

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

February 27th 1908.

Adjourned Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President (Cr Bissett), & Crs Garden, Mahoney, Etershank, Whatley, Coutts, -

The Minutes of the last meeting & adjournments thereof were read:-

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Gardens:-

That the same be confirmed. Carried.

Correspondence.

- I. From the Treasury with claim for one fourth of the Government endowment. £137.10.-. Received.
2. From the same with claim for the balance £412.10.- Received.
3. From Hon. Thos. Langdon forwarding letter from the Public Works Department that £400 have been allocated to this & the Shire of Echua towards metalling the Prairie & Mitiamie roads, the Councils to expend a like sum. Received.
4. From the Public Works Department with conditions of the above grant. Received.
5. & 6. From Hon. T. Langdon with letter from the same department that the £150 last year's special grant, will be paid as soon as the Order-in-Council approving of the same has been made. Received.
7. From the Secretary for Public Works that such Order will be probably passed at the next meeting of the Executive Council. Received.
8. From the Chief Secretary that 19th Inst was proclaimed a public holiday on account of the Serpentine Hospital Fete. Received.
9. From the Secretary for Railways that a report had been received to the effect that the water in Bullock Creek is unfit for use in locomotives & the request of the Council to have the railway dam filled cannot be acceded to. Received.
10. From Mr T. Keeley - that in reply to the Engineer's enquiries, that there is plenty of water in the dam caught by the last rain. Received.
- II. From the Railway Department that henceforth they will not maintain the approaches to railway crossings & that they will only maintain public roads to a distance of 7'0" outside the outer rails at each side of the railway. Received.
12. From the Engineer to the Shire of Korong inviting the Engineer of this Shire to meet him at Turner's crossing to consult as to repairing the same. Received.
13. From the same postponing the meeting. Received.

- 14 to 16 From the Public Health Department with circulars as samples of food:- Milk & Aerated waters:- Minced or sausage-meat. Received
 17. From the same as to sanitary services. Received.
 18. From the Shire of Rodney asking co-operation in a monster deputation re reducing the capacity of corn-sacks. To stand over.
 19. From the Talbot Shire Council for co-operation in getting a reduction in the freight on rabbits.
- Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That co-operation be granted.

Per Crs Thomas, Coulter & Mahoney:-

Against the rest of the Council. Motion lost.

- 20 & 21. From the Municipal Association with copies of the Report of the Annual Session, the Rules & Regulations of the Association & of the Land Draining Facilities Act 1907. Received.
22. From the Melbourne & Metropolitan Board of Works with copy of the Yan-Yean Commemoration Jubilee. Received with thanks.
23. From David Dew asking for a small piece of formation near his place. Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Whatley:-
That Cr Mahoney be empowered to get the work done. Carried.
24. From the Shire of Gordon with balance sheet. Received with thanks.
25. From the Shire of Swan Hill the like. Received with thanks.
26. From the Victorian Deaf & Dumb Institute asking for annual subscription.
27. From the same asking for a special subscription in aid of the building debt.
28. From the Home of Hope Orphanages asking for a subscription. Postponed for Charity Vote.

Dingee weigh-bridge fees. Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the question of revising the scale of fees stand over till next meeting. Carried.

Reports.	Treasurer.	Receipts	£1016. 4. 7
		Payments last meeting	£ 341. 1. 2
		since	180.05.-
		Interest on Over-draft	9.14.3
		Net overdraft	206 .1. 6 Received.
	Rate Collector,	December Current rates	£150.10.-
		Jany & Peby	296.12.-
		Dogs	£ 447. 2.-
			15.- Received.

Reports continued, Health Officer Adams Births 3 deaths 2. That an epidemic of Influenza with complications of Pneumonia & Gastro-Enteritis occurred through the Riding. No cases of Infectious disease were reported during the year. Had 3 inspected Serpentine township but found nothing calling for comment as to its general sanitation everything being clean. Received.

Health Officer's Woodside's Report:-

That the health of the people in the East Riding during the year 1907 had been good. There had not been any reports of infectious disease for the whole district viz: Typhoid Fever, Scarletina or Diphtheria:- A mild epidemic of Influenza prevailed during the early Spring but no case ended fatally & that there were a few cases of measles but none came under his notice.

There were 6 births registered & 5 deaths, all from natural causes, the youngest being 70 years of age & the average age of the 5 :- 77².

Inspectors of Slaughter-Yards with returns of stock slaughtered during the year. Received.

Secretary & Engineer's report read.

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the same be received.

Carried.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

2 P.M. Business resumed the same Crs present.

Secretary & Engineer's Report.

Clause I. That he had left on leave on 23rd Dec & resumed duty on 15th January. Received.

2. That Martin's, Phillips' & Old's Contracts were satisfactorily completed & that the Dingee tank was full. Received.

3. That he had called tenders for repair of certain Bridges on the Prairie Road & the Bullock Creek bridge on the Dingee road. To stand over for tenders.

4. That a pipe culvert on the Eastern portion of the Prairie road had been removed being broken but Mr James Coult wanted it restored & advised the insertion of a culvert of larger capacity to fill his dam & protect the road.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Whatley:-

3.

Secy & Engr's Report contind That the Engineer put in a culvert at a cost of about £3. Carried.

5. That the metal on the same road was not binding & that he & Crs Whatley & McIntyre of the Bahuca Shire thought it advisable to call tenders at once for loaming & rolling it, which he had done.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the Contract stand over till next meeting.

Carried Cr Whatley dissenting.

6. That he & the same Crs further considered the expenditure of the new special grant & proposed to meet on the ground to discover cement. Cr McIntyre considered that the Prairie Road only should be metalled & not the Mitiamo, but his Council would consider the matter at their meeting.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the question stand over till next meeting. Carried.

7. Suggesting that combined action should be taken by all Shires as to the more speedy payment of the Government subsidy & special grants. After deliberation the matter was passed over without action.

8. That he had prepared the revised list of Unused Roads & Water-Frontages which he presented. To stand over.

9. As to Contract 68 (T. Butler, Contractor), asking for a further allowance of £2 for new flashing in the gutter of the Shire Hall. To stand over.

10. Recommending the sale of the present & purchase of a new roller. Received.

The Council then moved into Committee, to open tenders & deal with finance.

On resuming Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Coult:-

That Mr R. Cobb's tender for Contract No. 81 at £5.19.- be accepted. Carried.

The Committee recommended that Mr Vegale's application for a renewal of his slaughtering licence be refused. This was adopted.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That £2 be passed to Mr Butler for the flashing. Carried.

The Finance Committee reported having examined accounts already paid amounting to £180.15.- & to be paid of £181. 8.6 making together £362. 3.8 & recommending their payment.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Whatley:-

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That the report be received & adopted & the accounts passed for payment. Carried.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by the President:-

That the schedules of Unused Roads & Water Frontages presented by Mr C.E. Albrecht, the Shire Secretary, having been examined by us be approved. Carried.

Report of Inspector of Thistles, J.H. Davidson, that while he was engaged inspecting good work was done in most parts of the Shire. That as to those who should have been prosecuted he was waiting instructions from the Shire Solicitors. That since the rain Bathurst-Burr, Star-thistle & stinkwort are flourishing almost everywhere.

Received on the motion of Cr Coulter & Whatley.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Inspector be instructed to attend to the Bathurst-Burr, Star thistle & Stinkwort for one month. Carried.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Shire of Gordon be asked to join in making a small formation at Valler's, Calivil. Carried.

Instructions to Engineer.

By Cr Coulter:- to put in order the new formation on the Dinglee road

By Cr Ettershank:- to inspect the Serpentine Creek bridge behind the town & report on the same.

To remove the old culvert west of the bridge.

By Cr Coulter:- When in the district to visit the Tang-Tang Swamp at its outlet & repair the bank & also provide a culvert.

To inspect for a small formation on Bennett's road near Mr Coulter's.

Charity Vote. Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the vote to Inglewood & Bendigo Hospitals be £15.15.- each instead of £10.10.- Carried.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Garden:-

That the vote to the Deaf & Dumb Institute be increased to £8.2. Carried.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the list subject to the above & omitting the Agricultural Societies be passed. Carried.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the road South of allots 56, 51 & 28 parish of Jarlan be formed in 2 places & that the approach to the culvert on the same road be extended & re-leamed. Carried. tenders by next meeting.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Garden:-

That a formation of about 12 chains be made at Kirwan's & Mc. McGree's corner, Calivil & tenders called by next meeting.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That tenders be called for metalling the Bulleek Creek bridge at Heywood's & connecting the formation on the West & making the wings sheep-proof. Carried.

An application was received from Mr Wilson Coulter for refund of £1 being an overcharge on his rate last year.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the £1 be refunded. Carried.

Notice of Motion by Cr Whatley:-

That a formation be made on the 2 ch. N & S. road 1 mile South of

Prairie Road

And the meeting closed.

*Confirmed 18th March 1908
W. Bissett
President*

MAR 18 1908

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

March 18th 1908.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President, (Cr Bissett), &

Crs Garden, Shaw, Thomas, Mahoney, Ettershank, Whatley.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Garden:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence. 1. From the Treasury with claim for £150 special grant duly passed & paid. Received.

2. From C.P.S. Inglewood with claim for £1.5.- for repairing Court furniture. Received.

3. From Shire of Echuca (telegram), to proceed with works Prairie-Mitiamo roads.

4. From the same that at the last meeting none of the Crs interested were present but the question of dealing with the special grant would be considered shortly.

5. From the same that it is desirable to proceed with the 2 roads under the joint supervision of the 2 Engineers.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Members of the East Riding of this Shire & those of the Echuca Shire & their Engineers meet at Mitiamo to confer as to the works with power to act. Carried.

6. From the Shire of Rodney in explanation as to action taken re cornsacks. Received.

7. From the Secretary Durham-Ox-Jarklan & Railway Leagues asking the Council to appoint a Collector of statistics to lay before the Railway Standing Committee. To stand over.

8. From Mr Vogele asking the Council to reconsider their refusal of his licence. To stand over.

9. From Messrs Tatchell, Dunlop & Smalley in support of his application. To stand over.

10. From Deaf & Dumb Institute with thanks for the vote to them. Received.

11. From Austin Hospital for Incurables for subscription. Received.

12. From Sanatoria for Consumptives with report & asking for subscription. Received.

13. From Mr S. Lowe asking leave to remove a useless culvert & erect the I.

Corr. contind. same over another channel which he would do at his expense.

To stand over for Engineer's report.
Cr Coulter entered.

<u>Reports.</u>	Treasurer.	Receipts	£273. 13.-
		Payments	192 18 8
		Exchange	8.9
		Net overdraft	125. 15. 11
		Received.	
<u>Rate-Collector.</u>	Rates current	£121. 13.-	
	Dogs	15.-	
		<u>£ 122. 8.-</u>	
		Received.	

Thistle Inspector. (J.H. Davidson), that he had been travelling continuously & expects in another week, to have been over all mainroads & those portions of the Shire where he expected to find burrs &c. That he had found a sprinkling of burrs everywhere but very few patches of stink-wort. Where not cutting people have promised to start. If it is necessary to make a second visit he asked for a fortnight's extension. Received, the last clause to stand over.

Inspector of Nuisances Brown as to Vogele's application. Received.

Inspector of Nuisances Johnson that he had made several visits in the N & S Ridings & found everything in order. That he had inspected O'Neill's premises & found it in order. Received.

Secretary & Engineer. Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Whatley:-

That the report be received. Carried.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

2 P.M. Business resumed the same Crs present.

Secretary & Engineer's Report.

Clause I. Progress of works. Approved.

2. That in company with Cr Coutts he had surveyed for 4 pieces of formation in Jarklan but Cr Coutts was willing to let the 3rd piece stand over if the cost was too great, & suggesting that it be charged against Unused Roads a/c. To stand over.

3. That he had surveyed for 3 pieces of formation at the N.E. of Calivil & called tenders. Approved.

4. That in company with the President he had surveyed for metalling the Bullock Creek bridge. That the President pointed out the neces-

sity of of joining the formations on the Dingee road from opposite Heyward's to the bridge & raising the approaches further East.

To stand over.

5. That the President continued with him, the Engineer, to Dingee where they met Cr Whatley & examined the Tang-Tang & with recommendations as to its treatment.

After considerable debate it was moved by Cr Whatley 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the wash-away be made up to the old level & the drain leading West be restored to the old surface level. Carried.

6. That the pipe-culverts throughout the Shire are being constantly broken & in particular that 3 of them on the Prairie road are broken, & that either they be repaired on his principle or box-culverts substituted.

Moved by Cr Whatley 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That 2'0" box-culverts be substituted. Carried.

7. As to the works on the Prairie Road. Already dealt with.
8. On the finances. Approved.
9. Recommending that Mr Kirwan's request as to removal of culvert & its re-erection elsewhere.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Garden:-

That the request be complied with. Carried.

10. That he will proceed with other instructions. Received.

Deputation. Cr Mahoney introduced a deputation consisting of Messrs Tehan, Potter & E. Mossop who asked the Council to appoint a Collector of statistics for the Durham-Ox-Jarklan & Railway line. After listening to the deputies:-

It was moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the request be complied with & that Mr James H Davidson be appointed at a remuneration of £5. Carried.

The Council then went into Committee:- on resuming the Committee reported that they had opened tenders & recommended that the following, being the lowest, be accepted.

Contract 80.	John Crapper	£52.12.4
..	82. E. Doody	67. 8.5
..	83. James Cheyne	40.12.6

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the same be accepted. Carried.

Also that they had examined accounts amounting to £116.18.10 & recommending their payment:-

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the same be passed for payment: Carried.

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Whatley:-

That Mr Davidson be continued in his office of Thistle Inspector travelling round for another fortnight. Carried.

The Inspector was instructed to attend to the burrs near the town.

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Secretary be granted a bonus of £10 for preparing the Returns of Unused Roads & Water Frontages. Carried.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the revision of the scale of charges of the Dingee weigh-bridge stand over till next meeting. Carried.

The Engineer was instructed to inspect a bridge on the Swan Hill road half a mile North of the S.S. Serpentine.

The Engineer was instructed to arrange a meeting with the Bohuca Crs on Monday 30th Inst at Mitiamo at 1 P.M. to confer as to the Mitiamo & Prairie Roads. & write Crs Thomas, Whatley & Coulter on the subject.

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the rents of Unused Roads be allocated equally between the Ridings. Carried.

Moved by Cr Whatley 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That 3 formations be made on the N & S 2 chain road North of Dingee. Carried.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Whatley:-

That the Secretary write Mr Vogele & inform him that the Council give him 6 weeks in which to remove his yards to the farthest point South & re-erect them to the satisfaction of the Inspector. Carried.

M.B. 1 The Secretary was instructed to advise Inspector Brown & the meeting

M.B. 1 adjourned.

M.B. 1 Confirmed this day of April 1908

Notice of Motion by Cr Shaw:- That the resolution passed at the meeting on 27th February last refusing to renew Mr C. Vogele's slaughtering licence be rescinded.

And the meeting adjourned.

Confirmed this 18 day of April 1908.

W. Binnett
President

APR 15 1908

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

April 15th 1908.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President, (Cr Bissett), & Crs Garden, Shaw, Ettershank, Coutts.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence. From the Acting Lord Mayor of Melbourne inviting subscription towards raising a public memorial to the late Marquis of Linlithgow.
To stand over.

Cr Thomas entered.

2. From the Deaf & Dumb Institute with thanks for subscription. Recd.
3. From the Bendigo Benevolent Asylum the like. Received.
4. From the Adult Deaf & Dumb Mission with thanks for subscription but stating that the Adult Deaf & Dumb Institute & Mission are one & the same. The Secretary explained that being suspicious he had made enquiry as the Council had subscribed to each under the belief that they were distinct Institutions & had withheld the cheque to the Institute until he had ascertained the wishes of the Council. After deliberation he was instructed to let the second cheque go this year.
5. From Mr Ernest Old on behalf of Mrs Grylls complaining of the allegations made against her of depriving farmers below the Tang-Tang of water for their tanks by draining the Tang-Tang for irrigation purposes & protesting against interference with her channel.

The Engineer was instructed to carry out the order of the Council but merely to block the channel.

6. From the ^{Town} Council of Ballarat East asking an expression of opinion on the question of valuing unimproved lands instead of the present system. Received.

7. From James Cheyne that in tendering for Contract 83 he had omitted to carry out the amount of the second culvert & asking consideration.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Garden:-

That the request be complied with & the second culvert allowed for. Carried.

8. From the Water Supply Department asking if there was any objection

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Corr. contind. to the sale of a Water Reserve in the parish of Mitiamo.

The Engineer explained that he had forwarded the letter to Cr Whatley for enquiry but that gentleman had not returned it.

To stand over till next meeting.

9. From Tatchell, Dunlop & Smalley drawing attention to the fact that the excision at Hiatt's Dam had never been transferred & asking the wishes of the Council.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Engineer be instructed to survey & apply for the transfer. Carried.

10. From A.E. Whinfield applying for a slaughtering licence.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the licence be granted.

Carried.

- II. From E. Linden Smith, Engineer to the State Rivers & Co at Pyramid Hill in reply to the application of the President that it is impossible to fill Bears Lagoon.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Secretary write to the State Rivers & Co & ask for the Lagoon to be filled & also to the Members of Parliament. Carried.

The Secretary was also instructed to ask that the channel to fill Bears Lagoon be carried along the main road instead of deviating through the East Loddon paddocks.

<u>Reports.</u> Treasurer.	Receipts	2624. 1.8
	Payments	2402. 13.6
		125. 15 II
	Cr balance	370. 3. II

Received.

<u>Rate-Collector.</u>	Rates current	2606. 5.8
	" arrears	3. 15.-
	Interest	12.6
	Dogs	2.- .-
		<u>2 612. 13.2</u>

Received.

Committee at Conference at Mitiamo on question of application of Special grant of £400 towards making the Mitiamo & Prairie Roads recommending that the tramway system be adopted & that £200 be expended on the former & £600 on the latter roads.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Report be received & adopted.

Carried.

Thistle Inspector that the roads, watercourses & reserves through-

2.

On the suggestion of Cr Ettershank the Secretary was instructed in all future accounts to deduct 2½% discount.

Cr Garden requested the Engineer to have a broken plank in the Serpentine Creek bridge at Jarklan repaired.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Ettershank :-

That the resolution passed on 27th February refusing to renew Mr C.Vogele's slaughtering licence be rescinded. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Health Officer for the East Riding be asked to inspect & report on Vogele's yards by next meeting. Carried

And the meeting adjourned.

Confirmed 20 May 1908 W. Bissett
President

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

May 20th 1908.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President (Cr Bissett), & Crs Garden, Thomas, Coulter,

Shaw, Mahoney, Whatley:-

The Minutes of the last meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence. I. From the Public Works Department approving of Contracts

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Received.

2. From the same approving of tenders for the same. Received.
3. From the same approving of Contracts 82,83. out of Unused Roads A/c. Received.
4. From the Treasury with Claim for £105 being Licences' Equivalent. Received.
5. From the Department of Water Supply asking for report on Mr Howe's application to purchase water-reserve at Mitiam. To stand over.
6. From the Railway Department asking for scale of charges for weigh-bridges. The Secretary reported that he had attended to the matter & sent the newly framed scale of charges of the Dingee weigh-bridge. Secretary's action approved.
7. From the same as to maintenance of roads at railway crossings. Recd.
8. From the same that application to let accounts for haulage of road-metal stand over till monthly meetings had been referred for report. Received.
9. From the same that if consigned to Contractors weekly a/cs can be opened on their entering into a bond for £25. If consigned to the Council the request can be complied with. Received.
10. Telegram from the same that monthly accounts cannot be granted.
11. From the same confirming the telegram. Received.
12. From the Chief Store-keeper of the Railway Department offering bridge girders at a low price. Received.

As to Nos. 8-11 the Engineer reported that he had carried on much correspondence with the Railway Department with the view to relieving the Contractor for the Prairie Road but without success but now recommended the passing of £50 that day & another cheque for the like amount in a fortnight.

Moved by Cr Whatley 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the Engineer's suggestions be approved & adopted. Carried.
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Corr.contd. 13. From the Education Department with suggestions as to the celebration of "Empire Day",--attended to by the Secretary.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Secretary's replies be approved. Carried.

14. From Cr Whatley reporting on Mr Howe's application. To stand over.

15. From Hon. Thomas Langdon, M.L.A. that he had called on the State Rivers Commission with reference to filling Bears Lagoon but that they could do nothing without consulting their local officer which they promised to do. Received.

16. From the Commission to Mr Langdon that they had arranged to have a supply sent down at once. Received.

17. From Mr Langdon that the District Officer had been instructed to attend to the matter without delay. Received.

18. From Hon. R.H. Abbott M.L.C. that he had sent a strong letter on the subject to Mr Elwood Mead & would communicate reply. Received.

19. From the Secretary to the Commission that Mr Abbott's letter would have early consideration. Received.

20. From Mr Mead to Mr Abbott that officers will report immediately. Received.

21. From the Secretary to the Commission to Mr Abbott that the Commission had arranged to have a supply of water sent on to the Lagoon at once. Received.

22. From Mr Abbott with report of the foregoing correspondence. Received. Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That letters of thanks be sent to Messrs Langdon & Abbott. Carried. Adjourned till 2 P.M.

2 P.M. Business resumed the same Crs present:-

Corr.contd. As to letters 5. & 14. (Mr Howe's application).

Cr Coulter pointed out that "J.B. Stews" in the first correspondence was a mistake for "J.B. Howe".

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the matter stand over till next meeting. Carried.

23. From the Barnawatha & Indigo Valley Rabbit Destruction League with lengthy proposals & report of meeting on the subject of rabbit destruction & asking the co-operation of the Council. Received.

24. From the Shire of EchUCA that the tenders for the Mitiamo & Prairie Roads are approved. Received.

Corr.contd. 25. From the Municipal Association with Counsel's opinion as to framing scale of charges for Dingee Weigh-bridge.

The Secretary explained the doubts he had had on this subject & had written to consult with Meaden.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Secretary's action be approved. Carried.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That By-Law No. 8 for regulating the use of the Dingee Weigh-bridge be confirmed. Carried.

26. From the Shire of Gordon that they are agreeable to share the cost of the boundary works at Valler's. Received with thanks.

27. From the same asking advice & co-operation in dealing with Dairy Supervision & proposing the union of their Shire with that of Kerang & this Shire.

The Secretary explained the position of this Shire but that he thought the union of the 3 Shires would not be workable but union with this Shire was feasible.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Secretary's action be approved. Carried.

28. From J.W. Horwood with price for a modern road-roller. Received.

29. From the Northern District Water-Users Association asking the Council to nominate a representative on their Committee.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the President be appointed their representative. Carried.

30. From Dr Woodside that he will inspect & report on Mr C. Vogele's slaughter-yard. Received.

31. Circular from Mitchell & Co as to Road Makers. Received.

32. Circular from Noyes Bros. as to "Titanic" asbestos slates & sheets. Received.

33. From Mr Donald Clark, Analyst, pointing out the desirability of having analytical work done in the Shire.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That a collection of samples be made & submitted. Carried.

34. From the Adult Deaf & Dumb Institute with thanks for subscription. Received.

35. From the H.T. Hayanni S.S. with invitation to Crs to a pie-nic to be held on "Empire-Day". Received with thanks.

36. From the H.T. of Tandarra S.S. with thanks for subscription. Received.

Corr.contd. 37. From the Celebration Committee with invitation to Crs & officers to the Laying of the Foundation Stone of the new Shire Hall at Marong.

The President reported that he & Cr Garden had attended & met with a very cordial reception.

38. From Messrs T.F.Smith & P.O'Sullivan asking for another culvert on the road between their allotments in the parish of Jarklan.

The Engineer explained the nature of the works included in the present Contract.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Garden:-

That a 2'0" culvert be put in. Carried.

39. Circular from Arnall & Jackson of official Year-Book of the Commonwealth of Australia. One copy for the office ordered.

40. From the Shire of Gordon that the question of Milk supervising was deferred until a reply was received from the Shire of Kerang. Receive

41. From Miss Quin, H.T. Serpentine S.S. with thanks for Donation & invitation to Councillors to attend on "Empire-Day" & speak. Recd. with thanks.

42. From Public Works Department with application for water-frontage by Mrs Ball. To stand over.

43. From the Education Department with approval of proposals for "Empire Day". Received.

44. From G.Foley for leave to cut dead timber off road at Tandarra.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Whatley:-

That the request be granted subject to the supervision of the Engineer. Carried.

45. From N.Kirwan & M.Hussey for clearing & road formation.

Mr Kirwan was present & explained his wishes to the Council.

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the works be done by the Contractor for Contract No.83 by arrangement with the Engineer. Carried.

<u>Reports.</u>			
Treasurer. Receipts		£155. 8.3	
Payments		82.10.8	
Cr balance		441.17.-	Recd.
<u>Rate-Collector.</u>	Current rates	25. 9.6	
	Interest	1.6	
		<u>25.11.-</u>	Recd.

Deputation. Cr Mahoney introduced a deputation consisting of Messrs Kiewan & Laird who asked for assistance in fencing in the old graves in Pempapiel Cemetery. After hearing them,

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Whatley:-

That £20 be granted to the Trustees towards improving Pempapiel Cemetery. Carried unanimously.

Secretary & Engineer's Report.

I. Progress of works in general. Received.

2. That he had surveyed for excision at Hiatt's dam. Approved.

3. That he had had the weigh-house at Dingee repaired & the crane & was getting the board painted. Approved.

4. As to the scale of fees for weigh-bridge. Already dealt with.

5. That he had repaired the bridge near East Loddon gates. Approved.

6. That he had inspected the works of Doody at Cheyne's. Approved extra culvert already ordered.

7. That all plans submitted had been approved by the Department. Recd.

8. As to Hamilton's & McKay's Contracts for Mitiamo & Prairie roads. Already dealt with in correspondence.

9. That he had surveyed for works on boundary road at Valler's but they may want extending. Extensions authorized & alterations as instructed by Cr Mahoney.

10. That he had obtained a price for a new roller. To stand over.

11. That credit balance was £441.17.-:- that 128 rates were outstanding but the usual advertisements as to payment by 10th June had been inserted. Received.

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the report be received & adopted as dealt with. Carried.

Dr Woodside as to Vogele's yards. Received.

Inspector Brown as to the same. Received.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Garden:-

That a slaughtering license be issued to Mr C.Vogele. Carried
The Council then moved into Committee to open tenders & deal with finance.

Finance Committee. The Finance Committee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £232.19.5 & recommending their payment.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Report be received & the accounts passed for payment.

Carried.

The Committee reported that they had opened tenders & made the following recommendations:-

As to Contract 87 that the loaming be done without & G. Foley, the lowest tenderer, be offered the work from side cutting only, at £8. That the tenders of Messrs E. Old for No. 88 at £12 & James Cheyne for Contract No. 91 be accepted at £28.17.11. Also that ~~fresh~~ ^{fresh} tenders be invited for Contract No. 89 & that fresh tenders for No. 90 stand over to a future date.

Moved by Cr Whatley 2nd by Cr Garden:-

That the Report be received & the recommendations adopted. Carried. Corr. No. 42. (Mrs Ball's),

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Council have no objection to the application. Carried.

Instruction by Cr Coulter:-

That the Engineer prepare an estimate of the cost of loaming on the East & West Road past Cr Thomas's.

And the meeting adjourned.

*Conferred this 17 June 1908 by
W. Bissett
President*

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

June 17th 1908.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President (Cr Bissett), & Crs Ettershank, Shaw, Coulter, Thomas.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence. I. From the Department of Water Supply asking whether certain Reserves in the parish of Mitiamo might be sold to Mr J. B. Howe.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the matter stand over till next meeting & that the members for the East Riding & any other members who please, visit, inspect & report. Carried.

2. From the Public Works Department offering wire-netting on terms.

Moved by Cr Shaw Coulter 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the letter be received.

Carried.

3. Circular from the Health Department as to the prevention of Epidemic, Endemic or Contagious disease. Received.

4. From the Municipal Association asking the opinion of the Council on the question of Exemption of Improvements from rating.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the matter stand over till next meeting.

Carried.

5. From the Directress of St Vincent Hospital asking for subscription & with Report.-To stand over till next Charity Vote.

6. From Humme & Iser declining to allow discount on their a/os.

Received:-the order recently made to be adhered to.

7. From the H.T.S.S. Hayanmi with thanks for subscription. Received.

8. From the H.T.S.S. Calivil with thanks for subscription. Received.

9. From N. Kirwan with thanks for donation towards improving the Pom-papel Cemetery grounds. Received.

10. From Mr Strettle, Engineer to the Shire of Kerang that he will visit Serpentine shortly & inspect Turner's crossing. Received.

11. From the Railway Department declining to allow extra time for unloading trucks of metal. Received.

12. From Pyramid-Hill & District Murray-Goulburn Water League asking for appointment of a delegate to a conference & for subscription.

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Secy & Engr's Report contind. 4. Asking for clerical assistance to prepare Voters' Rolls.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the Secretary be empowered to engage clerical assistance at a cost of £22.2.- Carried.

5. Suggesting the appointment of Returning Officers.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That Cr Coultts for the North Riding:- Cr ~~Ettershank~~ for the South Riding & Cr Coulter for the East Riding be appointed Returning Officers. Carried.

6. That he had not discovered anything about the missing sovereign alleged to have been sent by Mr Wainfield. Received.

The Council then moved into Committee to deal with finance & open tenders.

On resuming the Committee reported having examined accounts amounting to £291.5.8 & recommending their payment.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Report be received & the accounts passed for payment. Carried.

Tenders. That the following tenders for works be accepted.

Contract No. 89.	C.W. Tresise	£57. 1.-
No. 90.	Andrew McKay	£34. 8. 1
No. 92.	James Cheyne	£89. 17. 6

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Report be received & adopted. Carried.

The Secretary was instructed to ask Miss Perrin to explain how the vote to Dingee S.S. was disposed of.

Meeting adjourned.

Confirmed this 22nd day of July 1908.

W. Bissett President. Shire Hall, Serpentine, July 15th 1908.

There being no Councillors present at the meeting to have been held this day I do adjourn the same till Wednesday 22nd Inst at 10 A.M.

W. G. Aldworth Secretary.

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Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by the President:-

That the Council give the matter their best support & the President be appointed their delegate & the sum of £1.1.- be voted towards expenses. Carried.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

2 P.M. Business resumed the same Crs present.

Reports. Treasurer.	Receipts	£194. 7. 10
	Payments	296. 2. 5
	Cr. Balance	339. 16. 8
	Received.	£169. 8.-
Rate-Collector.	Rates current	5. 15. 10
	Interest	14. -.-
	Dogs	
		£ 189. 3. 10
		Received.

Rate-Collector. Outstanding rates on 10th June.

	Rates.	Interest.
North Riding.	154. 9. 10	£ 7. 12. 4
South Riding.	11. -.-	10. 3
		5. 3
East Riding.	130. 2. 8	6. 19. 9
	£ 295. 12. 6	£15. 7. 7

Received.

Weigher Dingee weigh-bridge. £5.5.- Received.

J.H. Davidson as to statistics that he had distributed 75 schedules but only 35 had been filled up. Received.

Secretary & Engineer. read:-

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Report be received. Carried.

1. On progress of works. Received.

2. That fair progress is being made by McKay on the Prairie Road but the metal on Mitiam road was not satisfactory & he had complained to the Contractor & invited Mr Chaplin to meet him on the ground but he was unable to do so. Received.

3. That a fair collection of rates had been made but there were 99 outstanding amounting to £298. 2. 10 & advising proceedings.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That all outstanding rates not paid by next meeting be sued for

Carried.

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

July 22nd 1908.

Adjourned Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President (Cr Bissett), & Crs Garden, Coutts, Shaw & Mahoney.

The Minutes of the last meeting & its adjournment were read:-

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the same be confirmed. Carried.

The Secretary apologized for the absence of Cr Thomas who was called away & the meeting was adjourned for the Revision Court.

Revision Court opened:- Cr Bissett in the Chair.

The Secretary presented the Voters' Lists & Separate Voters' Lists for the several Ridings & the following Claims:-

From Timothy James Keogh for land in Jarklan. The Secretary explained that the interest on Mr Keogh's rates had not been paid by 10th June. Mr Keogh averred that he had sent part of the interest not knowing the amount & had left instructions to pay any balance due but these had been neglected. It amounted to 2/1 only.

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That Mr Keogh's name be placed on the Voters' List.

Carried Cr Shaw dissenting.

From Mrs Keogh applying to be placed on the List but in a subsequent letter withdrawing her application.

From Mr H.S. Elliot. In this case the interest only had not been paid. The Secretary wrote Mr Elliot drawing his attention to this & stating that unless it were paid his name could not go on the List. Mr Elliot had sent the interest by return. There had been a small error in the calculation of the interest & 9d had been refunded. After deliberation:-

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That Mr Elliot's name be placed on the List.

Carried Cr Shaw dissenting.

From Mrs Elliot claiming to be put on the List as her husband had paid the rates on Heil's allotment in her name.

The Secretary explained that under the L.G. Act this could not be done unless Mrs Elliot held in her own right

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Revision Court contd. Moved by Cr. Coutts 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the application be refused. Carried.

The several lists were then examined:-

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Voters' List & separate Voters' List for the North Riding be approved & certified to. Carried.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by the Chairman:-

That the Voters' List & separate Voters' List for the South Riding be approved & certified to. Carried.

Moved by the Chairman 2nd by Cr Garden:-

That the Voters' List & separate Voters' List for the East Riding be approved & certified to. Carried.

All the Lists were then duly certified to & the Court closed.

2 P.M. Ordinary business resumed.

Correspondence. 1. From the Department of Water Supply asking for decision re Howe's application for sale of Reserves.

No report having been received from the Committee:-

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by the President:-

That the Council have no objection. Carried.

2. From the Education Department asking for the use of a room in the Shire Hall premises for holding the elections of a Board of Advice on the annual election day.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That leave be granted. Carried.

3. From the Crown Law Department asking for suggestions as to correcting errors & anomalies in the Statute prior to their consolidation. The Secretary suggested that the date for exacting interest on rates in arrear should not be retrospective but commence on expiration of 6 months from date of striking the rate.

This was approved of & the Secretary empowered to make the suggestion.

4. From the Royal Insurance Co. drawing attention to the "Employers Liability Bill" now before the House. Received.

5. From the Municipal Association with particulars as to future rates on officers' guarantee policies. Attended to by the President.

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Contd. President & Secretary.

- 6. From Hon. T. Langden with copy of the "Fences Act Amendment Bill".
Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coutts:-
That the Secretary draw Mr Langden's attention to the injustice of section 5 exempting the Government from liability to bear half the cost of fences adjacent to their lands. Carried.
- 7. From the Public Health Department with circular relating to the cleansing of drinking vessels. Received.
- 8. From the same as to pickles &c. Received.
- 9. From Tatchell, Dunlop & Smalley asking for cheque for £1.1.3 in payment of balance due for Hiatt's purchase. Sent by the President & Secretary. Action approved.
- 10. From Robert Hiatt asking for 17/6 costs for executing transfer of site of Dam.
- 23. From the Shire Solicitors suggesting that the demand should be acceded to.
Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Shaw:-
That the 17/6 be paid. Carried.
- 11. From the City of Bendigo inviting co-operation in receiving a contingent of the American Fleet & that a preliminary meeting would be held in Bendigo on 20th June. The Secretary reported that at the request of the President he had attended & a resolution had been passed to ask adjacent municipalities to contribute pari passu with their valuations. He had prepared an analysis showing that the share of this Shire on that basis would be £30 & that he had submitted this to the Bendigo Committee & suggested that a fresh application should be forwarded but none had arrived. To stand over.
- 13. From the American Fleet Committee Melbourne asking the names of the President & Secretary with a view to their invitation. Received.
- 14. From the Shire of Echuca drawing attention to the desirability of getting increased accommodation at the Prairie Railway Station & suggesting a deputation with that object.
The Secretary explained that in reply he had advised that preliminary negotiations should be opened by letter & that if any deputation were decided on it be arranged for meeting at the Prairie Railway Station & this was approved of.

Contd. From Humme & Iser with explanation & declining to allow discount on their a/c 4/3. Amount to be paid.

- 16. From the H.T.S S. Dinges with explanation as to application of £1 voted for "Empire Day".
- 17. From the same with further explanation. Deemed satisfactory.
- 18. From the Bendigo Agricultural Society asking for donation to their prize fund.
Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coutts :-
That the usual donation of £2.2.- be granted. Carried.
- 19. From the Inglewood Hospital asking for special vote in aid of the Building Fund for an Infectious Diseases ward.
Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by the President:-
That the letter be received. Carried.
- 20. From the Public Works Department with form of Claim for £119.13.9 part of special grant. Already attended to.
- 21. From the same with form of Claim for £74.3.6 out of the Unused Roads & Water Frontages Account. Already attended to.
- 22. From Hon. T. Langden with copy of the "Government Land Valuations Bill. To stand over.
- 24. From Cr Whatley with apology for inability to attend & that he would not seek re-election as he had removed to Bagshot.
Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Shaw:-
That the determination not to seek re-election be received with regret. Carried.
- 25. From Mrs Hardy of Jarklan for permission to plant trees in front of her hotel.
Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Garden:-
That the request be complied with. Carried.
- 26. From the Education Department with copy of the Director's preliminary Report. Received with thanks.

Reports.

Treasurer.	Receipts	£43. 4.-
	Payments	291. 9.6
	Paid since last meeting	1. 1.3
	Cr balance	82. 10.6
		Received.
Rate Collector.	Rates current	£ 22. 6.-
	Interest	2. 1.6
	Dogs	10.-
		24. 17.6

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Reports contd. Dairy Inspector that many cows have died & very few dairymen are selling any produce & therefore registration fees at present would be hardly worth collecting & suggesting that registration be not demanded at present excepting those who make application. Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Report be received & the suggestion adopted at present. Carried.

Inspector of Nuisances Johnson that he had been through the N & S Ridings & found everything in order .A few beasts had died on the roads but but he had had them buried without any expense to the Shire. Received.

Joint Report of Engineers of Shires of East Loddon & Korong. that they had inspected Turner's Crossing & recommending the erection of a low level or drowned bridge at a cost of between £280 to £300 to serve traffic only when the river is not in flood To stand over till next meeting.

Secretary & Engineer's Report read.

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by the President:-

That the Report be received. Carried.

Clause 1. On progress of works generally. Received.

2. That he had surveyed for the loading at Thomas's, Tandarra & tenders were invited for that day. Approved.

3. That in spite of the advertisements very few rates have come in & recommending that they be placed in the hands of the Shire Solicitor for collection.

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by the President:-

That the Shire Solicitors be instructed to collect the rates. Carried.

4. On the state of the Finances. Received.

5. That we have received nothing under the Unused Roads & Water Frontages Act since 12 months. Received.

6. Enquiring as to any alterations in polling places. Received.

7. That the Mitiamo road on West of the railway had been very much cut up during the recent rains by heavy traffic & he had made arrangements with Mr Rudkins to fill in ruts & roll the road for £10. Approved.

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"LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1908." SECTION 261 (1). 460.

SHIRE OF EAST LODDON.

DECLARATION BY VALUER.

y Charles E. Albrecht of Serpentine.

do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will impartially and truly according to the best of my judgment make the VALUATION and RETURN of RATEABLE PROPERTY situate within the Shire of East Loddon

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Provisions of an Act of the Parliament of Victoria rendering persons making a false declaration punishable for wilful and corrupt perjury.

Declared at Serpentine in the State of Victoria this day of August 19th 1908

Charles E. Albrecht

Before me

M. Binnett J.P.

A Justice of the Peace in and for the Midland Bailiwick of the State of Victoria.

In Committee.

Tenders opened.

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That Hamilton's tender for Contract No.93 at £13. 7.6 be accepted. Carried.

Finance.

The Finance Committee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £550. 8.6 & recommending their payment.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Report be received & the accounts passed for payment. Carried.

General Business.

Corr.No.22. Referred to the President to reply to, & the meeting adjourned.

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19.8.08 *W. Bissett* President

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

August 19th 1908.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President, (Cr Bissett), & Crs Thomas, Ettershank, Mahoney, Coulter.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

Crs Garden, Coultts & Whitley entered. ^{That the same be confirmed.}

Carried.

Correspondence. I. From the Water Supply Department for report on Howe's application for leave to purchase reserves at Mitiamo.

The Secretary reported that the Report had already been furnished & that he held post-card receipt for it & that he had replied to that effect & this action was approved.

2. From Mr Weinarski with thanks for suggestion as to amending the L.G. Act with regard to charging interest retrospectively & that it would be considered by His Honor, Mr Justice Cussen, Mr Pigott & himself. Received.

3. From E. Lynden Smith, District Engineer, that water would be sent down the channels to fill the Pom-Pom & Bear's Lagoon in a week or 10 days. Received.

4. From the Public Works Department with claim for £9.7.2 out of the Unused Roads Account. Attended to.

5. From the Shire Solicitors that they had written to all outstanding rate-payers as instructed. Received.

6. From the Municipal Association with suggestions as to proposals for regulating the appointment of Shire Officers. To stand over.

7. From the same with proposals for regulating the use of Motor-Cars & Bicycles & with the Bill. Received.

8. From the same re the Government Land Valuation Bill with suggestions as to the clauses to be considered. Also with the Weights & Measures Amendment Bill.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the Council are strongly opposed to the Government Valuation Bill & are in favor of retaining the present system. Carried.

9. From the Victorian Shires Rabbit Suppression Vigilance Committee

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Corr. contd. with proposals for consideration.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Coultts:-

That co-operation be granted & the clauses suggested approved. Carried.

10. From the Rating Reform League asking support to the Government Bill. Answer that this Council are opposed to the Bill.

11. From the Bendigo American Fleet Committee asking for an advance of £10 towards expenses.

Moved by Cr Whitley 2nd by the President:-

That £5 be subscribed as a final payment. Carried.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

2 P.M. Business resumed.

Corr. No. 12. From the Shire of Echuca that they have communicated with the Railway Commissioners on the subject of improving Prairie Railway Station & asking the Council to do likewise. The Secretary reported that he had written to Mr Downe, the Shire Secretary to enquire the nature of their application when he would make a similar application. Approved.

13. From the same with cheque for £150 on account of the Mitiamo & Prairie Roads works. Received with thanks.

14. From the Richardson Valley Railway League asking co-operation in amending the conditions under which new lines are at present constructed & for the appointment of a delegate on a deputation during Show Week.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Coultts:-

That the President attend the Conference. Carried.

15. From the Head Teacher, Tandarra State School reporting cases of Measles. Received.

16. From P.J. Rockett of Bendigo reporting the death of Miss HURRY. Received.

17. From J. Calder inviting the President to attend the visit of the Railways Standing Committee at Laanecoorie re the Shelbourne Extension. The President had replied that he was unable to attend.

18. From the Shire of Swan Hill inviting co-operation in a movement to abolish the Agricultural College Council. Received, -no action.

19. From David Rankin, Manager of Prairie Station asking for the insertion of a sluice in the Tang-Tang by wash. 2.

Contd.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Whatley:-

That the Members for the East Riding & the Engineer meet at the Tang-Tang & confer as to the best method of filling the dam referred to. Carried.

It was arranged to meet on Friday at 2.30.

- 20. From Constable Brown asking to be supplied with posters prohibiting riding on the foot-paths. Approved, - notices to be supplied for Mitiam & Serpentine.
- 21. From the Bendigo Agricultural Society asking for the proclamation of holidays on 14th & 15th October on account of the Show. Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by the President:-
That application be made for Thursday, 15th. Carried.
- 22. From Brandt Bros with catalogue of acetyline gas appliances. Received.
- 23. From J.H. Davidson asking to be relieved of his office as Dairy Inspector on account of his having accepted an appointment as Inspector under the Pure Foods Act.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by the President:-

That the resignation be accepted with regret & that salary be paid to the end of the month. Carried.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That applications be invited for a Dairy Inspector at the same salary by next meeting. Carried.

- 24. From the Government Statist with statistical register. Received with thanks.
- 25. From the Convalescent Aid Society for subscription. To stand over for Charity Vote.
- 26. From the Home of Hope Orphanages for subscription. The like.
- 27. From the Engineer of the Shire of Kerang that the Council will put £70 on the estimates for the bridge over the Loddon at Turner's Crossing & that they will apply to the Government for a special grant of £150 towards the work.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the suggestion be approved & enquiry be made as to a better site & application be made as suggested for a Government Grant. Carried.

Reports.

Treasurer.	Receipts	£301. 19. 6	
	Payments	550. 8. 6	
	Net overdraft	3.	166. 6.- Received.

Reports.

Rate-Collector.	Rates current.	£28. 17. 8
	Interest	7. 13. 1
	Dog fees	15.-
		<u>£ 31. 5. 9</u>

Received.

Inspector of Nuisances Brown, with return of stock slaughtered. That large numbers of stock have died & during the last 2 months he had caused to be removed from the roads upwards of 300 sheep 3 horses & 5 head of cattle without expense to the Council. Received.

Inspector of Nuisances Johnson that he had inspected licensed yards & found them satisfactory, that the N & S Ridings are free from anything in the nature of a nuisance & all dead stock has been removed from the roads. Received.

Secretary & Engineer, read & received an motion of Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Thomas.

- Clause 1. That Contracts are proceeding towards completion. Received.
 - 2. That he had put through all the elections & the declarations would be made on 27th the Election Day.
 - 3. That the collection of outstanding rates was proceeding satisfactorily. He had not included any rate under £1 but written to each rate-payer. Approved.
 - 4. That there is the usual difficulty in getting in the special grant & recommending that an effort be made to alter the system. Any balance will have to be revolted.
- Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Whatley:-
- 5. That the question be left in the hands of the Secretary to deal with. Carried.
 - 6. That he had had all the Rolls printed & they were available. Approved.

Deputation.

The President reported that he had attended the Conference held in Bendigo & afterwards in Melbourne on the subject of the extension of the Waranga-Goulburn Channel & that the Minister for Water Supply had given them the assurance that the channel would be pushed forward to the Loddon but that it would not be extended to the Mallee at present.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That a vote of thanks be accorded to the President for 4.

ensuing year.
By Cr Ettershank:- That tenders be called for re-forming
formations from from culvert on Swan Hill road near S.S.
to within 10 chains of the Serpentine township.
And the meeting adjourned.
Confirmed this 16th day of September 1908.

W Thomas Pres.

Annual Elections.
North Riding.

Timothy James Keogh having been the only Candidate nominated
to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Cr Garden I do
hereby declare him to be duly elected a Councillor of this
Shire for the North Riding.

David W Coult
Returning Officer.

Shire Hall, Serpentine.
August 27th 1908.

South Riding.

James Alfred Shaw having been the only Candidate nominated
to fill the vacancy caused by his retirement by effluxion of
time I do hereby declare him to be duly elected a Councillor
of this Shire for the South Riding.

W Binnett
Returning Officer.

Shire Hall, Serpentine.
August 27th 1908.

East Riding.

Sydney Oswald McCrea having been the only Candidate nominated
to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Cr Whalley I
do hereby declare him to be duly elected a Councillor of this
Shire for the East Riding.

Returning Officer.

Shire Hall, Serpentine.
August 27th 1908.

the able manner in which he had represented the
Council. Carried.

The Council then moved into Committee to deal with Finance.
On resuming the Committee reported that they had examined
accounts amounting to £30.9.8 & recommending their payment.

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Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Report be received & the accounts passed
for payment. Carried.

Corr. No. 6.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Council is opposed to the amendments proposed
in the L.G. Act & to the appointment of a Board. Carried

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coult:-

That the Engineer have the Mitiam Road at Gray's
levelled & repaired. Carried.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the Engineer inspect & report on the E & W
road at Mr Wirth's S.E. of the Tandarra P.R. Carried.

Moved by Cr Coult 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Engineer be instructed to lean about 6 chns
of formation between Tehan's & Cheyne's Jarklan &
about 1 chain of formation between Cheyne's blocks
on the E & W road & also provide approaches on the
Raywood road & apply to The State Rivers & W.S. to
put a sluice into their channel or make provision
for carrying away the surface water. Carried.

Instructions to the Engineer. By Cr Ettershank:-to report on the road be-
tween the Serpentine S.S. & Bear's Lagoon.

To write to Foley as to completing his Contract.

By Cr Coulter:- To inspect the formation on the Terricks Road
done by Crapper.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Secretary write to Mr Langdon & ask him to
arrange a meeting between the President & Mr-Swinburne
the State Rivers Committee as to the water rate in the
Shire. Carried.

Notices of Motion. By Cr Thomas:-To strike a rate of 12d in the £ for the

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SHIRE OF EAST LODDON. Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held

Declarations.

I, the undersigned Timothy James Keogh Do hereby declare that I will faithfully & impartially according to the best of my skill & judgment execute all the powers & authorities reposed in me as a Councillor by virtue of the Local Government Act 1903.

Declared at Serpentine this *T. J. Keogh*
16 day of September 1908

Before me, *W. Bissett*

I, the undersigned James Alfred Shaw Do hereby declare that I will faithfully & impartially according to the best of my skill & judgment execute all the powers & authorities reposed in me as a Councillor by virtue of the Local Government Act 1903.

Declared at Serpentine this *James A Shaw*
18 day of Nov 1908

Before me, *W. Thomas*

I, the undersigned, Sydney Oswald McCrea Do hereby declare that I will faithfully & impartially according to the best of my skill & judgment execute all the powers & authorities reposed in me as a Councillor by virtue of the Local Government Act 1903.

Declared at Serpentine this *S. O. McCrea*
16 day of September 1908

Before me, *W. Thomas*

Shire Hall, Serpentine

September 16th 1908.

SPECIAL MEETING.

Present Crs Bissett, McCrea, Keogh, Thomas, Mahoney, Coutts.
The Secretary read the result of the Annual Elections shewing

Crs Keogh returned for the North Riding:- Cr Shaw for the South & Cr McCrea for the East Riding.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That Cr Bissett take the Chair pro tem. Carried.

Crs having made their declarations Cr Mahoney introduced Cr Keogh who took his seat:-

Cr Thomas introduced Cr McCrea who took his seat.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the President's allowance for the ensuing year be £55. Carried.

Cr Mahoney nominated & was seconded by Cr Coutts:-

That Cr Thomas be elected President for the ensuing year. Carried unanimously.

Cr Bissett before leaving the Chair read a statement shewing the operations of the past year & the present position of the Shire. He then vacated the Chair & the President was installed in it. He returned thanks for his election & moved being 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the retiring President for the able & active way in which he had carried out his duties during his term of office. Carried unanimously.

Cr Bissett replied & the Special Meeting closed.

ORDINARY MEETING.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the same be confirmed. Carried.

Cr Coulter entered, & also Cr Ettershank.

Correspondence. 1. From the Public Works Department with form of claim for I.

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Correspondence. special grant but that no further payment would be made

until re-voted by Parliament. The Secretary stated that he was not clear as to whether this applied to the amount in the new Claim or to the balance thereafter but he would enquire. The Claim was then signed.

2. From the same that Claims for £74.3.6 & £9.7.1 were passed to the Treasury last month out of Unused Roads A/c but that the balance of the £400 would not be paid until re-voted. Recd.

3. From the Under-Secretary with proclamation of a holiday on 15th October, Bendigo Show. Received.

4. From the Pyramid Hill Agricultural Society asking for the proclamation of a holiday on 21st October, their Show Day
Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the request be granted & the sum of £1.1.- voted. Carried.

5. From the Boort Agricultural Society the like on 30th September. Received but no action taken as to the holiday but £1.1.- was voted.

6. From the Public Works Department urging the Secretary to prepare the books for audit during October. To be attended to.

7. From the Railway Department that the question of increasing the accommodation at Prairie Railway Station has been referred for report. Received.

8. From the State Rivers & W.S. Commission that the summaries of the water-rate cannot be supplied as it is not made up for each Shire.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That this Council consider that they have a right to the information asked for. Carried.

9. From Hon. T. Langdon with gazettal of the differential rate. Received with thanks.

10. From the State Rivers & Commission with plan shewing the differential rating. Received with thanks.

10. From Mr Donald Clark, Analyst with report on analysis of samples sent. Received.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

2 P.M.

Business resumed, the same Cws present.

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As to No.5.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That £1.1.- be voted.

Carried.

11. From the Public Health Department as to prosecutions for adulteration of foods. Received.

12. From the Department of Water Supply re Howe's application apologizing for their last letter & that the report of the Council is satisfactory. Received.

13. From the Public Works Department asking whether there is any objection to the leasing by Mr Hall of a frontage to the Loddon at Jarklan.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That no objection be made.

Carried.

14. From the Shire Solicitors with account re Carey & Raleigh. To stand over.

15. From T.L. Dripps asking for time in which to pay his rates. Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by the President:-

That the time asked for be granted.

Carried.

16. From the City of Bendigo asking co-operation in getting a cross-country line of railway & for the appointment of a delegate to represent the Council at a deputation on 21st Inst.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the letter be received.

Carried.

17. From the Shire of Kerang that providing the Government provide half the cost of a bridge near Turner's Crossing not exceeding £300 they will find half the balance.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the matter stand over till next meeting. Carried.

18. From Hon. T. Langdon that he had arranged for a deputation to the State Rivers & on the 2nd Inst. To stand over for report.

19. From the State Rivers & confirming the same. The like.

20. From the Municipal Association with Day-Paper of next Session & asking for the appointment of a representative.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the President be appointed the delegate to attend the Session. Carried.

Corr.contd. 21. From Messrs Chapple & Hovey asking for the opening of a road between Whainfield's & Murphy's

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the matter be left in the hands of the Members for the North Riding to enquire into and report by next meeting. Carried.

22. From the Richardson Valley Railway League that in consequence of the Fleet festivities the Conference could not come off but they propose to hold it at the next Municipal Association Session. Received.

23. From the Shire of Lillydale asking co-operation in getting Government Grants made known in November in each year.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the President attend to it at the next Association Session & that the Secretary have it put into the business paper. Carried.

24. From the Victorian Rabbit Suppression Vigilance Committee in explanation of the co-operation asked for & asking for a subscription.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That a suggestion be made to the Government to see that the Inspectors carry out their duties & that £1.1.- be voted. Carried.

25. From the Shire Solicitors with cheque for £124.1.2 rates collected. Received with thanks.

26. From E.O'Neill applying for the use of the Shire Hall for a Concert & Ball on 23rd Inst.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That it be granted on the usual conditions. Carried.

27. From the Minister of Lands with presentation copies of the Fleet souvenir. Received with thanks.

28. From Ernest Old reporting the cutting of the by-wash dam at the Tang-Tang & that he had repaired it. Received.

29. From Richards asking for use of the Shire Hall for skating.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

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Corr.contd.

That the application be granted on the usual conditions subject to the right to cancel if any damage be done & that the charge for afternoon & evening be 15/-. Carried.

Reports.

Cr Bissett reported on the conference held with the State Rivers & Commissioners that he did not get much satisfaction. He had pointed out the unfair treatment the Shire had experienced in being valued so highly & the amount the Shire had expended out of their own funds but they had been saddled with the liabilities of the Northern portion of the Trust Area. The Commissioners said they could not alter the arrangement or give any consideration.

Cr Coulter reported that the Commissioners said that they would give a guarantee that in 5 years time the back interest would be paid off & they would hand over the whole thing to the Council & they could do what they liked with it.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That a vote of thanks be passed to the delegates for the able manner in which they had acted for the Council.

Carried.

<u>Treasurer.</u>	Receipts	£304.3.9	Receipt
	Payments	349.17.4	
	Dishonored cheque	2. 3.3	
	Net overdraft	218.12.-	Received.
<u>Rate-Collector.</u>	Rate current	204.12.2	
	.. arrears	I	
	Interest	12. -.11	
	Dog fees	1. -.-	
		£ 217.13.2	Received.

Inspector of Nuisances, Brown. that Cr James of the Gordon Shire had wired him that there were dead cattle in the Bullock Creek & asked that they be removed. He had inspected & found 15 but they were submerged in the flood. He learned that they were Mr Keeley's & had been skinned by a youth who has since left the district. Mr Keeley will have them removed as soon as possible. No one will undertake their removal at present.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

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Reports contd.

That the report be received & approved. Carried.

Inspector of Nuisances Johnson, that he had recently inspected the N. & S. Ridings & found nothing in the nature of a nuisance. He had also inspected O'Neill's yards & those of Mr Whinfield & found them in a fairly satisfactory state. Recd.

Analyst Donald Clark with result of Analyses, shewing all samples in accordance with requirements of the Board of Health.

Received.

Secretary & Engineer, Report read.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Report be received. Carried.

Clause I.

That the wet weather has prevented surveying & delayed Contractors. The Mitiamo & Prairie Roads are both finished all but rolling but the roller cannot yet be shifted.

2. Cheyne's & Hamilton's Contracts are finished & Crapper is pushing on with his.

3. That the formation from Mr Coulter's to the railway station at Tandarra requires fettling up & rolling.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Engineer get the work carried out. Carried.

4. As to the works at Wirth's Kamarooka,

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by the President:-

That the Engineer inspect & report by next meeting. Carrd.

5. As to the non-payment of the special grant. Already dealt with.

6. He had made a good collection of rates thro' the Shire Solicitors & that the outstanding rates are now only £36.6.10 including one of £21.1.-.

7. That he had drawn the statement of the rate & details as to the water-rate. Approved.

The Council then moved into Committee to deal with finance & appoint a Dairy Inspector.

On resuming the Finance Committee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £168.7.6 & recommending their payments.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

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That the same be passed for payment. Carried.

As to Dairy Inspector, there were 7 applications.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That Mr John O'Neill be appointed in the terms of the specification & as from 1st October. Carried.

The Secretary reported the death of Dr Woodside, the Health Officer:-

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Secretary send a letter of condolence to Dr Woodside's father. Carried.

Meeting adjourned till later.

Rate.

SPECIAL MEETING, to strike Rate.

The Secretary laid the statement of the Rate on the table.

1. Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Council do now adopt the existing valuation of the Shire subject to amendments & alterations of ownership

viz:-	North Riding	£9619
	South ..	11084
	East ..	14794
		<u>£ 35497</u>

Carried.

2. Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Council do now adopt & confirm the estimate for the year 1908-9 shewing as detailed therein that the sum of £3,046 is required for the several items of expenditure detailed therein & that the sum of £1,275.-.9 is available but the sum of £1,771.17.- is further required

Carried.

3. Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That to raise the sum required viz:-£1,771.17.- this Council do make & levy a rate of 12d in the £. upon the net annual value of the ratable property within the Shire of East Loddon for the period commencing 1st October 1908 & ending 30th September 1909 & that Henry Tresise, the Rate-Collector, be authorized to demand & collect the same. Carrd.

& the Special meeting closed.

Ordinary Meeting-business resumed:-

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That tenders be called for reforming formation from the

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culvert on the Swan Hill road near the State School
to within 10 chains of Serpentine Township. Carried.

Instructions to the Engineer.

By Cr McCrea:- to report on the formation on the road North
of the Hayami State School.

Moved by Cr Keogh 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That tenders be called by next meeting for clearing 20
chains of the 3 chain road between Stone's & Bramley's.
Jarklan. Carried.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the next ordinary meeting be adjourned for one week.
Carried.

And the meeting adjourned.

Confirmed this 28 day of October 1908.

William Thomas President

Shire Hall, Serpentine,
October 21st 1908.

There being no Councillors present at the Meeting to have
been held this day I do adjourn the same to Wednesday, 28th
Inst. at 10 A.M.

Max E. Albrecht
Secretary.

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

October 28th 1908.

Adjourned Ordinary Meeting held this day: -

Present the President, (Cr Thomas), & Crs Mahoney, Coutts, Keogh,
McCrae, Ettershank, Bissett.

The Minutes of the last meeting & the adjournment of it were
read:-

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the same be confirmed. Carried.

Correspondence. 1. From the Chief Secretary's office that a holiday had been
proclaimed on Wednesday, 21st Inst. Received.

2. Wire from Hon. T. Langdon re application to arrange for a visit by
the State Rivers Commissioners that he was out of town on last
meeting day & did not understand the purport of the telegram. Recd.

3. From the same with letter from the State Rivers Commissioners
acknowledging receipt of Minutes of the meeting held at Calivil
on the water question & that the subject would be considered at
their next meeting. Received.

4. From E. Lynden Smith, the District Engineer, explaining the difficul-
ty in supplying the information required as to the rating in the
Loddon United Water Area. Received.

5. From the same with Return asked for. To stand over.

6. From the State Rivers Commissioners that they are unable at pre-
sent to visit the district but explaining their action & that as
soon as the arrears are paid off they will be prepared to discuss
the question of controlling the district either themselves or by
some local body. To stand over.

7. From the same asking for the return of the plan of the area rated.
Received.

8. From the Public Works Department returning vouchers for expendi-
ture under the £400 special grant & form of claim. Received.

9. From the same asking if the Council have any objection to the
leasing of a road in the township of Serpentine by Henry Tresise.
To stand over.

10. From the same notifying the appointment of Mr S. Creaton as Au-
diter & with scale of fees. Received.

11. From the same notifying that £144.18.10 are available out of the
Unused Roads & Water Frontages Fund & with details as to its expen-
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Corr.contd. diture.

Received.

12. From D.O'Halloran with notice of application by Mr Lansell for pumping licence. Received.
13. From the Northern Districts Water Users Association that a Conference would be held in Bendigo on 14th Inst & inviting the Council to send a representative.
14. From Cr Bissett that the matter should be attended to & that he would assist the President at the Conference.
The Secretary explained that he had forwarded the letter to the President who had attended & would report later on.
15. From the Railways Standing Committee with thanks for the use of the Hall for their sitting. Received.
16. From Hon.T.Langdon with copy of the Water Act 1908.Recd.with thank
17. From the Government Statist with Statistical Register. Received with thanks.
18. From Inspector Brown that he had posted up notices about riding on the foot-path & enquiring as to the status of the Council as to the Tang-Tang Swamp & Weir:-that some person had out the embankment & the Lands Department have asked him to make enquiries.
The Engineer explained that he had written the Inspector fully on the subject & instructed him to enquire as to the cutting of the embankment & this action was approved.
19. From the Public Health Department re samples of food submitted that the Report is insufficient to make clear whether the law was broken or not.Also suggesting that in future attention should primarily be paid to locally produced articles. Received.
20. From the surgeon of the Inglewood Hospital reporting a case of Diphtheria at Bear's Lagoon.-Received case since recovered.
21. From the Victorian Shires Rabbit Suppression Vigilance Committee in reply that they had already approached the Chief Inspector in connection with the inaction of some of his men & that failing an improvement in this direction some more satisfactory system must be introduced & with thanks for donation. Received.
22. From the Shire of Gordon that the Council could not pay their contribution to the boundary work at Valler's until the account was before them.The account amounting to £17.-.6 has since been paid.

Corr.contd.

23. From the Railway Commissioners that the goods platform at Prairie Railway Station compares favorably with other stations & they could not see their way to enlarging it.Instructions had however been given for the goods platform & approaches to be put in order.
24. From the Shire of Echuca enquiring whether the Council are prepared to accept the original proposal & appoint a delegate for a joint deputation to lay the facts before the Commissioners.
The President reported that since the foregoing correspondence the Commissioners had visited the Station & he did not think that any further action was necessary. Received.
25. From Miss Woodside acknowledging letter of condolence. Received.
26. From Dr Ridley that he has succeeded to the practice of the late Dr Woodside at Pyramid Hill & will be pleased to act as Health Officer.
Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coutts:-
That Dr Woodside be appointed Health Officer for the East Riding of the Shire on the usual terms. Carried.
27. From James Stone of Jarlam asking whether he can get 1 1/2 miles of wire-netting from the Government through the Shire.
The Secretary explained that he had written in reply to the effect that he was the only applicant & it would not be worth while for the Council to open a trust account for such a small amount.
Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coutts:-
That the Secretary inform Mr Stone that he can get the netting from the Department straight out on the same terms. Carried.
28. From Tatchell,Dunlop & Smalley with cheque for £22.4.2 rates & interest collected which nearly clears off all arrears.Received with thanks.
29. From the Municipal Association in reply to the Secretary's letter that the subject of the earlier notification of Special Grants would be dealt with in the Executive Committee's Report when it could be discussed. Received.
30. From Miss McIntyre,Hon.Seretaty to the Bear's Lagoon Mutual Improvement Society asking for the use of the Shire Hall for a debate on 21st Inst. Received no charge to be made.

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- Corr.contd. 31. From Ernest Old in reply to letter from the Engineer that he has removed the bags from the notch in the Tang-Tang weire. Received
32. From the Eye & Ear Hospital with Report. Received.
33. From the Society for the Protection of Animals for subscription.
Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-
That the letter be received. Carried.
34. From the School of Mines with account for making analyses.
Received a/o to be paid.
35. From the Borough of Wangarrata as to the Land Valuation Bill.
To stand over.
Adjourned till 2 P.M.

9 P.M. Business resumed the same Councillors being present.

Corr.No.9. Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That no objection be offered. Carried.

<u>Reports.</u>	<u>Treasurer.</u>	Receipts	£57.16.5	
		Payments	168. 7.6	
		.. since	7. 2.-	
		Net overdraft	339. 2.4	Received.
	<u>Rate-Collector.</u>	Rate current	5.-	
		.. arrears	22.13.6	
		Interest	1. 8.5	
		Dog fees.	10.-	
			£ 24.16.11	Received.

Dingee Weigher with collections amounting to £2.4.- Received.

Dairy Inspector O'Neill that he had registered 65 dairies & collected fees amounting to £11.19.6. Received.

Shire Solicitors with account for £3.13.6 for collecting rates.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Mahoney:-

That the report be received & account paid. Carried.

Secretary & Engineer

1. On the excess of work in the office & the visit of the Railway Standing Committee.
2. That the Audit had been completed, & commenting on the Auditor's charges.
3. That Mr E.L. Smith had supplied the information asked for as to the differential rate but as the Department required the plan to be returned he had made one for office use.
4. That all Contracts were about completed & he had inspected them & surveyed for the works to be let that day.
5. That he had inspected the Tang-Tang & found the repairs effected by Mr Old satisfactorily done.

6. That McKay had completed his works on Old's road & dumped on 4.

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Reports contd. the Dingee Road but he had not put the specified quantity of

Loam on.

7. Asking leave to engage clerical assistance to write up the Rate & prepare the Electoral Rolls.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Report be received.

As to cl.7. Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That clerical assistance be granted. Carried.

Rate.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Rate struck on 16th Ultio: be confirmed. Carried.

The Secretary submitted a statement of abandoned rates amounting to £7.10.- & asked that they be written off.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the President be appointed to write off the abandoned Rates as shewn in the list. Carried.

Report

By the President on the Water Users' Conference which in his opinion was a small thing & principally confined to the Rodney District & did not affect this Shire in any way. As to the Municipal Association Session he held a high opinion of it. The business was got through quickly. There was a strong minority in favor of the Unimproved Land Valuation Bill & on a motion that it be optional with the Councils it was carried. Many other matters were considered including the Width of Tyres question while others were left to the Executive Committee who were able & energetic men.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That a vote of thanks be passed to the President for the able manner in which he had represented the Council. Carried.

As to Messrs Hovey & Chapple's application to have a road opened:- Cr Mahoney reported in favor of opening it.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That the Secretary write Messrs Chapple & Hovey & ask whether they will be satisfied with the erection of gates & to Mr Whinfield whether he will erect such gates. Carried.

The Council then moved into Committee to open tenders & deal with Finance.

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On resuming:-

The Committee reported that they had selected the following tenders:

Contract No.94.	J.G.Crapper	£69.15.-
.. No.95.	E.Doody item No.I	8. 5.6
.. No.96.	J.Crapper	16. 8.4
.. No.97.	E.Doody	5. --
.. No.98.	To stand over.	

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That the above tenders be accepted. Carried.

The Finance Committee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £220.17.7

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Report be received & the accounts passed for payment Carried.

Corr.No.35. Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That the Council regrets that the Commissioners cannot see their way clear to visit the district at present to meet the Ratepayers as they strongly object to paying the proposed rate of £1,369.9.- seeing that £436 collected by the Shire previous to the Commissioners taking over the Trust liabilities covered current interest & arrears & that the amount would be further reduced by the year 19010 to £266 per annum. In addition to interest the cost of maintenance was about £200 making the total cost to the Council £636 per annum as against the £1369.9.- to be collected by the Commissioners. The Council would strongly urge the Commissioners to give the ratepayers an opportunity of laying their views before them at as early a date as possible. Carried.

Instructions to Officers. The Secretary promised to write an un-official

letter to Mr Drake on the subject of the Un-used Roads &c.

The Engineer was instructed to enquire as to filling the Pom-Pom.

At the instance of Cr McCrae the Engineer was instructed to inspect & report on the Prairie Road about 1 mile West of the Railway.

The Secretary was instructed to invite the President, Councillors & officers of the Shire of Marong & Mr Langdon to lunch on next meeting day & the meeting adjourned.

So confirmed 18 Nov. 1908

W. Thomas Pres.

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Shire Hall, Serpentine,

November 18th 1908.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President, (Cr Thomas), & Crs McCrea, Mahoney, Keogh,

Bissett:-

The Minutes of the last meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

The Secretary read apologies for nonattendance from Mr Langdon & Cr Coulter.

Correspondence. From the State Rivers & W.S. Commission thro' the Hon. Mr Langdon, that it is planning a visit to a number of places along the Loddon & if it can find time the meeting suggested will be included. The Secretary will advise definitely in the course of a week or so. Received.

2. From the Shire of Marong accepting invitation to lunch & about 8 members will endeavor to attend. Received.

3. From the same that it is their intention when in Serpentine to solicit co-operation in approaching the Minister of Water Supply by deputation with the object of having the amount of rate struck by the W.S. Commission in the Loddon United Area, reduced. To stand over.

4. From a meeting of Citizens in the Melbourne Town Hall inviting co-operation in making a presentation to the Officers & Men of the Battleship "Commonwealth".

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the President take charge of the List. Carried.

5. From the Shire of Echuca with cheque for £57.14.- being their subscription to joint works on the Mitiamo & Prairie Roads. Received with thanks.

6. From Miss Quin, Head Teacher of the Serpentine S.S. reporting an outbreak of Measles. Received.

7. From Mr A.E. Whinfield that he would be pleased to put a gate on the road between him & Murphy's & with explanation.

8. From Messrs Chapple & Hovey objecting to any obstruction being placed on the road in question & asking that it be opened.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That Mr Whinfield receive the proper notice to open the road. Carried.

9. From Cr Coutts that he will be unable to attend this day's meeting as he has to be in town at the wool-sales but expressing the

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Corr.contd. hope that the visitors will arrive & assuredly receive a hearty welcome. Received.

10. From the Victorian Shires Rabbit Suppression Vigilance Committee with thanks for co-operation & practical support. Received.

11. From the Municipal Association with copy of the Land Valuation Bill, (No.2), but with a memo: attached that it not expected to be proceeded with. Received.

12. From the Department of Agriculture asking for samples of parasites of domestic animals. Received.

13. From Mr G.S.Read, Engineer to the Shire of Marong, that he is unable to come. Received.

14. From J.W.Colville, Secretary of the Board of Health, that Dr Woodside's appointment was never approved but that Dr Ridley's would be considered at the next meeting of the Board.

The Secretary explained that Dr Woodside's Reports had been furnished regularly & acknowledged by the Board. Secretary to reply.

Reports.

<u>Treasurer:-</u> Receipts	£73.18.	
Payments	230.17.7	
Overdraft	496.18.3	Received.

Rate-Collector. Rates arrears 10/- interest 8d. Total 10/8. Recd.

Dairy Inspector that he had registered 35 dairies & collected fees amounting to £7.7.-. That he had inspected dairies & cow-yards & found them generally in good order but where alterations had been ordered they had been attended to. Received.

Secretary & Engineer. 1. That he had entered up the new rate, & all notices had been issued by the rate-collector. That he had prepared the Electoral Rolls for the Assembly & Council.

2. That he had corresponded with the Public Works Department on the subject of the closed roads which might be considered in Committee.

3. That little progress had been made with Contracts in consequence of the harvest. As to Contract No.95. the box-culvert was omitted when letting the Contract which would make it £10.-.6 instead of £8.5.6. Also that Mr Cobb objected to the work & Mr Doody, the Contractor asked for time to go on.

4. That in company with Cr McCrea, he had surveyed 106 chains of the Prairie Road West from the Railway. That there was no loam available but recommending that the road be fettled up & gravelled. The work in his opinion would cost £395.15.- including a stone

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Sedy. & Engr's Report contd. Crossing 33'0" long.-Suggesting that application be made for a Government Grant & that tenders be invited by the February Meeting.

5. That he had several minor works on hand which he would report on at next meeting.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Report be received. Carried.

Consideration was postponed till the afternoon.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Secretary laid in the table the Audited Statement, Balance Sheets & the auditor's report. He then read his own report in which he took exception to certain disallowances for State Schools' Empire Day, Agricultural Societies, the Pompapiel Cemetery & Lord Linlithgow's statue. He had written to the Public Works Department protesting against these disallowances but Mr Drake had replied that it was for the Auditor to determine & he had no power to deal with the question. The Secretary pointed out in particular that the 2 previous auditors had not disallowed the vote for 'Empire Day'.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the action of the Secretary be approved. Carried.

The accounts having been examined:-

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Statement of Accounts & Balance sheets having been examined & found just & true be certified to & allowed. Carried.

The sheets were then signed & the Annual Meeting closed.

Meeting adjourned till 2 P.M.

4 P.M.

Deputation.

Business resumed:-the same Crs present & also Cr Ettershank, consisting of the President & Crs Bailey, Sargood & Johnson of the Shire of Marong were introduced. The President, (Cr Carter), explained that since the taking over of the Loddon United Trust area by the State Rivers Commission the rate they are called upon to pay amounts to £243 as against £80 that they used to have to pay. That they desired to obtain a special grant of £1200 for main roads:-that they desired more convenient service on the Swan Hill Railway line & therefore they asked the Council to unite with them

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 sending a deputation to town to interview the Ministers on the subjects. The other Crs spoke in support of their President:

Moved by Cr ^{Shaw} Bissett 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That a deputation consisting of the President, Cr Coutts & the Mover together with the Engineer be appointed to act in conjunction with the Shire of Marong to wait on the Minister of Water Supply with a view to obtaining relief in the matter of the water rate & on the Minister of Public Works & the Railway Commissioners on the other matters. Carried

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That Mr Langdon be asked to fix the appointments for about the middle of next month & that the Secretary notify Messrs Sternberg, Hicks, Baillieu & Abbott, M.L.C., & Messrs Smith & Tunnicliffe M.L.A.s. Carried.

Application to be made for a grant of £200 towards the Prairie Road metalling:-the balance of the £400 last year's vote which had lapsed & a grant in aid of the bridge over the Loddon near Turner's Crossing.

The Council then moved into Committee to deal with Finance.

On resuming the Committee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £38,8.2 & recommending their payment.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr ^{Mahoney} Shaw:-
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That the report be received & the accounts passed for payment. Carried.

Engineer's report. Clause 3.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Contract be cancelled, & deposit returned. Carried.

Inglewood Hospital. Cr Bissett brought up the question of an application for a special grant in aid of this Hospital which was made some time ago & which he said was misunderstood. The Committee had built fever wards & it was to meet the cost of these that the application was made. He moved & was seconded by Cr Ettershank:-

That £10 be granted. Carried.

As to Closed Roads the Secretary explained that he had privately made enquiry as to these but had not received a very satisfactory answer viz: That no action is taken until the term comes for a renewal of a

licence unless the occupier of a road or frontage applies for a reduction.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Department be informed that the new licences are now due but no alteration has been made in the rents. Carried

& the Meeting adjourned.

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Loddon United Water Trust.

Public Meeting held in the Shire Hall, 1st December 1908.

The whole of the Council were present besides many of the rate-payers. ^{the President} Bissett was voted to the Chair.

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 The State Rivers Commissioners, Comr Head & Com. Cattaneah & Mr Lyndon-Smith, the District Engineer were visiting the district & took their seats. Strong arguments were used to prove that while under the old conditions the Council were only called upon to pay about £656 per annum a rate was now struck for exacting £1369.9.- Mr Cattaneah in reply stated that the District was treated as a whole regardless of Shires. He admitted that the East Loddon were badly treated but they were acting within the Act & this year the rate could not be altered. The present liability was about £3000 & most of the rate was being applied to paying this off in preference to maintenance. Under present conditions the debt would be wiped out in 3 years when the question of future management might be reviewed. Com. Head confirmed Mr Cattaneah & went on to say that the rate must be paid this year but that any alteration must be brought about by Parliament. (A full report appears in the Inglewood Advertiser of 4th Dec. 1908). Mr Head further stated that water could not be used for irrigation purposes, except garden sites with which they could not interfere, as there was not sufficient water for domestic & stock supply & irrigation also & that the former must have the preference. The Commissioners then left the hall & proceeded on their way.

16.12.08 W. Thomas Pres

~~Shire Hall Serpentine~~
 January 29th 1909

There being no Councillors present at the Meeting to have been held this day I do ~~therefore~~ the Meeting lapsed

~~Chas E. Aldrich~~
 Secretary

~~Shire Hall Serpentine~~
 Feb'y 17th 1909

There being no Councillors present at the Meeting to have been held this day I do ~~therefore~~ the same to Wednesday 24th Inst. as per ~~order~~

~~Chas E. Aldrich~~
 Secretary

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

December 16th 1908.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President, (Cr Thomas), (Crs Shaw, Bissett, Couatts, Ettershank.

The Minutes of the last meeting & the resume of the visit of the State Rivers Commissioners on 1st Inst were read.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence. 1. From the State Rivers & Water Supply with their third

Report of receipts & expenditure. The Secretary was instructed to obtain copies for all Crs.

2. From the same that Mr Lyndon Smith, the District Engineer, will shortly visit & inspect the channels in the Shire with the view to improving the service & asking the Council's views as to incurring any expenditure on cleaning out or should the money required be applied to the liquidation of the debt. Also asking for any information for Mr Smith.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Secretary write & ask whether if the Council bear the expense of cleaning out will the Shire be released from the debt earlier or will the amount so saved to the Commissioners be placed to the credit of the whole area. Carried.

3. From the Board of Public Health that the appointment of Dr Ridley as Health Officer for the East Riding vice Dr Woodside, deceased, has been approved. Received.

4. From the same with Code of Instructions for Health Officers. The Secretary reported that he had sent copies of the Code to such officers. Approved.

5. From the same with copy of the Health Act & Report for the years 1905, 6, & 7. Received.

6. From Dr Catfield reporting a case of Tuberculosis. Received.

7. From Hon. T. Langdon, M.L.A. that he had made an appointment with

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- Corr.contd. the Minister for Public Works to receive a deputation on Wednesday this day, at 11 A.M. re the bridge over the Loddon. - That in view of the visit of the State Rivers Commissioners there was no necessity to make an appointment with the Minister of Water Supply. - That as to the Railway Time-Table these it can be arranged with the Railway Commissioners when in town. Received.
8. From the Secretary for Public Works that in consequence of the dissolution the deputations arranged for must be indefinitely postponed. Received.
9. From David Smith that he will be happy to attend the deputation when arranged. Received.
10. From Hon. J. Sternberg the like. Received.
11. From Hon. W. L. Baillieu the like. Received.
12. From Hon. T. Langdon the like. Received.
13. From the Shire of Marong asking the Secretary to make fresh arrangements when the new Ministry are installed in office. Received.
14. From the Railway Standing Committee in reply to the General Secretary's enquiry, that it cannot prepare its report until it has received from the Railway Commissioners their estimates of the revenue & working expenses of the proposed Railway from Bridgewater to Durham-Ox. As the estimates for other lines have not yet been supplied, the officers having been engaged in the Sunshine Enquiry, it is unlikely that the Report will be received for some time yet. Received.
15. From Arnall & Jackson soliciting an order for the Municipal Directory. 10 copies ordered to be sent to the Shire office. Received.
16. From the Shire of Kerang as to the deputation re the bridge, that as they will not be holding a meeting this month, a delegate cannot be appointed. Received to be re-considered later.
17. From the Shire of Fern-Tree-Gully asking assistance in paying the costs of a test case re rating State School buildings. Received.
18. From the Austin Hospital for Incurables asking for a subscription. To stand over for Charities' Vote.
19. From the Victorian Shires Rabbit Suppression Vigilance Committee that more wire-netting will be supplied by the State & enquiring as to the working of the present system since a further £10,000 per annum has been provided. To stand over till later.
20. From C. Voegelé promising to pay his rates & licence renewal Received

- Corr.contd. 21. From E. Doody consenting to the cancellation of his Contract No. 98. Received.
22. From the Borough of Inglewood with copy balance sheet. Received.
23. From the Board of Health that Mr O'Neill's appointment as Dairy Inspector has been noted. Received.
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| <u>Treasurer.</u> Receipts, | £101. 3.10 | |
| Payments | 39. 8.2 | |
| Net overdraft | 43. 2.7 | Received. |
| <u>Rate-Collector.</u> Rates current | £93. 2.- | |
| arrears | 1. -.- | |
| interest | 1.2 | |
| dog | 5.- | |
| | £ 93. 8.2 | Received. |
- Dairy Inspector. That he had registered 8 dairies & collected £1.8.-. He had found dairies in satisfactory order. He had completed his round in the Shire, collected fees amounting to £20.16.6 registered 108 dairies & 800 cows. From enquiries made he thinks that the cows that have died in the Shire during the year number about 100 in all. Received.
- Secretary & Engineer.
1. That no progress has been made in works owing to harvest but that the 2 current Contracts will be proceeded with shortly.
 2. That Mr Rudkins reports that a bridge has broken down near the Shire boundary at Mitiamo. He had made arrangements for its temporary repair & would visit it shortly.
 3. That in consequence of the dissolution of Parliament all arrangements re deputation had fallen through. Suggesting surveys to be made & estimates prepared.
 4. That as a second daily train had been put on to Kerang the item might be deemed settled.
 5. As to the recent visit of the State Rivers Commissioners asking what relief is to be asked from the Minister when the deputation takes place.
 6. That when in town he had interviewed Mr Drake on the subject of the Special Grant of £400 but without success as to its payment this year. He had also gone into the question of the Unused Roads & Water Frontages Leases & after discussion Mr Drake had promised

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Secy & Engr's Report. to revise the lists furnished & issue amended leases.

7. Asking the Council to decide date of next meeting. Also for leave of absence.

8. Asking Council to consider the propriety of increasing salary between this & next meeting.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Report be received. Carried.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

2 P.M. Business resumed the same Crs present.

Corr. No. 19. Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That this Council is very pleased to have no complaint to make as to the way the Vermin Act is enforced in this Shire but regret that such is not the case in the adjacent Shire along the Loddon as rate-payers are continually complaining & suggest that the matter be brought under the notice of the Chief Inspector. Carried.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Secretary send a copy of the last resolution re Rabbits to Mr Allen. Carried.

Secy & Engr's Report.

Clause I. Received.

2. Approved.

3. Approved.

4. Approved.

5. To stand over to the February meeting.

6. Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Coultat:-

That as the Secretary has had so much trouble with regard to the Unused Roads a bonus of £200 £10 be voted to him. Carried.

The Secretary returned thanks.

7. That the next meeting be held on the regular meeting day in February.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That leave of absence for one month be granted. Carried.

Finance. The Finance Committee reported having examined accounts amounting to £105.4.11 & recommended their payment.

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Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Report be received & the accounts passed for payment. Carried.

Thistles. Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That 3 men be engaged to cut star-thistle & Bathurst burr on the main roads & reserves under the supervision of the Crs of the Ridings at day-labor rates & not exceeding 10 days. Carried.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Engineer be instructed to report on the cost of making approaches to Albert Park home-station. Carried & the meeting adjourned.

Confirmed this 17 March 1909

W. Bissett
Chairman

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

January 20th 1909.

There being no Councillors present at the Meeting to have been held this day the meeting lapsed.

Chas E. Albrecht
Secretary.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

February 17th 1909.

There being no Councillors present at the Meeting to have been held this day I do adjourn the same to Wednesday 24th Inst at 10 A.M.

Chas E. Albrecht
Secretary.