Kenna and passed.

The Mayor, in reply to Ald. Cantwell, said the increase would not take effect until the new standard rate would come into force in March next.

Medical Officers' Returns.

The L.G.B. forwarded extracts from the medical officers' returns relating to the urban portion of the Nos. 1 and 2 dispensary districts, and stated that they observed from the returns in relation to No. 2 district that Sanitary Sub-officer Byrne made only eight reports to the medical officer during the half-year ended the 30th September last, and they requested that he might be required to furnish an explanation in writing on the subject.

The following are the extracts referred to:—Kilkenny No. 1 Dispensary District.

—The urban portion of the district is not in a good sanitary condition, as the main drainage is defective. The sewerage of the district is generally defective. Kilkenny No. 2 District.—The district is in a good sanitary condition in parts, but is defective in others, due to want of drainage and closets and defective houses. Tac houses in the district built by the Corporation are good. The following houses are deficient in ventilation, light and sanitary accommodation:—Molty lane, Garden Row, Guard lane, Gal street (some), Collier's lane, Pennyfeather lane.

Mayor—I suppose Mr. Byrne reported all the cases that came under his notice. There was no order made on the letter.

THE GENTLE ART OF "BULLOCKING."

THE MAYOR'S BACK DOOR, "TIPS" AND "WHISPERS."

AMUSING DISCUSSION AT THE CORPORATION.

The usual weekly meeting of the Urban District Council was held on Tuesday night, the Mayor presiding. Also present: Aldermen T. Cantwell, J.P.; J. Purcell, P.L.G.; Councillors J. Morrissey, P.L.G.; E. Morrissey, P.L.G., and J. Slater, P.L.G.

Half Holiday in Xmas Week.

Mr. Thomas Grace, hon. secretary, Kilkenny Licensed Grocers' and Vintners' Association, wrote applying on behalf of that body for an exemption order dispensing with the weekly half-holiday on Thursday, 17th inst.

The application was granted, the order to apply to all the traders affected by the Act.

Reply to Dr. Browne, L. G. Board Inspector.

Mr. O'Grady submitted a long statement in reply to the recent report submitted by the L. G. Board Medical Inspector, Dr. T. J. Browne, on the sanitary condition of the city, and the cases of infectious diseases that occurred since the 1st April, 1914. The total number of cases reported from that time was 71, of which four were found not to be cases of diphtheria, and five occurred outside the borough boundary, leaving the actual number 62—53 cases of diphtheria and 9 of scarlatina. Of the dwellings effected 48 had a good water supply and drainage, and 14 had no drainage. 381 notices had been served to abate nuisances; 6,530 inspections made of houses, yards and premises, and 250 inspections of slaughter houses. 64 premises had been disinfected and all the day schools. Lime was supplied to poor people for the purpose of limewashing their homes and all the laneways in the city had been limewashed and disinfected. Infection principally occurred in houses with good drainage.

Similar reports were read from Messrs. Redmond and Byrne, sub-sanitary officers.

Mayor—I think these reports should be sent to the L. G. Board in answer to Dr. Browne's allegations. I know that in some of these cases infection was brought into the city from the country districts, and some patients brought to the fever hospital as suffering from diphtheria were found when the sputum was sent to Dr. McWeeney to be analysed, not to be suffering from the disease at all.

Ald. Purcell—The medical officers are to blame for sending in cases not infected with diphtheria at all.

Mayor—I think there should be certain precautions taken before we are blackmailed as far as the health of the city is concerned.

Ald. Purcell—Who is blackmailing you, only the doctor?

Mayor—It is not fair to the health of the city to be blackmailing us this way. It was ordered that copies of the reports be sent to the L. G. Board.