

SHIRE OF EAST LODDON. Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held 25th February 1903

Present at 11.45 am

C^{rs} Jackman (President) Coulter,
McVera, Laird, Shaw, Bissett,
Gill, Mahoney and Hardy.

Minutes of meeting held 17th December
1902 were read. C^r Laird moved that
they be confirmed. Seconded by C^r
Bissett.

Carried

Correspondence.

From John Harry, Yallock. to the effect
that he had been informed on good
authority that there were properties
in the Shire for which no rates
were paid, the reason stated being
that the owners are not known.
The letter was received.

From Town Clerk, Bendigo.

Inviting attendance of representatives of
Council at a deputation to the Minister of
Railways on 11th Feb^{ry} 03 to advocate the con-
struction of a small connecting line
between the Sea Lake and Mildura Ry.
lines. Received and attended to by
the President who stated that the Minister
of Railways promised that a survey be
made. A vote of thanks was accorded
the President for attending on the motion
of C^r Coulter. Seconded by C^r McVera.

Carried

From Sec. St. Pat^r day Pyramid Hill spots
asking the Council to have a holiday
proclaimed for the 17th March was

Received

Reports

Mr. Brown, Maitland, forwarded 209 rec^s from Mr. M. J. J. for a slaughtering license and reported that during the quarter ended 31.12.02 he had had the carcasses of 315 sheep 2 cows and 1 horse removed off roads without incurring any expense to the Council

Received

Inspector Comb, Sceptimus, forwarding his resignation as Inspector of Nuisances for the N. T. ridings, owing to his removal to Oxendale. His resignation was accepted on the motion of C. Bissett seconded by C. Hardy.

Carried

C. Laird moved that Mr. J. Constable Aulezark be appointed as Inspector (vice Mr. Constable Comb) at a salary of £1 per annum. Seconded by C. Coulter.

Carried

D. DeRavin^{HO} forwarded annual reports which was received and ordered to be sent to the Public Health Dept. D. Bell's report was also rec^d and dealt with in a like manner. Both reports state that the public health for the year was good.

The Rate collector reported receipts as follows Rates current £408.18.6 arrears £53.11.0 dogs 10/-

Received

The Treasurer reported the receipts of rates current £408.18.6 Rates arrears £53.11.0 Dogs 10/- Gov^t Endowment £244.4.1 Sale of old fuel 7/6. Total £704.0.7
Overdraft £1621.3.14

Received

The Shire Engineer's report was read and

Received

Clause 1 referring to damage done by rain stone in Dec^r last to muck near Puthurst & Edwicks, it was agreed that steps be taken to prevent further scour of the channels referred to.

Clause 2 that culvert near Selisian down had been burst. The Engineer was directed to inspect and effect repairs to the roadway so as to avoid accidents thereat.

Clause 3 the Puthurst Burns.

It was agreed that each Councillor be empowered to expend 10/- in cleaning reserves.

Clause 4 Suggesting that, to prevent paying for foxes killed outside the shire that parties claiming the bonus be asked to take a declaration before a J.P., was adopted on the motion of C. Coulter seconded by C. M. Gera

Carried

General Business

C. Laird moved that the W. W. Frost be asked to amend its regulations charging for the sale of water, in so far as

affected the sale of water to the Shire, in view of the large expenditure incurred by the Council in providing channels and dams. The Shire dams should be filled free of cost.
Recorded by C. Coulter. ——— Carried.

C. Laird moved, relative to the Govt proposals upon the seed wheat question. That the recommendations of the Govt wheat and fodder boards in respect to the supply of seed wheat are thoroughly inadequate to meet the wants of the farmers in the northern district, and the Council would respectfully ask the Govt to make more liberal allowances, so as to prevent a collapse of cereal growing.
Recorded by C. Mahoney ——— Carried.

The applications made by Mr John Crapper and John Nelson for permission to cut dry trees on certain Shire roads were refused.

Instructions to officers
By Mr Shaw that the Sec. prepare a return showing probable Receipts and Expenditure for the remainder of the financial year. Recorded by Councillor Mahoney. ——— Carried.

Accounts amounting to £143.16.6 were passed for payment on the motion of C. Laird recorded by C. Coulter. Carried.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Wednesday 15th April 1903 at 11 am.

Read and confirmed at Sceptuins this 15th day of April 1903

D. C. Laird Chairman.
East Loddon Shire Council

Present at noon. Councillors Laird
Bissett, Coulter, McCrea, Gibb, Hardy
and Mahoney.

On the motion of C. Hardy, seconded
by C. McCrea, C. Laird was voted
to the chair.

C. Laird in taking the chair expressed
deep regret at the loss of the
President (C. Jackson) as did also
all the councillors present.

C. Coulter moved that the sincere
regret of the Council at the decease
of C. Jackson be placed on the
minutes, and that a letter of condolence
expressive of the Council's deep sympathy
be forwarded to Mr. Jackson and family.
Seconded by C. McCrea. Carried.

The minutes of the ordinary meeting
held 25th February 1903 were read.

C. Hardy moved that they be confirmed.
Seconded by C. McCrea. Carried.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £141.6.1 were
passed for payment on the motion
of C. Laird. Seconded by C. Mahoney. Carried.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to the
20th day of May 1903, as a mark of respect to the late
President.

Read and confirmed at Suptentive this 20th day
of May 1903

J.B. McCrea President
East Loddon Shire

Shire of East Loddon
East Riding
Extraordinary Election

At the extraordinary election held on 29th April 1903, to fill
the extraordinary vacancy, the following votes were recorded
by the candidates.

William Thomas 69 votes

Edmund A. J. Carey 63 votes

And as William Thomas has polled the highest number of
votes, I hereby declare him (the said William Thomas) to
be duly elected.

Done 24th April 1903.

Returning Officer
Dorrian Cullen
R.O.

Declaration

I, the undersigned, William Thomas, do solemnly declare
that I will faithfully and impartially according to the
best of my ability and judgement execute all the powers
reposed in me as Councillor by virtue of the Local
Government Acts 1890-1891 Nos 1112 and 1243.

William Thomas

Declared at Suptentive before me this 20th day of May 1903
D. Cairns J.P.

Read and confirmed at Suptentive this 20th day of May 1903
J.B. McCrea
President, East Loddon Shire

Present. C^o Coulter, M^o Crea, Thomas, Gill, Laird & Bissett.

Election of Presidents

C^o Laird occupied the chair, and referred to the necessity for the election of a president to fill the vacancy caused by the lamented death of their late president C^o R Jackman. He moved that C^o M^o Crea, being the senior member for the riding, be appointed to the position for the rest of the term. Seconded by C^o Coulter. Carried unanimously.

The newly elected president thanked the councillors for the honor conferred upon him.

New Councillor

C^o Coulter introduced C^o Thomas, elected in the place of the late C^o Jackman as one of the representatives for the East riding. C^o Thomas having been duly welcomed by the president, expressed his thanks for the reception accorded him.

Correspondence

From Treasury, Melbourne, forwarding cheque for £105 for completion, equivalent for licensing fees. Received.

From Borough of St. Andrew, asking co-operation in an endeavour to have an alteration made in the hour of opening telegraph offices throughout

The minutes of meeting held on 16th April 1903 were read. C^o Laird moved that they be confirmed. Seconded by C^o Coulter. Carried.

President 22.7.03

the state from 9 am. to 8 am. Cooperation granted on the motion of C^o Coulter seconded by C^o Laird.

From Secretary Tragonec Trust

Apologising for omission to send invitation to East Loddon Council to public meeting at Pyramid Hill on the 5th inst, re Murray Goulburn water supply scheme. Received.

From Secretary, Shire of Seymour

asking cooperation in bearing a part of the cost of bringing a test case under the provisions of the Venue Act 1890 before the Supreme Court of Victoria. Was held over.

From A. Wallace Dungee.

Claiming the amount of £8.8.9, half cost of erecting a fence between his land and the Dungee recreation reserve. Consideration postponed.

From D^r E. A. De Ravin.

Tendering his resignation as health officer for the N. and S. ridings of the Shire. C^o Laird moved that the resignation be accepted. Seconded by C^o Gill. Carried.

From D^r W. A. St. Davitt Sugdenwood, asking for appointment to the position vacated by D^r De Ravin. C^o Laird moved that D^r St. Davitt be appointed health officer.

for the North and South ridings of
the Shire of East Loddon.
Seconded by C. Bussell. Carried

From Secretary, Loddon United Water Trust
acting of the Council was agreeable
to bear the cost (about £40) of
constructing a small channel 70 ch.
in length, in two sections, along Bullock
Ch near Bucklands, Mitiamo, and Haywards
Quiggs road. The bank was covered
with lignum bushes, and it was proposed
to construct a channel with a view
of providing those ratepayers living to
the north with a larger stream of water
and in less time than a supply had
hitherto been conveyed, owing to the
lignum retarding the flow.
C. Laird moves that the matter receive
favorable consideration later on, pro-
vided the Godwin Shire Council con-
tinued the work in its territory.
Seconded by C. Coulter. Carried

From J. D. Ramlison. Dingee.
Drawing attention to the necessity
for an alteration to Stone crossing
on road passing his property.
C. Coulter moves that the Engineer report
thereon. Seconded by the President. Carried

From J. D. + J. T. Ramlison.
Drawing attention to excessive valuations
now referred to the Valuer.

From Shire of Godwin.
Forwarding cheques £12.12.7 Joint
works etc. Received

Reports

The rate collector reported collections of rates
as follows April £9.3.0, May £4.13.0
Total £13.16.0 Received

The Treasurer reported receipts of rates
£13.16.0, Endowment £11.13.0. Rent of
Shire Hall £10, Equivalent publicans
licences £105. Total £39.16.0
Overdraft £130 £1726.4.9 Do

The Secretary submitted a statement showing
as assets Rates unpaid £14.3.0
Liabilities £1789. D. balance £359. Do

The Shire Engineer reported having ex-
amined the channels and estimated the
cost of removing the drift sand
therein at £150. Was Received

General Business

C. Laird moves that the Secretary
obtain a quantity of poisoned
wheat for the destruction of sparrows.
Seconded by C. Coulter. Carried

C. Laird moves that the president
be asked to convene a public meeting
to be held at the Poupapier State
School for the purpose of discussing
and agitating the Murray Gullburn
Schools. Sec. by C. Gill. Carried

On the motion of C. Gill the Sec. was instructed to apply to the Agricultural Dept for 100 cuttings of the white mulberry tree.

C. Bissett moved that the Engineer be instructed to have stumps & dead trees cleared from road leading from Serpentine to Salisbury bridge. Sec. by C. Laird. Carried.

Also to have Moscop's bridge repaired where necessary.

At the suggestion of C. Bissett, the Secretary was instructed to apply to the County Law Dept for additional justices of the peace at Serpentine and Taudera. M. W. G. Gault being suggested for the former place and M. D. W. Coulter for the latter. Agreed to.

On the motion of C. Coulter the Engineer was instructed to have pits filled in on road near M^{rs} O'Donoghue's, Taudera & to have culvert repaired near cables. Agreed to.

C. Gill intimated that he would lodge a notice of motion to have the footpaths all paths shown open for selection.

Permission was granted to the President to spend 15/- in repairs to road near Train's Railway Station.

Moved by C. McCrea
Seconded by C. Laird.
That the congratulations of this Council be conveyed to the Premier on the termination of the strike, also its admiration of the attitude of the Government throughout an extremely difficult juncture. Carried.

Returning Officers for Annual Elections
On the motion of C. Laird & Bissett the following returning officers were appointed for the Annual Elections.
North riding C. Gill, South riding C. Bissett East Riding C. McCrea. Carried.

Accounts
Accounts amounting to £71.16.4 were passed for payment on the motion of C. Laird. Seconded by C. Gill. Carried.

The meeting then closed, and it was agreed that the next meeting be held on the 22nd day of July, unless circumstances rendered an earlier meeting necessary.

Read and confirmed at Serpentine this 22nd day of July 1903.

J. B. McCrea President
East Loddon Shire

Present at noon.

The president C. McCrea and Councillors
Coulter, Thomas, Gill, Mahoney, Hardy
Shaw, Laird and Pissett.

Minutes of meeting held 20th May 1903
were read. C. Laird moved that they
be confirmed Sec^d by C. Pissett. — Carried.

Revision Court

The Secretary submitted the lists for
the 3 ridings. North Riding
Alfred Ethershank made application for
3 votes and Robert Dean for one vote
which was allowed on the motion
of C. Gill seconded by C. Hardy. — Carried.

Melville Boyd applied for two
votes. C. Mahoney moved that the
application be not granted. Seconded
by C. Gill. Voting for the motion
C. Mahoney, Gill and Hardy, against
the motion the Chairman C. McCrea
C. Laird, Coulter, Shaw, Thomas and
Pissett. The Chairman declared the
motion lost and the application
granted.

The list as revised was then adopted
on the motion of C. Laird, seconded
by C. Gill. — Carried.
C. Mahoney voting against.

South Riding

There being no claims or objections
C. Laird moved that the list be
adopted. Seconded by C. Mahoney. — Carried.

East Riding

The following applications for insertion
were received and granted on the
motion of C. Thomas seconded by
C. Coulter. Ann Rawlin our vote,
Mrs Laurie 2, Alex^r G. Night 1, Mrs
Henry Thomas 2, Maria Wilson 2, John
W. Jackman 2, Milton Leary 2.

The list as revised was then adopted
on the motion of C. Coulter, seconded
by C. Thomas. — Carried.

After the rolls had been signed and
alterations initialled the Chairman
declared the court closed.

Read and Confirmed at Separation this 19th day of
August 1903.

President

East Loddon Shire

Ordinary meeting resumed.

The same Councillors being present.

Correspondence

From Crown Law Department

Intimating that a writ of Declaratio
Potestatum had been forwarded D.
C. Laird Esq^r JP, to enable him to
administer the oaths in respect of
the Hico J. Justice of the Peace to
the President of the Shire M. J. B.
McCrea. — Attended to. —

From Department of Lands and Survey

Notifying that a public meeting
should be convened by the President
of the Shire for the purpose of electing

not less than 3 gentlemen for appointment as a committee of management of the site for recreation purposes at Dingee. Was left in the hands of the proprietors.

From Chief Inspector, Venetia Destruction Act, asking that the seal and signature of the Council be attached to claim for £10.10.0, subsidy for poa destruction. Attended to.

From Shire of Gordon and the Pyramid Hill and District Ag^y Society, asking cooperation in an effort to have the trains on Monday & Tuesday in each week from Brook and Kerang to Bendigo run early on those days so as to be in time to have the Stock trucks placed on the market on those days. C. Mahoney moved that cooperation be granted. Seconded by C. Coulter. Carried.

From Deputy Postmaster General, stating that the correspondence was not sufficient to justify 4 mails per week from Melbourne to Calverley, but there was no objection to altering the mail day from Friday to Saturday on trials for 3 months. Received.

From Shire of Huntly, agreeing to pay half cost of joint works, provided the cost did not exceed the estimated amount £27. Received.

From Shire of Murchison, asking assistance in an appeal against the decision of a Court of Petty Sessions at Kerang, (KORANG) fining the Council for not destroying rabbits on their roads, the ruling of the bench being that roads were lands within the meaning of Sect. 4 V. D. Act 1890. A similar application was received from the Shire of Seymour. No action taken.

From Echuca Borough Council, asking support in protesting against the proposal to reduce the number of country members in the Federal House of Representatives, as not justified by actual facts. O. Mahoney moved that cooperation be accorded. Seconded by O. Gill. Carried.

From Leo. Pyramid Hill Ag^y Society, asking that 7th Oct. the date for holding the annual show, be proclaimed a public holiday in the north and east ridings of the Shire. Received.

From Loddon U. N. Trust
Requesting cheque for £44.19.2, being the proportion allotted to the Council of the working expenses and maintenance of the Trust for the half year ended 30th June 1903.
O. Shaw moved that the amount be paid. Seconded by O. Hardy. Carried.

Motion or Notice

By C. Gill That the Minister of Lands be requested to take the necessary steps to revoke the Order in Council proclaiming the Pouparipi State forest a reserve, with a view of throwing the same open for closer settlement.
 Consideration deferred for one month.

By C. Laird That tenders be called for formations on road near four Suptentia. Was allowed to stand over till funds were available.

By O. Mahoney That the Trustees and Agents of Moffats Suptentia Estate be requested to remove the gates and obstructions off the roads in the North riding. Seconded by C. Gill and Laird. The President and C. Hardy, Laird Shaw, Bissett, Coulter & Thomas voting against the motion.

Accounts amounting to £102.8.8 were passed for payment on the motion of C. Coulter seconded by C. Gill. Carried

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Wednesday 19th August 1903 at 11 am.
 Read and confirmed at Suptentia this 19th day of August 1903

+ H. Moberg - President
 East Loddon Shire

The cost would be about £310.0. C. Thomas moved that the work be carried out. Sec^d by C. Coulter. Carried

Clause 6. Reporting the boundary road with Sturdy Shire to be in a dangerous condition owing to the numerous holes now puts through that notification had been sent to Sturdy Shire estimating the cost at £27, asking that body to join in the work. C. Coulter moved that tenders be called for the work, seconded by C. Thomas. Carried

Instructions to the Engineer

By C. Laird. Report on state of road near J. Aitken's, Pouparipi.

By the President. Sec. roads D. Atkinson asking if he would sell to the Council an acre or two of surface land for road purposes west of Pravie P.S.

By C. Thomas. Engineer reports on state of roads east from Tandana by Shaw

By C. Mahoney. Engineer report cost of forming roadway S. from B. Webb's residence.

By C. Hardy. Engineer report on road west from Lower Lots Hotel

From Municipal Association.
 Having an expression of opinion on the following motion submitted to the association by the Shire of Canterbury and Horwudana:
 "That the association consider the advisability of the date of payment of rates to ensure names of persons rated being placed on the Municipal roll being made earlier, say 10th March instead of 10th June as at present"
 C. Shaw moved that no action be taken
 seconded by C. Thomas. Carried.

From Secretary Loddon United Water Trust.
 Enclosing a letter from the M. J. D. (Water Supply Dept.) to the effect that the sum of £3357.18.4 is due in respect to interest and redemption on the trust loan, also drawing the attention of the Commissioners to Sec. 38 Water Act 90 and stating that if a substantial reduction in the amount was not made forthwith the auditor general would be constrained to take action.
 C. Shaw moved that the councils representatives on the Trust be empowered to offer to pay 6 months interest (£126) at the next meeting of the Trust if the action taken by the other contributing Shires justified that course. Seconded by C. Gill Carried.
 It was also agreed that C. Laird be asked to attend the Trust meeting.

Present at noon. The president C. M. Gera and C. Coulter, Thomas, Mahoney, Hardy, Gill, Shaw, Bissett and Laird.

Minutes of ordinary meeting and that of the Revision Court held July 22nd 1903 read. C. Laird moved that they be confirmed. Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

From Shire of Maffra, that a conference of representatives from public bodies would be held at the Town Hall, Melbourne on 3rd Sept^r to protest against incurring the expenditure of building a federal capital within the limits prescribed by the constitution, and asking the Council to send a delegate if it favored an alteration so as to make Melbourne or Sydney the federal capital.
 C. Shaw moved that the president be asked to attend the conference.
 Secd by C. Laird.

Amendment

Moved by C. Mahoney that cooperation be granted without sending a delegate.
 Seconded by C. Gill.
 Voting for the amendment C. Mahoney & Gill.
 Voting for the motion the president & C. Shaw Laird Coulter Bissett, Hardy and Thomas.
 The president declared the motion Carried.

James A. Wallace (held over from previous meeting) requesting payment of £2 the cost of a fence he had erected to prevent his property and the Dingle Recreation Reserve.
 Mr. Laird moved that consideration be again deferred pending a report from Mr. Coulter and Thomas on the application.
 Seconded by C. Gill. Carried

Reports.

The president reported having attended a meeting for the purpose of appointing trustees for the Dingle Recreation Reserve with the result that Messrs D. N. Coulter, W. Thomas, D. Rankin, A. Wallace & Thomas Williams were elected.
 The report was read and adopted on the motion of C. Bissett, seconded by Mr. Laird. Carried

The Rate Collector reported collections on under Rates current £6.3.0, dog fees £10.0 Total £17.13.0 Recd.

The Treasurer reported receipts rates £6.3.0 dog fees £10.0 £17.13.0 Do

The Shire Engineer's report was read by Clause 1. that tenders were received for removing sand from a portion of the Catmill channel and for repairs to boundary road with Trusty Shire.
 The tender of John Johnson at £5.59 Received

for the former, and that of Mr. Lott at £4.18.2 for the latter, being the lowest were accepted by the Committee. Received

Clause 2. Estimating cost of construction of various works as under
 Footbridge near Spursby Pumpwell £15.
 Leaning road near J. Aitken's Pumpwell £10.
 Formation south from Webb's Mologa £5.
 Constructing formations and repairs E. & W. from Prairie Rd £65.
 Repairs to road north from F. Woods 10/- Received
 The repairs to road north from F. Woods to be carried out.

Clause 3. Suggesting that as soon as funds were available, that the channels be bridged in front of Mr. Crowe's Hotel Mitama was Received

The Inver declaration of the Valuer Stephen Collier Jones was read and Received

General Business.

Mr. Laird moved that the Casswick Borough Council Ballarat Shire Council and Ballarat City Council be written to and thanked for the courtesy with which the representatives of the East Loddon Shire had been treated during a recent visit to those municipalities. Seconded by Mr. Hardy. Carried

C. Land moved that a meeting be called at the Loupapiel State School to appoint trustees for the Loupapiel Recreation Reserve. Secd by C. Gill — Carried —

C. Shaw moved that the Engineer employ labor to repair the bridge over Bullock Cr. near on the Dix & Raymond road. Agreed to.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £84.6.0 were passed for payment on the motion of C. Gill, seconded by St. Coulter — Carried —

Motion on Notice

C. Gill moved that the Hon. the Minister of Lands be requested to take steps to revoke the Order in Council proclaiming the Loupapiel State Forest Reserve, with a view to having 600 acres of it thrown open for closer settlement, and the remaining 300 acres of it fenced and kept for timber conservation purposes. Seconded by St. Land. Voting for the motion Councillors Gill, and Land, Hardy & Mahoney. Against the motion the President and Councillors Coulter, Thomas, Pisselt & Shaw. The President declared the motion lost.

Notice of Motion

By St. Land —

That a rate of one shilling in

the pound be struck on all the rateable property within the Shire for the period commencing 1st Oct. 1903, and ending 31st September 1904.

The meeting then closed, and the Council adjourned to Wednesday 16th September 1903 at 11 am.

Read and confirmed at September this 16th day of September 1903.

Jatub Gil
President
East Loddon Shire

Shire of East Loddon

Annual Elections

August 27th 1903

North Riding

At the election of our councillors for the above riding the voting was as follows

George Mahoney	Votes
John Potter	
	69
	66

Majority for George Mahoney 3 votes. I therefore declare the said George Mahoney duly elected as a councillor for the North riding of the Shire of East Loddon.

Jatuk Gie Returning Officer

South Riding

Mr Donald Craig Laird being the only candidate nominated for the office of councillor for the South riding, I hereby declare him duly elected as a councillor for the South riding of the Shire of East Loddon.

W. Bissett Returning Officer

East Riding

Mr David Wilson Coulter being the only candidate nominated for the office of councillor for the East Loddon Shire in the East Riding, I hereby declare him duly elected as a councillor for the East Riding of the Shire of East Loddon.

J.B. McCrea Returning Officer

Shire Hall

Septentia

September 16th 1903

Election of President

The following councillors being present: Councillors McCrea, Thomas, Hardy, Gill, Bissett, Shaw, and the newly elected councillors David Wilson Coulter, Donald Craig Laird, and George Mahoney having subscribed to the following declaration before taking their seats.

"We the undersigned do solemnly declare that we will faithfully and impartially according to the best of our ability and judgement execute all the powers reposed in us as Councillors by virtue of the Local Government Acts 1890-1891 No. 1112 and 1243

W. Outhwaite
D. Laird
G. Mahoney

Declared at Septentia before me this 16th day of September 1903. J.B. McCrea JP

Read and confirmed at Septentia this 16th day of September 1903.

Jatuk Gie
President
East Loddon Shire

Present at noon.

Mr M. Carr (president), Thomas, Gault,
Laird, Bissett, Shaw, Gibb, Hardy,
and Mahoney.

Election of President

The retiring president in vacating
his chair position made a state-
ment showing that the bank overdraft
at date was £1252.18.5 and also
to be passed that day amounting
to £119.5.5 would make the total
liability £1372.3.10. Against this
there was due for rates £360.14/-
Govt Bonus for scalps £10. Subsidy
£252 making total assets £622.14/-
which would leave the D^r balance
£749.9.10. The Council's financial
position was £456 better off than
last year. He desired to thank the
Councillors for the kind and generous
support given him during the time
he had been in the chair.

President's Allowance

C. Hardy moved that the president's
allowance be £50. Seconded by
C. Shaw. Carried.

C. Thomas voting against.

C. M. Carr moved that C. Gibb be
appointed president for the ensuing
year. Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

The president thanked his colleagues

for the honor conferred upon him
and moved that a vote of thanks
to the retiring president for the way
able manner in which he had
performed his duties. Seconded
by A. Laird. Carried.

C. M. Carr thanked his colleagues
for the kind manner in which
they had received the motion.

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held
August 19th 1903 were read. C. Shaw moved
that they be confirmed. Seconded by C.
M. Carr. Carried.

Correspondence

From Sec. Public Health Dept. notifying
that the board's formal approval to
the opening of the Melian Catholic
Church had been sent
to the Bishop of Southbury. Received.

From Sec. Bendigo Hospital, requesting
Council to appoint a sub-committee
to attend a conference between
representatives of municipalities
of the northern district and the
Committee of the Bendigo Hospital,
to be held at Bendigo on 13th
October, to consider the maintenance
of a contagious diseases hospital.
A. Laird moved that the president
attend the conference. Seconded
by C. Coulter. Carried.
C. M. Carr voting against.

From Correspondent Board of Advice
East Riding.

Drawing attention to the accumulation
of water on road opposite Yallock
S.D., and asking that drain con-
veying the water into Mr. John Stamp's
property be cleared out.

Referred to E.R. Members.

From Sec. Davis Laquer and Secretary

Mutual Improvement Society, applying
for use of Shire Hall free of charge
for monthly meetings of the society.
C. Lind moved that the desired
permission be granted. Seconded
by C. Bissell.

Amendment by C. Coulter that a
charge of 15/- per annum be made.
Secd. by C. Thomas.

Voting for the amendment. C. Shaw,
Coulter, Thomas and McEira.

For the motion the President and
C. Lind, Bissell, Hardy and
Mahoney.

The President declared the motion
carried, the use of the hall being
at the pleasure of the Council.

From Sec. Loddow N.W. Inst., asking for
the appointment of a delegate to
accompany a deputation from the
Inst. to the Hon. the Treasurer, requesting
that the Inst's liability now standing
at £20,054.4.9 be written down.
C. Coulter moved that the President

represent the Council. Seconded
by C. Shaw. Carried.

From Const. Mearns, resigning his position
as Inspector of Nuisances and
Slaughter Yards for the South Riding,
was Received.

From Messrs. Nichol M.L.A., forwarding
amended regulations concerning
smis fees. Matter was also
read from Nicholls & Hill, pig
dealersmen. Buisson bringing
under notice the necessity for
steps being taken for an early
inspection of the district in order
that the inhabitants may obtain
the necessary permit to bring their
pigs to market.
C. McEira moved that the communication
be received. Seconded by C. Mahoney. Carried.

From Municipal Association, enclosing busi-
ness that for annual session to
be held on 14th October.
The President to attend.

Reports

Const. Brown, Inspector of Nuisances for
the East Riding, reported stock slaughtered
for 12 year periods June 30. Recd.

The Rate Collector reported collections
current rates £9.10, arrears £5.
Received.

The Treasurer reported receipts rates
 arrears £5. current £19. 10, Licenses
 £2. Contractors deposits £1. 10. 0.
 Total £38. 9. 10.
 Dr. Balance £1271. 8. 3

Received

Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure for the year 1903-4
 ending Sept. 30th 1904.

Moved by St. Lairs. That this Council
 do now adopt and confirm the
 estimates for year 1903-4 ending
 30.9.04 of the receipts and exp^{ts},
 the sum of £2138.0.0 being req^d
 uried for the several purposes therein
 specified. Seconded by St. Hardy. Carried.

Moved by St. Coulter. That this Council
 do now adopt the rat valuations of
 all the rateable property within the
 Shire of East Loddow amounting to
 £34386, as made by the Valuer
 Robert Collier Jones in the year
 1903. Seconded by St. Bissett. Carried.

Moved by St. Lairs, seconded by
 St. McCrea that to raise the sum of £1719.6.0
 this Council make and levy a rate
 of 4 in the £ upon the nett annual
 value of all the rateable property within
 the Shire of East Loddow for the period
 commencing 1st Oct. 03 and ending
 30 Sept. 04. Seconded by St. McCrea. Carried.

Moved by St. McCrea Seconded by
 St. Coulter. That the rate collector
 be directed to collect the said
 rate forthwith. Carried.

Public Works Committee. The whole
 Council.
 Finance Committee. The whole Council.

Guard Business

St. Mahony moved that the Engineer
 get approaches to culvert ^{on road} leading
 to St. Benwick's residence repaired
 at once. Seconded by St. Hardy. Carried.

On the motion of St. Coulter and
 St. McCrea the Engineer was instructed
 to prepare plan & specification for
 a fence to be erected along the
 southern boundary of the Quize
 Vaccination reserve.

The president referred to the inconvenience
 caused by present mail arrangements
 at Striano. St. Hardy moved that the
 Sec. write P.M.G. requesting an
 alteration. Seconded by St. Lairs. Carried.

St. McCrea moved that the Engineer be
 instructed to place a few loads of
 metal on crossing Raine road.
 Secd. St. Coulter. Carried.

Accounts
Accounts amounting to £157.1.5
were passed for payment on the
motion of C. Laird seconded
by C. Laird. Carried

Notice of Motion
By C. Laird.

That a new footbridge be constructed
over Bullocks Ch near M. J. Birdslip
Lake residues.

The matter of holding the next
meeting was left in the hands of
the president and secretary.

The meeting then closed.

Read and confirmed at Serpentine this 21st day
of October 1903.

Patrick Gill President
East Loddon Shire

Present at noon.

The president (C. Gill) and Councillors
Thaw, Laird, Bissett, Mahoney and
Hardy.

The minutes of meeting held 16th Sept 1903
were read. A Laird moved that they
be confirmed. Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried

Correspondence

From the Treasury, with account for £257-13-8,
proportion of endowment for year
ending 30th June 1904, for completion.
Attended to by President Secretary. Received.

From Public Works Department, notifying
the appointment of M. J. H. Coxton,
Market St. Melbourne as Government
Auditor. Received.

From Laws, asking Council to consider
the advisability of opening a labor
register. C. Laird moved that the
request be complied with, the
Secretary to be appointed to
receive names. Seconded by C.
Hardy. Carried.

From Shire of North Ovens, asking
cooperation in opposing the pro-
posed compulsory Land Purchase
Bill when it came before
Parliament. Request complied
with on motion of C. Laird & Bissett. Carried

From N. B. Austin, seeking support to his nomination for reelection to the Board of Public Health.
 Mr. Dissett moved that Mr. Austin be again nominated by the Council, seconded by Mr. Hardy.

Carried

From N. B. Young, Kyneton.

asking the Council to take action with a view of unblocking a gate on a road between the properties of Messrs H. Smith and J. Bailey, Janicubet East

Received

From H. H. Whalley, complaining of a bad piece of road about one mile East from Prairie Railway Station. Consideration deferred

Received

From Secretary Loddon United Water Trust, intimating that it had been arranged to hold a conference of members of the Trust and a member of each Shire Council in the Trust area at Janklaw on 28th inst, to consider matters in connection with the indebtedness of the Trust and to arrange for the payment of interest now demanded by the Water Supply Department. A member of the Council was urgently invited to attend.

Mr. Hardy moved that the President attend. Seconded by Mr. Hardy.

Carried

From Secretary Law Department, that outpayment of a fee of £110.00 a writ of *dedimus potestatem* would be forⁿ to allow of President Gill to be sworn in as a Justice of the Peace.
 The President intimated that he had refused to accept of the honor. The letter was received.

From Public Works Department, forwarding copy of Govt Gazette containing order relative to road deviation Parish of Janicubet East adjoining Mr. Kinnon's dam.

Received

Reports of Committees

Proposed Closed roads Bill

The President, in reporting the results of the annual Conference of the Municipal Association, said in approval from a statement made by the Minister of Public Works that the intention in leasing the closed roads was to obtain money and expend it in other portions of the State. He did not think it was the desire of the Council that this should be done, the opinion being that the money should be expended in the municipality, in which it was collected.

Mr. Hardy moved that the Council object to the proposal contained in the proposed closed roads bill, that

The money collected for the leasing of roads could be expended in other portions of the state. Seconded by Mr. Laird. Carried.

The rate collector reported collections as under Rates current £45.16.0, rates arrears £8.4.0. Total £54. Recurred.

The Treasurer reported receipts Rates current £45.16.0, rates arrears £8.4.0. Total £54.0.0 D. balance £1284.16.6. Recurred.

Minute Book

A deputation comprising Messrs N. Adams and E. O'Neill waited upon the Council on behalf of the South riding ratepayers and requested the Council to take some action in connection with the same. Mr. Laird moved that the Secretary be instructed to take steps to obtain an inspector for the South riding. Seconded by Mr. Shaw. Carried. It was further decided that the Sec. should call a meeting in the North riding for 24th Oct. to ascertain if action was desired in that riding, and to write C.R. members informing them of the action taken by the S. riding, and pointing out that it would be to their interests to take similar steps.

General Business

The president drew attention to the great danger from bush fires during the summer months. The Sec. was instructed to take steps to have notices posted cautioning people against the careless use of fire.

The members for the various ridings were empowered to have roads cleared of fallen timber, on the motion of Mr. Laird and Mahony.

The matter of holding the next meeting was left in the hands of the president and Secretary.

The meeting then closed.

Read and confirmed at Serpentine this 17th day of December 1903.

Patrick Gell President East Loddon Shire

Accounts amounting to £12.15.9 were passed for payments on the motion of Mr. Laird seconded by Mr. Binnett.

Present at 3.30 pm
Mr Gill (president), Bissett, Laird
Thomas and Hardy.

Minutes of meeting held 21st October 1903 were read. Mr Bissett moves that they be confirmed.
Seconded by Mr Hardy. Carried

Annual Meeting

The audited statement of the receipts and expenditure for the year ended 30th September 1903 together with the Auditor's report certifying to the correctness thereof were read by the Secretary. Mr Laird moves that the accounts as read be now finally examined, settled and allowed. Seconded by Mr Hardy. Carried

Ordinary Meeting

The president (Mr Gill) and councillors Hardy, Laird, Bissett & Thomas being present.

Correspondence

From Chief Secretary, Melbourne, stating that it was feared the ensuing summer season would, on account of the prolific growth during spring, be one of unusual danger from bush fires, and with a view to, as far as possible, minimise the danger from such sources, it was requested that Municipalities should make special arrangements to provide assistance etc in case of fire. Received

From Secretary, Prunier Hill Agricultural Society asking support to the society's endeavour to induce

the Ry. Commissioners to revert to the former service of 2 trains daily each way on the Bendigo-Krangfur.
No action taken, as the old train service was to be introduced on the line the day after Council meeting.

From Municipal Association of Victoria

Inquiring if the Council would cooperate in the establishment of a joint Municipal Fidelity Guarantee Fund if a majority of the municipalities throughout Victoria agreed to support the establishment of same. Consideration deferred until next meeting.

From Secretary, Echuca Shire, pointing out that delegates from Echuca and Draham Shires met in conference in Oct. last with a view of arriving at some solution of the travelling stock nuisance - a very vexed question in the northern districts. The result of the conference was that the meeting adjourned until 31st March 1904, with a view of inviting delegates from the Shires of Rodney, East Loddon, Gordon, Waranga and Huntly to attend. Received

From E. N. Mitchell, Veterinary Surgeon, Bendigo, stating that he had completed his inspection of the shire re swine fever, but met no traces of the disease. The sanitary condition of the shire generally was good. 85 Cows had their swine inspected, the total being 427 pigs.

The report of the Chief Inspector of Stock that the Shire was now prepared as a clean area in accordance with the provisions of the Amended Slaughter regulations was Received

From Secretary Loddon U. N. Trust
Stating that the Trust had, at its last meeting, decided to strike rates over its whole area sufficient to pay off 1/4 of the arrears of interest due to the Water Supply Department and also for 1 year's current interest, in accordance with the estimate prepared by the Secretary. If payment, not later than March, of the amounts in the Shire division was promised forthwith, steps would be taken to stop proceedings.
C. Laird moved that the Trust be informed that the Council would meet the demand made. Seconded by C. Hardy Carried
C. Thomas voting against, on the ground that he did not approve of the manner in which the business between the Shire and Trust was conducted.

From Secretary Loddon United Water Trust
Requesting payment £12:3:5, portion allocated to the Shire towards the working expenses of the Trust.
C. Hardy moved that the amount be passed for payment. Seconded by C. Bissett Carried

From Secretary Loddon United Water Trust.
Notifying that the term of Mr J. Potter, as one of the Council's representatives on the

Trust had expired by effluxion of time, and the Council was requested to make an appointment to fill the vacancy.
C. Laird moved that Mr. Potter be re-appointed. Seconded by C. Hardy Carried

From Dr. Barrett, resigning the position of Health Officer to the North and South ridings Received

From Dr. D. H. Young applying for the vacancy. C. Laird moved that Dr. David Hastings Young be appointed Health Officer to the North and South ridings of the Shire of East Loddon at a salary of £50 per annum vice Dr. H. Barrett resigned. Seconded by C. Bissett Carried

Reports

The Rate collector reported receipts of rates
Current £6:7:0 Arrears £7:13:0
Total £13:10:0 Received

The Treasurer reported receipts: Rates
Current £6:7:0, arrears £7:13:0 Govt.
Endowment £234:7:8, Fees pig in
specimen £4:14:6 Bonus from Govt.
for scalps £10:10:0
Total £263:12:4 D. Balance £118:19:6 Received

Instructions to Engineer

By C. Laird. Estimate for culvert and approaches near Pease Lagoon O.D.

By President. Engineer report on cost of

necessary work opposite M. B. Hall's residence Jacklaw.

By C. Hardy Engineer examining road & report on cost of filling in pits next from Jacklaw Post Office.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £214.19.1 were passed for payment on the motion of C. Laird Seconded by C. Thomas Carried

The matter of holding the next meeting was left in the hands of the President and Secretary to arrange.

The meeting then closed.

Read and confirmed at Lerpentuaire this 17th day of February 1904.

Patrick Geli + President
East Loddon Shire