

SHIRE OF EAST LODDON. Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held February 18<sup>th</sup> 1904.

Present at noon. The president C. Gill and Councillors Hardy, Mahoney, Coulter, Thomas McCrea and Sam Bissett and Laird.

Minutes of meeting held December 17<sup>th</sup> 1903 were read.

Dr Coulter moved that they be confirmed. Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

### Correspondence

From Chief Secretary's Office, that Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March had been appointed a public holiday throughout the Shire. Received

From the Department of Public Works asking to be furnished with returns under the Roads and Water Tronages Act 1903.

C. Laird moved that the Secretary comply with the request <sup>and</sup> to receive a sum of £25 for costs performed.

Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

From Coumelly Tatchell and Dunlop, Council's Solicitors, Bendigo, as follows:  
 "The costs in the matter of Keyes and the Council have been now taxed. The bill of costs was rendered to us at £165. 3. 7 and on taxation we had it reduced to £105. 2. 1, thus getting £60 knocked off the bill. So as you will have the whole matter before you, we send you our costs also which we have kept down as low as possible. We have paid away on your behalf.

out of our pockets £40.7.3 out of the total £41.2.1 kindly have a cheque passed for Mr. Isaac's costs at the next meeting, as he is pressing us for payment of same.

The costs for which payment was asked totalled £199.4.2 and on the motion of C. M. Crea, seconded by C. Land it was decided that the full amount be paid C. Mahoney voting against.

From C. M. Thorneau Janiceow East renewing request made by the late A. Janiceow for payment for repairs to his Pile driver. C. Land moved that payment be made. Seconded by C. M. Crea. Carried

From the Farmers, Property Owners and Producers' association, Craibourne, requesting that meetings be called in various centres for the purpose of forming branches of the association. On the motion of C. Land seconded by C. M. Crea the president was asked to call Public meetings in each of the ridings to discuss the matter. Carried

From A. Wallace, Dungee, seeking payment of half (£8.9) the cost of erecting fence between his land and the Dungee Association's property.

C. Thomas moved that the amount be paid. Seconded by C. M. Crea. Carried

Reports

The rate collector reported collections as follows, Current rates £379.12.0 arrears £4.11.0 dog fees 17/ total £384.13.0

Received

The Treasurer reported receipts rates current £379.12.0 arrears £4.11.0 dog fees 17/ Income tax fees £5.9.0 Hire of Huntly £4.18.9

Received

Instructions

By C. Mahoney. Property owners to be notified to cut Balkurst Burn and stick root.

By C. Land that tenders be called for constructing 3 small formations near Howes. Davidson and M. Hagg farms. Toupapier seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

By C. Hardy that the Engineer examine roadway near farm between P.O. and effect repairs to culverts if necessary.

By C. M. Crea. Engineer to obtain pipes and get them fixed on road in east from Prairie R.S. also to construct a few chains of formation East from Prairie R.S.

By C. Shaw. Engineer to have pits repaired at Stone crossing E. from Sandara R. S<sup>W</sup> and new guide rails to connect west from Sandara R. S<sup>W</sup>

By C. Hardy & the President, Engineer to examine roadways near Kinnaird and lower farms. (alred)

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £295-13-1 were passed for payment on the motion of C. Hardy, seconded by C. Thomas

The meeting then closed

Read and Confirmed at Serpentine at the adjourned ordinary meeting held 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1904

Patrick Gilh President East Lothian Shire

Present at 12.45 pm  
The President C. Gilh and councillors Laird, Howat, Hardy, & Bissett.

Minutes of meeting held Feb 18/1904 were read. C. Laird moved, that they be confirmed. Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried

Correspondence

From Under Treasurer, forwarding account for £105, licensing equivalent, for completion. Received

From Shire of Eborac, stating that as the Police would take action regarding the travelling stock nuisance a conference was unnecessary, unless, in East Lothian Shire Council's opinion, an amendment of the Act was required. Received

From Public Works Department, stating that the time for furnishing returns required under the Turned Roads and Water Frontages Act had been further extended from 31<sup>st</sup> March to 30 June for this year. Received

From W. M. Tuttle, Melrose, applying for a slaughtering license and enclosing fee £1. was granted

Reports

From Inspector G. J. Brown, Melrose, forwarding return stock slaughtered for 6 m<sup>th</sup> ending 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 1903. Received

The rate collector reported collections.  
Rates current £138.10.0, arrears  
£87.15.0. Total £226.5.0. Received.

The Treasurer reported receipts rates  
£226.5.0.  
Bank overdraft £928.14.0. Received.

Councillor Shaw arrived.  
General Business.

Mr. Potter, Chairman of the Loddon  
U. N. Trust, having been invited to  
a seat at the table, gave, in  
committee, a long explanation  
of the Trust's position in regard  
to the payment of interest and  
arrears. and on the motion of  
Mr. Linds and Shaw a vote of  
thanks was passed to Mr. Potter.

Mr. Linds moved that the Sec write to  
the councils comprising the Loddon  
United Water Trust asking them to  
combine in inviting the Premier  
to a conference with them to be  
held at Korong Vale, on a date  
suitable to the Premier with a view  
of endeavouring to obtain some  
relief from existing liabilities.  
Seconded by Mr. Bissett. Carried.

On the motion of Mr. Bissett, seconded  
by Mr. Shaw the President and Mr. Linds  
were appointed to attend the proposed  
conference with any other councillors  
who might wish. Carried.

Mr. Linds moved that the Secretary  
call for tenders for cleaning Park  
Burr off reserves at Serpentine.  
Seconded by Mr. Bissett. Carried.

The President moved that the Engineer  
get repairs effected to approaches  
to bridges where necessary. Sec'd  
by Mr. Hardy. Carried.

Mr. Bissett moved that the Engineer  
get a new decking fixed on  
small bridge over drain on road  
near Proeleyan Church, Yarragadee.  
Seconded by Mr. Linds. Carried.

Notice of Motion

By Mr. Linds that tenders be called  
for constructing footbridge over water  
course west from Bears Lagoon Hotel,  
Loddon.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £289.3.5 were passed for payment  
on the motion of Mr. Linds seconded by Mr. Hardy. Carried.

The Meeting now closed.  
Read and confirmed at Serpentine this  
18<sup>th</sup> day of May 04  
Patrick Qui President  
East Loddon Shire

Present

The President C. Gill, and Councillors Mahoney,  
Laird, Bissett, Shaw, McCrea and Thomas.

Minutes of meeting held on March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1904 were  
read. C. Laird moved that they be confirmed.  
Seconded by C. Bissett. Carried.

Correspondence

From Municipal Association of Victoria.

Relative to amendments made in  
the Local Government Act, 1903 Section  
340 Interest on overdue rates, forward-  
ing copies of the opinions of the  
Legal advisers of the Municipal  
Association that Payment of  
Interest must be enforced and  
No Right of Enfranchisement if Interest  
on rates unpaid.

C. Laird moved that ratepayers  
be notified that interest must  
be paid in accordance with Section  
340 Local Government Act 1903.  
Seconded by C. Thomas. Carried.

From Dr. Jones, Atherton, Colford & Young  
Reporting cases of Typhoid  
and Diphtheria in the South and  
East Ridings. Received.

From J. McNeil, Serpentine State School  
Applying for the use of Shire  
Hall on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June.  
C. Laird moved that the application  
be granted under the usual con.

conditions. Seconded by Shaw. Carried

From Alf. E. Wallis

Drawing attention to the impaired  
condition of a culvert over water  
chamber at the south end of his  
land in the parish of Taudaro.

C. Thomas moved that repairs be  
effected, cost not to exceed £2.

Seconded by C. McCrea. Carried.

From Shire of Gordon.

Asking for a contribution of  
½ the cost of forming road  
on boundary near Pudding and  
Dillo. Total estimated cost £40.

C. Laird moved that the Engineer  
report thereon. Seconded by C.  
Mahoney. Carried.

From Shire of Gordon.

Asking that steps be taken to  
prevent surplus water from  
flowing out of Edwick's Channel  
on to road between Mr. John  
Hordina's house and the  
Methuen township. Received.

Reports of Committees

The President reported that meeting  
concluded, opposing the advancement  
of Socialistic legislation, largely  
owing to the small attendances  
thereat.

The President also reported having attended <sup>the conference</sup> at Krong Tale relative to writing off a portion of the liabilities of the Loddon United Water Trust. The Premier Mr. Peck promised to make a reduction. A vote of thanks was passed to the President and Mr. Laird and Bissett for their attendance.

The Rate collector reported receipts Rates current £44.15.0, arrears of rates £44.7.0 Dog fees £3.15.0 Received.

The Treasurer reported receipts rates Current £44.15.0 Rates arrears £44.7. Dog fees £3.15.0 Received.  
D. balance £954.16.4.

#### Instructions to Engineer

Repair deck of Culvert near Dows parish of Calne.

Remove sand in front of Mr. Hall's gateway Parish of Calne.

Obtain 12 E. W. pipes for culverts near Metham.

Repair roadway opposite Mr. J. Lowe's gateway. Calne.

Accounts  
Accounts amounting to £131.1.4 was passed for payment on the motion of Mr. Laird seconded by Mr. Bissett. Carried.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 1904.

Read and confirmed at Serpentine this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 1904.

J. Patrick Gill, President  
East Loddon Shire

Present: Mr Gill (president),  
Mahony, Coulter, Thomas, Shan-  
an & Bissett.

Minutes of meeting held May 18<sup>th</sup> 1904  
were read. Mr Bissett moved that they  
be confirmed. Seconded by Mr Shan — Carried.

Correspondence.

From Sec. for Water Supply, asking to  
be supplied with the amounts paid  
by the Shire to the L. U. N. Trust  
for the last 4 years.

The Sec. reported that the amounts  
were 1900 £125.15.8

1901 283. 2. 4

1902 252. 1. 5

1903 14. 19. 2

Total £675. 18. 7 Received.

From Municipal Association of Victoria  
calling attention to section 131 L. G.  
Act 1903 re Councils appointing  
the polling places for Municipal  
Elections.

Mr Coulter moved that the following  
places be appointed for polling:

Post office Sandlaw and State  
School at South Calind for the  
North Riding; Shire Hall at  
Perpentine for the South Riding,  
Hayami State School, Public Hall  
at Sandara, Public Hall at  
Mihamo and Mr Ton's residence at  
Kamaronna for the East Riding.

Seconded by Mr Bissett — Carried.

From Dr D. A. Young, resigning his  
position as health officer for the  
North & South Ridings, and in-  
timating that he had disposed  
of his practice to Dr John  
Adams, late of Hawthorn.

Mr Coulter moved that the resig-  
nation be accepted. Seconded  
by Mr Bissett. — Carried.

From Dr John Adams applying for  
the position of Health Officer  
for the North & South Ridings  
of the Shire of East Loddon.

Mr Bissett moved that Dr John  
Adams be appointed. Seconded  
by Mr Coulter. — Carried.

From Reports of Committees  
The President stated that a sum  
of £217. 11. 11 had been paid to  
the Water Supply Department,  
on acc of a claim (for 12 months  
interest) by the Loddon U. N. Trust  
for the East Loddon Division.

Mr Coulter moved that the action  
of the President in paying the  
amount be approved of. Seconded  
by Mr Bissett. — Carried.

Reports of Officers

The Rate collector reported collections as follows. Rates current £939.14.0  
Rates arrears £43.5.2. Dog fees £22.5.0 Interest on overdue rates £26.12.0 Total £1031.16.2. Received.

The Treasurer reported receipts rates current £939.14.0, rates arrears £43.5.2 Dog fees £22.5.0 Interest on overdue rates £26.12.0 Neighbourhood fees £6.4.8 (Total £1153.0.10) Hire of hall £10.0.0 Publicans licenses equivalent £105.0.0 D. balance at Bank £135.0.1. Received.

General Business

The President moved that the Secretary draft a by-law for the purpose of regulating the traffic of traction engines.

C<sup>r</sup> Coulter moved that the Engineer examine and report on necessary works road east from Taudara Ry Station, and also report on cost of cleaning out the Shire water channels. Seconded by the President. Carried.

C<sup>r</sup> Coulter moved that the Secretary obtain an opinion from the legal advisors to the Municipal Association of Victoria on the following question.

"Will the Revision Court (sitting on 22<sup>nd</sup> July next) have power to place upon the rolls those persons

who paid all rates but failed to pay, either through ignorance or inadvertence, interest thereon by the 10<sup>th</sup> June, if such interest be paid by the 14<sup>th</sup> July and claim made in accordance with Section 84 Local Government Act 1903" Seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Mahoney. Carried.

On the motion of the President, seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Shaw, the Secretary was directed to return the bill of costs (in the matter of exchange of lands with M. Ethersault) to the Shire Solicitors, requesting a reduction, the amount being considered exorbitant. Carried.

Notices of Motion

By C<sup>r</sup> Coulter. That tenders be called for repairs on road between Dale's and Grounnow's properties. Parish of Taudara. By C<sup>r</sup> Bissett. That tenders be called for cleaning out water channels.

The Accounts amounting to £92.4.4 was passed for payment on the motion of C<sup>r</sup> Bissett. Seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Shaw. Carried.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1904, the date fixed upon by the President to hold the Revision Court.

Read and confirmed at Serpentine this day of July 1904.

Walter Gies

President  
East Loddon Shire



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Present at 11.50 am. Councillors Gibb,  
(president) Mahoney, Coulter, Thomas,  
Shaw, Laird and Bissett.

Minutes of meeting held June 15<sup>th</sup> 1904  
were read. C<sup>r</sup> Coulter moved that they  
be confirmed. Seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Mahoney. — Carried.

## Revision Court

The same Councillors being present.  
The Secretary presented the lists for  
the 3 ridings.

North riding. Application was received  
from Michael Hursey for insertion upon  
the roll. His interest due on the rate  
not having been paid by the 10<sup>th</sup> June  
the application was refused.

Elizabeth Clara Hall applied for 2 votes  
also John Wheelhouse for 2 votes. Both  
applications were granted.

The roll as revised was then adopted  
on the motion of the Chairman seconded  
by C<sup>r</sup> Laird. — Carried.

South Riding. Application was received  
from Mary Davidson for insertion, but as  
the interest was not paid the application  
was refused. The South riding roll as  
revised was then adopted on the motion  
of C<sup>r</sup> Shaw seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Bissett. — Carried.

East Riding. There being no claims or  
objections the roll as revised was  
adopted on the motion of C<sup>r</sup> Coulter  
seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Thomas. — Carried.

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

Read and Confirmed at Serpentine this 17<sup>th</sup> day of  
August 1904

J. Gibb President  
East Loddon Shire

Ordinary Meeting Resumed  
The same Councillors being present

## Correspondence.

From Mr Hardy

Notifying that, through continued ill-health,  
he did not intend again nominating  
for the position of Councillor for the  
North riding. Mr Hardy forwards his  
warmest thanks for the unwavering  
good will shown him throughout  
the 29 years it had been his pleasure  
to sit in the Council.

C<sup>r</sup> Laird moved that the Council place  
on record the high appreciation  
in which C<sup>r</sup> Hardy was held by  
his colleagues. He had always  
been a good councillor, and well  
liked by his brother councillors.

He regretted very much that sickness  
was the cause of his retirement  
from the Council. Seconded by  
Councillor Bissett. — Carried.

From Water S. Dept., intimating that permission had been granted by the Executive Council to the Council to apply £40.13.5 from its Municipal fund towards the maintenance and management of the Loddon Trusts, East Loddon Division. — Received.

From J. R. M. Ludge, asking that a bridge be placed over drain at entrance to Tandara S. School. Dealt with in Engineer's report.

From O. Rankins, applying, on behalf of the trustees of the Queen's Recreation Reserve to have the recreation ground fenced by the Council. Dealt with in Engineer's report.

From C. Andrews, Booth Agricultural Society applying for support to forthcoming show. Also from H. M. Marks, Secretary Bendigo society, asking for donations. C. laid motion that £2.2.0 be voted to Bendigo and £1.1.0 to Booth. Seconded by C. Mahony. — Carried.

From C. Whiting, notifying that the Kerang branch of the A. S. S., in connection with a grain competition were offering a prize of £10.0.0 for the bushel of best wheat grown within the notional areas of Victoria which it was hoped would be an inducement for the grain growers of the locality to forward a

first class representative exhibit. Received.

From J. C. Bues, asking the consent of the Council to an application he was desirous of making for the position of inspector to the adjoining Shire of Gordon, and should he be successful, to grant him leave to carry out the duties of the office. Leave to apply for the position was refused.

From Borough of Mangaratta.

Asking the Council's view as to payment of interest on overdue rates, with a view of obtaining an amendment of the law. Was Received.

From J. Lowe, calling attention to the bad state of road between his property and M. Doolan's. Was referred to the Shire Engineer for report.

From John Hanry & Sons, re payment of rates on Hockings land, and complaining of the delay in forwarding receipts. The Rate Collector replied in writing, which was considered satisfactory. A copy of the letter to be sent M. Hanry.

From E. W. J. Carey, asking that a culvert be erected over drain fronting his residence. Was referred to the Engineer for report.

From Municipal Assoc<sup>n</sup> of Victoria, forwarding opinion of the legal advisers of the association on the following question:

Will the Revision Court (sitting on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 04) have power to place upon the rolls those persons who paid all rates, but failed to pay, either through ignorance or inadvertence, interest thereon by the 10<sup>th</sup> June, if such interest be paid by the 11<sup>th</sup> July and claim made in accordance with Section 84 S.G. Act 1903.

Answer

If the rate was not paid within 6 months after the date fixed by the Council for payment then unless the interest was paid before the 10<sup>th</sup> June the ratepayer cannot be enrolled, either by the Municipal Clerk when making up the list or by the Revision Court, for it is only those persons who were entitled to be enrolled on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June whose names can be inserted by the Revision Court.

Maddoch & Jamieson

Reports of Officers

Rate collector collections Rates current £30.5.0, Rates arrears £32.2.0, Interest on rates £12.8.11. Dog fees £4.10.0 Total £79.5.11.

Was Received

The Treasurer reported receipts

Rates current £30.5.0; rates arrears £32.2.0; interest on rates £12.8.11; Dog fees £4.10.0; rent Shire Hall £4. Invoice fees (balance) 13p; share of cost dinner to Premier at Korong Vale from Korong and Marong Shires £1.8.3 Total £92.7.2.

Overdraft £166.3.10. Was Received

The Shire Engineer's report was read & Received.

Clause 1. Estimating cost of constructing boundary road at Bills at £40. Gordon Shire to be informed that the Council was not in a position to go on with the work at the present time. The Engineer also submitted estimate of cost of making his boundary road at Radkuis at £15. Gordon Shire to be notified and asked to do the work at joint cost.

Clause 2. That tenders had been called for 3 works as ordered. Received

Clause 3. Estimating cost of erecting box culvert at Jandara State School at £5. Tenders to be called.

Clause 4. Estimating probable cost of fencing necessary at Dungee Recreation Reserve at £7. Tenders to be called.

Clause 5. Relative to Traction Engine traffic was ordered to stand over.

Clause 6. Suggesting that repairs be effected to roads leading to the Railway Stations by filling in pits etc.

Tenders to be called for the work

Clause 7. Estimating cost of necessary work east from Jaudara Rd. at £25.

Tenders to be called.

Clause 8. Estimating cost of constructing culvert on the Echuca road at £9-

Tenders to be called.

Clause 9. That extensions and repairs were required to foundations west from Duigel also a culvert west from Jagers. Probable cost £50. Consideration held over till next meeting.

Clause 10. Estimating cost of works necessary near Fairbanks. Sacklaw at £10 and on Snake Hill road near Duke's Ld. Was left in the hands of the North R. members.

Clause 11. That the drains at Mitiamo had been cleared out and repairs to roads west from Jamela P.O. attended to was approved of.

Clause 12. That £15 was needed to construct foundations on road between Scipentue and Kelshi Lagoon. Was dealt with by Notice of Motion lodged by

Dr. Laird.

Clause 13. Estimating cost of removing drift sand from water channels at £150. Tenders to be called on the motion of C. Bissett, seconded by C. Shaw.

Carried

Tenders

The following tenders were dealt with: Constructing footbridge west from Bears Lagoon Post Office. Lowest tenderer L.H. Thomas Mossop.

Supplying & spreading 20 cubic yards metal at Tou Tou bridge. Lowest tenderer H. J. Braybow £8.5.0

C. Shaw moved that the lowest tenders be accepted. Seconded by C. Coulter.

Carried.

The Secretary submitted the return of unused roads in the shire showing an acreage of 2142 acres and revenue £346.17.0

Dr. Laird moved that the return be adopted and forwarded to the public works Department. Seconded by C. Coulter.

Carried.

General Business

Councillor Laird referred to the practice of laying poison for the destruction of rabbits which was destroying all the native birds, and moved

that a letter be forwarded to country municipalities asking support in protesting against laying poison to the destruction of birds.

Seconded by Mr. Coulter. The motion was lost.

The President referred to the contemplated sale of the Serpentine Estate and moved that the Sec. write Mr. Langdon asking him to bring the matter under the notice of the Premier with a view to acquiring the estate for deer settlement purposes. Seconded by Mr. Bissett. Carried

On the motion of Mr. Coulter and Thomas the Engineer was directed to report on the condition of the approaches to Dingles Meighridge.

On the motion of Mr. Shaw and Mahoney it was decided to have Council's Solicitor's bill of costs taxed.

Returning officers for Annual and Extraordinary Elections.

The following Councillors were appointed:  
for the South Riding Mr. Gill  
for the South Do Mr. Shaw  
for the East Riding annual Election and extraordinary Election Mr. Coulter.

Motions on Notice

By Mr. Coulter. That tenders be called for repairing roadway by Dales. Sec<sup>d</sup> by Mr. Thomas. Carried

By Mr. Thomas. That in all future payments to the Loddon United Waterworks Trust by the Council, the amount allotted to the East riding shall be governed by the amount of rates received within the boundary of the Trust. Seconded by Mr. Coulter. Carried

By Mr. Laird That tenders be called for forming formation near Mr. Atkins' Pumpapied. Sec<sup>d</sup> by Mr. Shaw. Carried

Notices of Motion

By Mr. Laird Tenders for formations bet. new Serpentine and Kelsie's Lagoon.

By Mr. Gill. Tenders for formation between the properties of Messrs D.C. & M. Laird.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £86.12.7 were passed for payment on the Motion of Mr. Laird, seconded by Mr. Bissett. Carried

The Meeting then closed, and the Council adjourned to Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August, 1904, at 11 am.  
Read and confirmed at Serpentine this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 1904  
Patrick Gill President  
East Loddon Shire

By the President that a rate of one shilling in the pound (if made) be struck on the net annual value of rateable property in the Shire of East Loddon for period commencing 1.1.04 and ending 30.9.05. Patrick Gill

Present Mr. Gill (President), Mahoney, Coulter, Shaw, Laird, Bissett and Thomas.

Minutes meetings held 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1904 were read. Mr. Laird moved that they be confirmed. Seconded by Mr. Shaw. \_\_\_\_\_

Carried \_\_\_\_\_

#### Correspondence

From C<sup>o</sup>. U. C. A. forwarding resignation as member for East riding, owing to business arrangements.

Mr. Laird moved that the resignation be <sup>accepted</sup> received with regret. Seconded by Mr. Bissett. \_\_\_\_\_

Carried \_\_\_\_\_

From Auditor General, stating that the Dept. had taken over possession of the property of the Loddon U. C. Trust, and asking the Council to assist in the management of the property of the trust by continuing to look after the trust's work in its territory as heretofore, in the interests of economy, and mentioning that a similar request was being made to the other Councils concerned.

Mr. Bissett was in favor of complying with the request. He had driven Mr. Drake, who had been appointed Receiver, over the trust's territory within the Shire and so. Pleaded matters to him.

The letter was received and a note of thanks accorded Mr. Bissett for action taken by him. \_\_\_\_\_

From Chief Inspector, Terrain Destruction Act. enclosing No. 54.7.6 for completion being Govt. to refund on 70 acres. Received and attended to by Secretary.

From J. Langdon M.L.A. stating that the letter from the Council to the effect that the Terrestrial Estate, which it was proposed to sell, had been received, and that the intimation that it was suitable for closer settlement had been laid before the Premier, and referred to the Minister for Lands for report. \_\_\_\_\_

Received \_\_\_\_\_

From Shire of Loddon, stating, in reply to previous correspondence, that E. & W. Chancel was rather a deterrent of floods than otherwise, nevertheless, when the Ultimo banks, which are filled from the channel overflow, the nuisance complained of previously, the flooding of the roads, is created. \_\_\_\_\_

Received \_\_\_\_\_

From Acting Conservator of Forests, giving information as to different trees that were available from the State Nursery, Reswick. Application to be made for Poplar and Silver oak trees. \_\_\_\_\_

From Mr. Cheyne and A. Benwick, asking that roads by Bill \_\_\_\_\_

Prop. be constructed — was — Received —  
and dealt with by Notice of Motion lodged by Mr Mahoney.

From Municipal Association, forwarding report of meeting of joint Committee of municipalities in regard to proposed regulation of motor traffic. Received —

From Department of Agriculture forwarding specimen of weed known as St. Johns Wort — Do —

Reports of Officers

Rates collector reported collections Rates current £2.11.0 ansars £6.14.0 Interest 9/8 Dog fees £1.15.0. — Received —

Treasurer reported receipts Rates current £2.11.0, rates ansars £6.14.0 Dog fees £1.15.0 interest 9/8 Hire of Hall £2.10.0 Total £5.8.8 B. balance £224.1.6. — Do —

The San Engineer's report was read and received.

Clause 1 Estimating cost approaches to Dungee Neighbourhood at £20. was dealt with by Notice of Motion.

Clause 2 & 3 Estimating cost of constructing the following works as follows. North & South from Prairie at £43. One culvert & drain North east from Terick B. Homestead £27. was received.

Clause 5. Estimating cost of a culvert opposite Mr. E.A. J. Barry's house. Read at £6. Tenders to be called.

Clause 6. Suggesting that repairs be carried <sup>out</sup> to roads near Mr. J. Wood's farm was received and adopted.

Tenders for Public Works

Moved by Mr. Shaw Seconded by Mr. Mahoney that the following tenders be accepted. Carried. — Carried —

Foundations near Howes and Davidsons Cumpie's Robert Cobb £13.16.4.

Foundation drain near Dales farm Taudara J.S. Old £18.1.3

One culvert opposite gateway at Taudara State School J.S. Old £7.

Removing silt from this water channel from Yanayne to Atkens W. J. Baybore £99.

Removing silt from water channel near Dordys & Howes. Robert Cobb £44.4.2

Tending Dungee Recreation Reserve John Crapper junior £10.18.2

Leaving formation near Aitkens, Poupapiel  
W. J. Brayford £12.12.6.

Formations culverts and repairs to roads  
leading to Mitrans and Fairis  
Railway Stations M. Kell £107.

### General Business

#### Traction Engine Traffic

O. Laid moved that the Engineer  
furnish a Report under Section  
496 L. G. Act 1903 regarding  
weights to be drawn over bridges.  
Seconded by O. Shaw. Carried

O. Laid moved that the Government  
be asked to supply wire netting  
for fencing the Poupapiel State  
Forest. Seconded by O. Bissett. Carried

The President was authorized to  
engage a team of horses to  
scarify a section of road where  
rutted out by heavy traffic.

#### Instructions to Engineer

Engineer to examine and report on  
cost of constructing roads near  
Pouauts Mitrans, & East from Tandra  
estate

#### Motions on Notice

By O. Laid Tenders be called for  
constructing formations & culverts  
Serpentine to Ketch's lagoon road.  
Seconded by O. Bissett. Carried

By O. Gill

Tenders for formation & culverts bet<sup>n</sup>  
the properties of Messrs D.C. & H<sup>rs</sup>  
Laid Calmib. Seconded by  
O. Mahoney. Carried

By O. Coulter

Tenders for forming approaches  
to Duges Brighton & constructing  
culvert at E. A. J. Carey's gateway.  
Seconded by O. Thomas. Carried

#### Notices of Motion

By O. Gill. That a rate of p. in the  
£ to be struck upon the net annual  
value of all rateable property within  
the Shire of East Loddon.

By O. Gill That tenders be called  
for formation E.M. road opposite  
Fairbanks.

By O. Mahoney Tenders be called  
for works on boundary road with  
Gordon Shire near Belle and for  
formation near P. Lowes, Calmib

Accounts amounting to £67.2.3 were passed for payment on  
the motion of O. Coulter seconded by O. Laid. Carried

The meeting then closed and the council adjourned  
to Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 1904.

Read and confirmed at Serpentine this 21<sup>st</sup> day of  
September 1904

Jatuk Qui Chairman President  
East Loddon Shire



Shire of East Loddon

Annual Elections

August 25<sup>th</sup> 1904

North Riding

Mr. George Coult being the only candidate nominated for the office of Councillor for the North riding I hereby declare him duly elected.

Patrick Gill Returning Officer

South Riding

Mr. William Bissett being the only candidate nominated for the office of Councillor for the South riding I hereby declare him duly elected.

Returning Officer

East Riding

Mr. William Thomas being the only candidate nominated for the office of Councillor for the East riding I hereby declare him duly elected.

Donna Cuthbert Returning Officer

East Riding - Extraordinary election, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> 1904

At the election of one Councillor for the above riding held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 1904, the voting was as follows: - Edward A. J. Carney 43 votes, Sydney O. McCreo 58 votes majority for Sydney O. McCreo 15 votes. I therefore declare Sydney O. McCreo duly elected as a Councillor for the East Riding of the Shire of East Loddon.

Donna Cuthbert Returning Officer

Shire Hall

Serpentine

21<sup>st</sup> September 1904

Election of President

The following Councillors being present Councillors Gill, Mahony, Lind, Coult, Shaw and the newly elected Councillors William Thomas, William Bissett, George Coult and Sydney O. McCreo 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 Act 1903, No. 1893.

W. Bissett J.P.  
George Coult  
Patrick Gill  
W. Thomas

Declared at Serpentine before me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 1904.

D. C. Cairns J.P.

Read and confirmed at Serpentine this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 1904

Patrick Gill Chairman  
President

East Loddon Shire Council

Present at 12.45 pm.  
Councillors Gill, Mahoney, Geo. Coulter,  
Coulter, Thomas, M. G. Bissett  
and Laird.

Minutes of meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> August.

Election of President.

C. Mahoney moved that C. Gill,  
the retiring president be voted  
for the chair. Seconded by G. Thomas. Carried.

President's allowance.

C. Laird moved that the president's  
allowance be £50. Seconded by  
C. Bissett. Carried.

C. Gill moved that C. Shaw be  
elected president for the ensuing  
year. Seconded by C. Bissett  
and carried unanimously.

C. Laird moved a hearty vote of  
thanks to the retiring president, who  
had carried out his duties with  
satisfaction to himself as well as  
to the council.

Seconded by G. Thomas. Carried.

The motion having been carried,  
C. Gill thanked his colleagues  
for the expression of opinion and  
also for the help given him  
during his term of office.

Minutes of meeting held August  
19<sup>th</sup> 1904. Some read. C. Bissett moved  
that they be confirmed. Seconded  
by G. Coulter. Carried.

Correspondence.

From Shire of Echuca.

asking for 1/3 of the cost of repairing  
the deck of bridge over Peeringing  
Creek near Utambo.

C. Coulter moved that the amount  
be paid. Seconded by C. Thomas. Carried.

From Shire of Gordon, asking council to  
reconsider its decision declining  
to pay 1/2 cost of proposed work  
on boundary road near Dill. was  
dealt with by notice of motion moved  
by C. Mahoney.

From Secretary Central Murray Goulburn League,  
seeking financial assistance. Received.

From Taxing Officer Supreme Court  
certifying to having taxed and  
allowed a bill of costs with 16.9.6  
being £15.15.0 costs and 14/6  
fees for allocation and taxing.  
C. Coulter moved that the a/c.  
be passed for payment. Sec<sup>d</sup>  
by C. Laird. Carried.

From Secretary Municipal Assoc<sup>n</sup>.  
Forwarding copy of business  
sheet for Oct. 19. C. Thomas moved. Carried.  
that the president attend. Sec<sup>d</sup> Coulter.

From John Harry, Yallock, asking if arrangements could be made for holding public meetings in different parts of the shire to take into consideration most important public questions, such as the difference between the country and Melbourne neighbourhoods of wheat etc. C. Coulter moved that the president call a meeting at Quince to consider the question of difference in neighbourhood rights. Seconded by C. Thomas. Carried

From Secretary Grand Mill of Society asking that Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Oct. be proclaimed a public holiday in the town & portion of the East riding. C. Coulter moved that request be complied with. Sec'd by C. McCre. Carried

From S. C. Jones applying for reinstatement of salary received until the financial position of the Council rendered it prudent necessary for consideration postponed for one month.

Reports  
Rate collector Rates current £19.10.0  
Interests £7.0.9 Received

Treasurer. Rates current £19.10.0, interest £7.0.9 Contractors deposits £16.1.0 Hqs of Hall £2.10.0 Neighbourhood £4.0.10 Recd

The Shire Engineer reported estimated cost of constructing roads at Bryants £70 and near Mr. Keiths £60. Received

Tenders  
C. Laird moved that the following tenders being the lowest be accepted  
Formation etc East from Tandora J. J. Old £39.8.8 Cont. 10-

Formations & Culverts Scepter's Kelsh's Lagoon road, N. J. Brayford £40.14.11. Cont. 12-

Formation near N. Lairds Robert Cobb £7.12.6. Cont. 11-

Two culverts near Carey. W. Kelt. £8.15.0 ? 10

Estimates  
Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 1904.  
Moved by J. Bassett  
Seconded by C. Laird

That this Council do now adopt and confirm the estimates for year 1904-5 ending 30 Sept. 1905 of the receipts and expenditure the sum of 2249 being required for the several purposes herein specified. Carried

Moved by C. Coulter. Seconded by C. Mahoney that this Council do now adopt the valuations of all the rateable property within the Shire of East Loddon amounting to £34420 as made by the Valuer Stephen Collier Jones in the year 1904. — Carried —

Moved by C. Gill. Seconded by C. Thomas that to raise the sum of £1721 this Council make and levy a rate of 1/6 in the £1 upon the net annual value of all the rateable property within the Shire of East Loddon for the period commencing Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 1904 and ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 1905. — Carried —

Moved by C. Bissett. Seconded by C. McEara that the Rate Collector be directed to collect the said rate forthwith. — Carried —

#### Instructions

By C. Laird and Bissett. Secretary prepare bye law re dairies.

By C. Bissett & Laird. Engineer report on cost of repairing a bridge adjoining East Loddon woolshed.

By C. Bissett and Thomas. Engineer report rabbit burrows dug out from spoil heap at Meers dam, & from channel banks.

By C. Coulter. Engineer report re scour on boundary road near Myles. —

The Engineer was directed to obtain a bag of poisoned wheat for the destruction of sparrows. —

On the motion of C. Gill seconded by C. Mahoney the Engineer was directed to report on cost of making formation opposite Hurstwood estate.

C. Coulter moved that the Council direct to accept the new allocation of liabilities as submitted by the receiver of the Loddon United Water Trust, believing that the original amounts of the free grant as allotted were correct. Seconded by C. Laird. — Carried —

#### Motions under Notice

By C. Gill. Tenders for formation near Fairbank. Sec. Mahoney. — Carried —

By C. Mahoney. Tenders for formation on boundary road near Bill Joint with Gordon Shire. Seconded by C. Gill. — Carried —

By C. Mahoney. Tenders for formation near J. Lowes. Seconded by C. Gill. — Carried —

Accounts amounting to £182.8.10 were passed for payment on the motion of C. Bissett seconded by C. Laird. — Carried —

Motions or Notices

By Councillor Laird that tenders be called for constructing light foundations east from Beach Lane Post Office.

The meeting then closed, and the Council adjourned to Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 1904.

Read and confirmed at Serpentine this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 1904.

Patrick Gill President East Loddon Shire

North Riding

Shire of East Loddon Extraordinary Election

Mr. David William Coutho being the only candidate nominated for the office of Councillor for the North riding, I hereby declare him duly elected.

Patrick Gill Returning Officer

Serpentine November 10<sup>th</sup> 1904.

I, the undersigned 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 Act 1903 & 191893.

Declared at Serpentine before me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 1903.

Read and confirmed at Serpentine this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 1904. W. Bissett J.P. President, East Loddon Shire

Present C<sup>rs</sup> Laird, Bissett, Shaw, Coulter, Thomas, W. Cox, Mahoney & Gill (Chairman)

Minutes meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> Sept. 1904 read and on the motion of C<sup>r</sup> Bissett seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Laird. — Confirmed — Carried.

From C. Shaw resigning the position of president. C<sup>r</sup> Laird moved that the resignation be accepted. Seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Bissett. — Carried.

C<sup>r</sup> Laird moved that C<sup>r</sup> Bissett be elected president. Seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Thomas. Carried unanimously.

C<sup>r</sup> Bissett thanked his colleagues for the honor conferred.

The President referred to the death of their late colleague Mr. Geo. Coutho, and moved that as a token of respect to his memory the Council adjourn for an hour & that a letter of condolence be forwarded to the widow and family of the deceased gentleman.

Seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Laird. — Carried.

On promising, the same Councillors being present

Correspondence

From Grayson, Melbourne, with etc for Gr. Subsidy for completion, the amount being £213. 15. 11. Moved to. — Received.

From Mrs. O. Jambo, asking for support in opposing the project for tacking

municipalities with the support of  
charities and partly of State Schools  
C. Lind moved that cooperation be  
accorded. Seconded by C. Gill. Carried.

From Leo Municipal Association,  
forwarding copy of the Food Adulteration  
Bill. Recd.

From the Sheriffs of York and Lincoln,  
a increase in the rabbit pest. Do.

From N.S. Department, stating that as the  
practice adopted by the Council of paying  
out of municipal funds amounts due  
to the State from fines & taxes for in-  
terest and redemption contributions  
in connection with loans advanced to  
water works or irrigation trusts for  
water supply purposes etc is in the  
opinion of the Minister open to serious  
objection, it had been decided to  
advise the Gov. in Council to withhold  
his consent as regards any application  
that may be made pursuant to the  
provisions of either sections 112 or  
170 Water Act 1890, or section 66 of  
the N. Act 1900, for authority to so  
apply municipal money. Recd.

From E. J. Drake, Receiver Loddon United  
Water Board, asking for payment of  
Arrears of interest £59.  
C. Gill moved that the amount be  
paid under protest, seconded by C. Carried.  
Mahoney.

From P. N. Department, notifying that  
Mr. O. A. Cooper has been  
appointed Government Auditor. Carried.

From G. J. Brown, Inspector of nuisances,  
Melbourn, asking to have his  
previous salary of £5 per ann.  
restored. C. Coulter moved that  
the salary be £10.0. Seconded,  
by C. Mahoney. Carried.

From Municipal Association of theoria.  
Forwarding extracts from the Bill  
to amend the Licensing Act  
relating to the allocation of fees. Recd.

Reports.

From Inspector Brown, Melbourn, reporting  
having made a general inspection  
of premises etc at Melbourn & with  
one or two exceptions found everything  
in a sanitary condition. Drain on  
roadside opposite Railway Hotel  
was overgrown with grass & weeds  
near Cycles was in a dangerous  
state. The report was received  
and the Engineer directed to have  
grass cut out & bridge renewed.  
On the motion of C. U. Carried.  
C. Coulter.

From D. J. Adams, Health Officer North  
and South, reporting having  
inspected the site of St. Luke's  
Sepulchre at Lerpeth. It was

decided to send a copy of the report to Mr Smith, asking him to comply with the suggestions as far as possible.

The Rate collector reported collections as follows. Current rates £90.0  
Amos £46.10; dog fees 14/-  
Interest £1.4.5 Total £56.15.5. Received

The Treasurer reported receipts & payments current £9; Amos £46.10.0 dog fees 14/- Interest £1.4.5; refund turning out 7/6. D<sup>r</sup> balance £475.11.7. Do

The Shire Engineer's report was read and Clause 2 estimating cost of necessary work at Semkhurst £35. was ordered to stand over. Received.

Clause 3 Estimating cost of constructing a new bridge over creek near East Loddon Station at £20. Tenders to be called on the motion of C. Bisset seconded by Mr. Lamb. Carried.

Tenders  
Foundation near Pygotts, Lower Loddon T.S. Oct. £19.10.0 1/10/1

Foundations at Lower & Fairbank to stand over.

Pulling down Bridge East Loddon 12/11/04 £7.15.0  
Mr. Lamb moved that the lowest tenders 1/10/1/2

be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Gill. Carried

Instructions  
By Mr. Mahony Secretary make enquiries re Doolan's claim for £2 per acre fallen timber.

By Mr. Shaw  
Secretary furnish statement showing financial position of the Shire.

By Mr. Gill  
That the Police Dept be requested to place notices warning people against careless use of fire.

By Mr. Gill  
That the Sec. make application for a supply of water for the Shire Channels.

By Mr. N. G. G. G.  
Engineer examine mill near Turstly & endeavour to get rabbits removed from the approaches.

By Mr. Coulter.  
Engineer get scours filled in by Gows & Nalright's Tenders.

By Mr. Gill  
Secretary again write to Tragow & Sons re about on the

2 chain road.

C. Coulter moved that the President convene a public meeting on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> to consider the question of the loss of weight in the matter of grain buying which largely affected the producer, & some day he would feel it very much.

Seconded by C. Thomas. Carried.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £248.16.6 were passed for payment on the motion of C. Thomas. Seconded by C. W. G. Carried.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 1904 at 11 and.

Read and confirmed at Southampton this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 1904.

Patrick Gill President Chairman  
East Loddon Shire

Present at noon

Councillors Gill, Laird, Shaw, Thomas and Coulter.

In the absence of the president (C. Bissett) who explained by letter that he was detained by attending at the funeral of the late Mr. John Coult, Esq. Mr. Gill was voted to the chair.

Minutes of meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1904 were read. C. Laird moved that they be confirmed. Seconded by C. Shaw. Carried.

Annual Meeting

The audited statement of the receipts and expenditure for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1904 together with the auditors report certifying to the correctness thereof was read by the Secretary. C. Laird moved that the accounts as read be now finally examined, settled and allowed. Seconded by C. Coulter. Carried.

Ordinary Meeting

The same councillors being present.

Correspondence

From C. D. M. Coult expressing regret that owing to the death of his uncle he would be unable to attend the meeting. The funeral being on the same day. Received.



From Chief Inspector Kinnin Dr. Instructed 9 Feb.  
 Forwarding copy of amendments of  
 the law relating to the fur subsidy.  
 Attention was drawn to sections  
 3 & 4 of Act 1913 and it was further  
 pointed out that it would be necessary  
 when claiming subsidy to forward of  
 same time account sales or receipts  
 of sales of skins, or without such  
 the subsidy would not be allowed. — Received —

From Municipal Association of Victoria  
 asking the Council's opinion on the  
 compulsory eradication of noxious  
 weeds, particularly in regard to  
 the Shore Thistle. — Received —  
 As nothing in the matter could  
 be done at present, the question  
 being too far advanced, it was  
 understood that the subject would  
 be discussed when the <sup>time for</sup> eradication  
 was again reached.

From N. J. Braybow, as follows. —  
 Please take notice that I now claim  
 the sum of £13.10.0 being amount  
 for loss of time viz: - 9 days @ 30s  
 per day. I feel sorry that I am  
 compelled to ask you for the above  
 amount through the neglect of your  
 Engineer. I will attend next meeting  
 on the 21<sup>st</sup> and will give evidence  
 in support of my claim.  
 N. J. Braybow attended.  
 Cr Laird moved that the Council

intimate that they cannot entertain  
 the claim, remarking that Mr. Braybow  
 should have obtained a copy of  
 the plan and specification, as  
 other contractors had done.  
 Seconded by Cr Thomas. — Carried. —  
 Cr Coulter voting against.

Reports of Committees.

Cr Thomas reported on the meeting  
 held at Quince on 25<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>  
 in regard to grain trucking.  
 On the motion of Councillors Coulter  
 and Shaw a vote of thanks was  
 passed to Cr Thomas. —

Reports of Officers

The Chief Engineer's report was read  
 and received.  
 On the motion of Cr Laird and  
 Shaw the Engineer was instructed  
 to have culverts repaired where  
 mentioned in the report.

The Rate Collector reported collections  
 as under. Rates arrears £2.0.0  
 Interest 10<sup>0</sup>/<sub>100</sub>. — Received —

The Treasurer reported receipts  
 Rates arrears £2. Contractors'  
 deposits £7.10.0. Hire of hall 10<sup>0</sup>/<sub>100</sub>.  
 Interest 10<sup>0</sup>/<sub>100</sub>. Total £4.10.0. — Received —  
 Dr balance at the Bank of  
 Victoria £. Inglewood £719.14.0

Accounts -  
Accounts amounting to £231.7.5 were  
passed for payment on the motion of  
Mr. Howard seconded by Mr. Fowler & carried

Instructions

To the Secretary & Engineer

It was agreed that the Engineer  
have the rabbit burrows dug  
out from channels in the Poupapies  
Forest if neighbouring landowners  
assist by destroying the vermin  
on their own properties

By the Chairman (C. Gill) that the  
Secretary write to the Rabbit  
Inspector asking him not to  
lay poison on the roads. Seconded  
by C. Laird - Carried

By the Chairman and C. Laird. Engineer  
apply for rates if necessary.

By Mr. Shaw that the Engineer have the  
Bullocks Ck bridge on Durham Rd  
and Raywood road repaired.

The Council then adjourned, and it was agreed  
that the January meeting would be allowed  
to lapse.

Read and confirmed at Sarisbury this 15<sup>th</sup>  
day of February 1905.

President  
East Loddon Shire  
W. B. Smith