

SHIRE OF EAST LODDON. Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held 24th Feb. 09

Shire Hall, Serpentine.
February 24th 1909.

Adjourned Ordinary Meeting.

Present Crs Bissett, Coutts, Ettershank.

No quorum was made.

The Finance Committee examined accounts amounting to £172.7.11 & recommended their payment.

They also gave the Engineer the following instructions in anticipation of the subsequent approval of the Council.

To call tenders for taking out 500 cub.yds from the dam in the Creek South of Hayward's, in the Reserve.

To enquire into the application of E.Devine & ascertain whether you have a title to it or he will give you one & if satisfactory to call tenders for cleaning it out.

To enquire as to the cost of a pump or water-lifter to erect on Cheyne's well, Jarklan.

To survey bad pieces of road on the Inglewood & Bendigo roads & between 2 formations on the back road to Major's Line bridge near Rogers'.

To survey for extension of the formation on the Swan Hill Road North of Hardy's & call tenders for the same.

To write the Minister of Water Supply supporting the claim of the Marong Shire Council for special grants for road making.

To enquire of the Water Supply Department as to borrowing a Water Auger.

To attend the meeting at Calivil re Waranga Channel & obtain permission of the Correspondent of the Board of Advice to hold the meeting in the S.S. & notify the Head Teacher.

The meeting lapsed.

Chas E. Albrecht

Secretary.

SHIRE OF EAST LODDON. Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held

Shire Hall, Serpentine.
March 10th 1909.

Committee Meeting held this day:-

Present Crs Bissett & Ettershank.

Tenders opened for Contracts Nos 98 & 99.

Only one tender was received that of

Palmer & Kerr for Contract 99. 10/- per foot £9.-.-.

Repairing lining of well I.-.-

Deposit £1. Accepted £ 10.-.-

Fresh tenders to be invited for Contract No.98.

Committee Meeting closed.

Chas E. Albrecht

Secretary

Conferred 17th Mch 1909

M. Bissett

Chairman

SHIRE OF EAST LODDON. Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held 17 March 1909

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

March 17th 1909.

Adjourned Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present Crs Bissett, Ettershank, McCrea, Shaw, Mahoney, Keogh.

The Secretary read a letter from the President apologizing for his inability to be present owing to continued ill-health:-

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That Cr Bissett take the Chair:-

Carried.

Cr Shaw

Moved by the Chairman 2nd by Cr Shaw:- Mahoney:-

That a letter of sympathy be sent to the President & expressive of the hope that he would speedily recover.

Carried.

The Minutes of the meeting on 16th December, of 24th February & of a Committee on 10th March were read:-

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the action of the Committee at the meeting on 24th February which lapsed for want of a quorum be confirmed.

Carried.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the action of Crs Bissett & Ettershank in accepting Contract No. 99 on 10th Inst be approved & confirmed.

Carried.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That all the Minutes as read be now confirmed. Carried.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

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

Correspondence. 1. From Treasury 9th Claim for Endowment £550. Sent in & since received. Received.

2. With From Public Works Department with appointment for deputa-
tion on 3rd February. Received.2. From Hon. T. Langdon with similar Circular & asking if same could
be arranged. Received.4. From Public Works Department with regard to unused roads stating
that fresh licences are not issued but where the valuation has
been amended the licensee should apply to the Department for a
reduction in rent & forward the licence for amendment. Received.5. From the same asking if the Council have any objection to the ap-
plication of Martin Mitchell for the lease of a road at Dingee.
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Corr. contd.

To stand over till next meeting.

6. From Commissioner Mead saying that the District Engineer will inspect the channels in the Shire & confer with the Shire Engineer. Received.
7. From the Chief Inspector of Vermin stating that the complaint of the Council will receive immediate attention. Received.
8. From Commr Mead with policy to be followed in Irrigation Development. Received.
9. From Cr Coutts with instructions to the Secretary to call a meeting at Calivil re extension of the Waranga Channel. Received.
10. From the Municipal Association with copies of the Report of the Annual Session. Received.
11. From the Shire of Echuca enquiring whether the Council intends in the near future carrying out the provisions of the Dairy Supervision Act & offering to confer with a view to appointing a supervisor to work a group of adjoining Shires. The Secretary read the reply that he had sent explaining the position & this was approved.
12. From the same asking intentions as to completing the Mitiamo Road. The Secretary read a reply that he had sent but the matter was ordered to stand over till next meeting.
13. From the Board of Public Health with Xmas Greetings. Read.
14. From the same with circular as to beverages exemptions. Read.
15. From the same with circular as to Milk prosecutions. Read.
16. From the same as to samples. Received.
17. From Sir W.A. Zeal as to the Melbourne Water Supply. Read.
18. From J.H. Sargeood asking for the formation of 20 chains of the Terricks road & removal & re-erection of a culvert. To be attended to.
19. From the Bendigo Skating Rink Co. asking for the use of the Shire Hall for skating during the coming season.
Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Keogh:-
That the application be granted at a charge of 15/- per night 5/- to go to the care-takers. Carried.
20. From Hon. W.L. Baillieu with thanks for support in recent Election. Received.

Contd. 21. From Hon.T.Langdon the like.

Received.

22. From the Under Secretary stating that the application for a holiday for the Serpentine Fete was received too late.

23. From the same that a special meeting of the Executive Council had been called & the holiday granted. Received.

24. From Cr Coulter asking the Engineer to have a bore put down at O'Donoghue's Talambe with the view to having a well sunk. The Engineer reported that he had had the bore put down by Mr H.Smith but without success but he had applied to the Water Supply Department to enquire whether they would lend a Tiffin Auger.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the action of the Secretary be approved. Carried.

25. From Cr McCrea that he was unable to attend last meeting.

26. From Inspector McCollough that he had had rabbits dug out & with a/c for 24/- for so doing. Received & approved & a/c passed for payment.

27. From Inglewood Hospital with thanks for special grant. Recd.

28. From Deaf & Dumb Institution soliciting subscription & enclosing Report. To stand over for Charities Vote.

29. From Austin Hospital for Incurables the like.

30. From Government Statist with statistical Register. Recd.

31. From Messrs J.Bramley & others asking for a pump on Cheyne's Well, Jarklan.

Cr Keogh supported the application & the Engineer stated that he had visited the well & was making enquiries as to the cost of a pump or water-lifter & that the latter would cost £34.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by the Chairman:-

That the matter be left in the hands of the Members for the North Riding & the Engineer to deal with. Carried.

32 & 41. From E.Devine asking for the cleaning out of the dam in his property & offering to fence the same in. The Engineer had been instructed to make enquiry as to the title of the Council to the dam but Mr Devine had since written to say that the dam was full. The matter therefore was postponed.

Contd. 33. From the Public Works Department with notification of special grant of £150 to this & Shire of Marong towards Turner's Crossing bridge the Councils to spend £200 additional. The same notified by Mr Langdon.

Moved by the Chairman 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Engineer write to the Shires of Marong & Korong & ask their Engineers to meet & determine the site of the bridge. Carried.

34. From the same notifying a special grant of £100 for various road works the Council to spend £100 additional. Received.

35. From the same asking whether the carrying out of the works will necessitate the employment of labor outside the Shire.

Secretary instructed to reply that there is sufficient labor in the Shire.

36. From the same asking if there is any objection to Henry Tresise leasing a water frontage.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That no objection be offered. Carried.

37. From the same as to leasing a road. There was an error here as an application from H.Tresise to lease the road desired by him had been approved of at the October meeting last year. Received.

38. From the Chief Secretary that the 17th had been proclaimed a holiday in the North Riding on account of the Sports at Pyramid Hill. Received.

39. From the Water Supply Department with conditions on which water augers were lent. Received.

40. From Correspondent Board of Advice with permission to hold meeting in Calivil South S.S. Received.

41. From Hon. Sir Municipal Association inviting motions for next Session & as to Hawkers' licences.

To be made an Order of the Day for the May meeting.

42. From the same as to Unused Roads & Water-Frontages Fund.

To be made an Order of the Day for the May meeting.

43. From the same as to various Acts of Parliament. Received.

44. From R.J.Phillips asking for a donation towards fencing in Mitiamo Cemetery.

Corr. continued. (47). Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That a donation of £5 be granted conditionally on the Shire of Gorgon doing likewise. Carried.

48. From J.B.Howe asking for the remission of interest charged on rates last year. Received.

49. From Mrs J.A.Speedle with particulars of a new rabbit device. Received.

50. From Eye & Ear Hospital for subscription.

To stand over for Charities' Vote.

51. From D.C.Laird complaining about the management of the channels.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Engineer forward the letter to the District Engineer & ask him to report on it. Carried.

52. From the Australian Natives Association asking the Council to support local industries. Received.

53. From C.Bell of Spring Grove, Durham-Ox asking permission to rent a road on the North boundary of the Shire.

Moved by Cr Keogh 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the matter stand over till next meeting to allow of Cr Coutts being present. Carried.

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts £1463.13.9- Payments £337.17.10:-Cr balance £680.12.10. Received.

Rate Collector Rates Current £616.14.- Arrears £4:-Interest 3/11:-Dogs £1. Received.

Dingee Weigh-bridge keeper. Receipts £20.17.5. Recd.

Inspector Brown with return of stock slaughtered. Received.

Inspector Johnson that the Ridings were in a sanitary condition & the slaughter yards cleanly. Received.

Dairy Inspector with return of registrations in the Ridings.

North £5.15.-

South 4.13.6

East 10. 8.-

That dairying is almost over for the season. Recd.

J.O'Neill as to thistles that he had cut them as instructed in the N. & S. Ridings but there are a lot of burrs growing in the last two months. Received.

Health Officer Dr Adams That the health of the N & S Ridings

Reports contd. had been good during the year 1908 with no Infectious or

Contagious disease that had come under his notice. There had been a slight outbreak of Influenza in March but it quickly subsided. He had investigated a case of supposed measles but found it only heat-rash. The number of births registered was 3 & of deaths 1. The township of Serpentine was in a cleanly & sanitary condition. Received.

Special Report of Deputation.

That they had waited on the Minister of Public Works on 3rd February & asked for the re-vote of the unpaid balance £280 of last year's special grant which was immediately promised.

That they had asked for a grant of £200 towards Turner's Crossing bridge & of £200 towards making roads in the Serpentine Estate & £200 towards metalling the Western portion of the Prairie road. Hon. T. Langdon introduced the deputation & the Hon. A. Hicks supported. The Minister promised to give the application due consideration. Mr Albrecht asked the Minister to amend the system of allowing the special votes to lapse on 30th June & asked that they be placed to a suspense a/c. Mr Baillieu promised to consider the suggestion. They waited on the Minister of Water Supply & laid their views before him as to the inequity of the water-rate & asked for an amendment of the Act & excision from the Loddon United Water Area. Hon. J. S. Abbott assisted this deputation. Com. Catanach stated that he thought one more rate would eliminate the total liability of the Shire. Mr Graham declined to interfere with the rate but thought that after next year the Council might call a meeting or conference & decide whether they would continue as they are under the State Rivers or take over the management.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That a vote of thanks be passed to the Deputies for the able manner in which they had conducted the business. Carried.

Secretary & Engineer. I. That he had returned from holiday on 5th Feby. but arranged to attend the deputation on 3rd idem in Melbourne.

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Secy & Engr's Report contd. 2. That the overdraft was down to £101 & would be shortly eliminated. That he did not expect much of a special grant.

3. That he had had the bridge North of Mitiamo thoroughly repaired & many minor repairs in that neighborhood done.
4. He had in company with Cr Ettershank, set out the works on the Swan Hill road & can have them ready for tenders by next meeting as also the work asked for by Mr Sargood.
5. That he had inspected the well at Bramley's & awaited instructions.
6. That in company with Cr Keogh he had surveyed a bad piece of road at Tehan's & Cheyne's & asked leave to call tenders for it.
7. That he had the plans for the works at the Hayanmi S.S. ready for tenders.
8. That he had had the bore put down at O'Donohue's but thought it would be better to borrow a boring rod from the Water Supply Department.
9. That Mr Crapper had satisfactorily completed the loaming on the township of Serpentine & would soon finish his Contract at Wirth's, Kamarooka.

Supplement.

That the overdraft was paid off & we have a credit balance of £680.12.10.

That the balance of last year's special grant had been paid but it was short of £13.17.5 which however he was applying for.

That the balance of outstanding current rates was £1065.15.- but he intended calling attention by advertisement.

That he had surveyed all works ordered but 2 which he would have ready by next meeting. He asked leave to invite tenders for metalling the Prairie road.
Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Report be received. Carried.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That tenders be called for metalling the Prairie road at a cost not exceeding £300. Carried.

The Council then moved into Committee to deal with tenders

17.3.09

In Committee. Tenders opened & the following recommended for acceptance:-

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| Contract 98. R.Wade. | £39.11.8 |
| .. 100 E.Doody | 28. 9.6 |
| .. 101 J.H.Beer Beer | 32. 5.- |
| .. 102. E.Doody | 19. 2.10 |
| .. 103. W.B.Hamilton. | 32.10.9 |
| .. 104. L.&A.Smith. | 11. 6.- |
| .. 105. J.H.Beer. | 24.19.- |
| .. 106. J.Crapper at his former price | |

of £24.4.2

& that No.95 be re-advertised after making further enquiry as to loan.

Finance.

Accounts amounting to £95. 3.1 were examined & recommended for payment.

On resuming business the Secretary submitted a list of Charities amounting to £44.2.- & £10 for the State Schools on Empire Day
Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the list be approved & passed for payment. Carried.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the tenders recommended by the Committee be accepted. Carried.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Report of the Finance Committee be received & adopted. & the accounts passed for payment. Carried.

Instruction to the Engineer. By Cr Shaw:-

That the Engineer inspect the bridge on Beavis's road.
And the meeting adjourned.

Confirmed 21 April 1909

W. Thomas President

Secy & Engr's
Report contd.

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5. That he had inspected the well at Bramley's & awaited instructions.
6. That in company with Cr Keogh he had surveyed a bad piece of road at Tehan's & Cheyne's & asked leave to call tenders for it.
7. That he had the plans for the works at the Hayanmi S.S. ready for tenders.
8. That he had had the bore put down at O'Donohue's but thought it would be better to borrow a boring rod from the Water Supply Department.
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Carried.

The Council then moved into Committee to deal with tenders

S H I R E O F E A S T L O D D O N .

Charities for 1909.

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| Inglewood Hospital | £15 . 15 . 0 |
| Bendigo do | 15 . 15 . 0 |
| Bendigo Benevolent Society | 2 . 2 . 0 |
| Inglewood do | 1 . 1 . 0 |
| Eye & Ear Hospital | 2 . 2 . 0 |
| Deaf & Dumb Institute | 2 . 2 . 0 |
| Adult Deaf & Dumb do | 2 . 2 . 0 |
| Austin Hospital for Incurables | 1 . 1 . 0 |
| Sanatorium for Consumptives | 1 . 1 . 0 |
| Womens Refuge | 1 . 1 . 0 |

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| Bendigo Agricultural Society | 1 . 1 . 0 |
| Pyramid Hill do | 1 . 1 . 0 |
| Boort do | 1 . 1 . 0 |
| Empire Day S. S. | 10 . 0 . 0 |

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Shire Hall, Serpentine.

April 21st 1909.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President & Cms Shaw, Coutts, Ettershank, Bissett, Coulter, McCrea.

Cr Bissett welcomed the President in the Chair & congratulated him on his recovery. This was reciprocated by the other Councillors.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence. I. From the Treasury with Claim for £81 being reduced Licences' Equivalent. The Secretary explained the position. Received.

2. From the Public Works Department that accounts for only £772.5.5 had been submitted in support of Claim for special grant of £400 & that additional vouchers are required. Since supplied. Received.

3. From the same with Claim for £13.17.5 the balance. Received.

4. From the State Rivers & Water Supply with plan of the Loddon United Waterworks Trust District for view of the Rate-payers. Received.

5. From Mr Berry of the same Department that the Caretaker of the Bridgewater Sluices was instructed to send water down the Bullock Creek. To stand over.

6. From the Public Health Department that the Shire has been proclaimed an Infectious diseased district.

The Secretary pointed out that neither of the reports of the Health Officers warranted this:-

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That a contradiction be forwarded to the Board of Health. Carried.

7. From Cohen, Kirby & Woodward on behalf of Mr Harold Charles Wilson, asking leave to purchase a road in Yarraberb Estate. To stand over.

8. From Cr Keogh approving of the purchase of a force pump for Chapple's well. Received.

9. From Cr Mahoney the like. Received.

10. From the Shire of Echuca suggesting united action to have trucking yards erected at Prairie Railway Station.

11. From the President giving his views on the subject.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Council afford their assistance to the Shire of

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Contd Echuca in obtaining trucking yards.

Carried.

12. From the Shire of Echuca that they are prepared to expend a further sum of £60 on the Mitiamo Road.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by the President:-

That this Council spend £60 on the Mitiamo Road. Carried.

13. From the same in reply to a suggestion by the Engineer that the sum should be increased to £100 that he, the Secretary, will lay it before the President & communicate the result. Received.

14. From the surgeon of the Melbourne Hospital reporting a case of Tuberculosis at Albert Park. Received.

15. From the Shire of Kerang that Councillors are desirous of having a voice in selecting the site of the proposed bridge near Turner's Crossing & that the Engineers report to a Conference of Cms to be held at Bridgewater. Received.

16. From the Shire of Marong concurring in the same proposal. Received.

17. From the Shire Solicitors with Certificate of Title to Hiatt's Dam site & with a/o. of costs. Received.

18. From the Shire of Chiltern suggesting the proclamation of a Public Holiday on "Empire Day".

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That co-operation be granted.

Carried.

19. From R.J. Phillips, Hon. Secy to the Cemetery at Mitiamo that the Gordon Shire had subscribed £5 to the cost of fencing. To stand over.

20. From the same with thanks for the Council's donation. To stand over.

21. From A. Nankervis of Milleo objecting to the application of Martin Mitchell to lease a road. To stand over.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

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

Deputation. Cr Ettershank introduced Mr Rodgers who complained that the Bullock Creek had been dry for months & asked the Council to assist in getting water sent down it.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Council write to the Water Commissioners & request that an ample supply of water be sent down the Bullock Creek without delay & that the District Engineer be requested to report where all the water is going to. Carried.

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Corr.No.7.Mr Wilson's application for leave to purchase road:-

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by the President:-

That the Council have no objection to the sale of the road.
Carried.

Corr.No.19.As to Mitiamo Cemetery Fence:-

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by the President:-

That an additional vote of £2.10.- be made to the Trustees.
Carried.

Corr.No.121. As to Mr Mitchell's application to lease road:-

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Council have no objection to the lease of the road.
Carried.

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts £861.4.4.-Payments £295.3.7.-Cr balance £1427.17.7
Received.

Rate Collector. Rates current £728.5.8.-Arrears II/I.-Interest I/8
Dog fees £2.
Received.

Health officer, Dr Ridley that during 1908 as far as he could find out there had been no cases of Infectious or Contagious disease:-that the sanitary state of the district was satisfactory.
Received.

Engineer re Turner's Crossing Bridge.

That the Engineers to the three Councils had inspected the various sites & they & Councillors had subsequently held a Conference at Bridgewater but the reports of the other Engineers had not come in. He recommended the existing site & estimated the cost at about £450. Crs of the other Shires favored the site at Mr Johns'. Suggesting that a Committee be appointed to deal with the matter.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Report be received.
Carried.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the original site at Turner's Crossing be adhered to
Carried.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by the President:-

That a Committee consisting of Crs Ettershank, Shaw, Coutts the Mover & the Secretary be appointed to confer with the neighboring Shires & settle the matter. Carried.

Secretary & Engineer

1. Progress of works & surveys.
2. That in company with Cr Ettershank he had searched for lean on the Swan Hill road & he thought found some.
3. That under instructions from Cr Bissett he had surveyed 10 pieces of formation in the parishes of Janiember East & Jarklam & that they would cost about £90.
4. That Mr Stanistreet on behalf of Dr Atkinson, asks for the fettling up of formations on N & S road East of Jager's.
5. Cr balance & balance to Cr. of Unused Roads asking instruc-

Secy & tions.
Engr's 1. Approved.
Report
contd. 2. Approved.

3. Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Engineer call tenders for the works enumerated, a piece at Doody's late Miller's & a small footpath at Ball's fence.
Carried.

4. Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by the President:-

That the Engineer inspect & report.
Carried.

5. Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That it be left in the hands of the Secretary to allot the works against the various accounts.
Carried.

The Engineer further reported that the Piccaninny Bridge on the Mitiamo Road required to be repaired by putting an upper deck & that he had asked the Shire of Echuca to join in the cost which would be about £57.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That if the Engineer receive a satisfactory reply tenders be called for the work. Also that the Shire of Gordon be asked to join in.
Carried.

Report of Dairy Inspector that all dairying was at a stand-still at present.
Received.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Engineer lay on the table at each meeting a statement shewing the financial position of the several Ridings.
Carried.

As to the application of C.Bill:-

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Secretary write to the Shire of Gordon & enquire whether they have received any objection to the lease. Carried.
The Council then moved into Committee to open tenders & deal with Finance.

On resuming:-

Finance Committee reported having examined accounts amounting to £247.16.8.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

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

Carried.

Tenders.

The Committee reported the opening of the following tenders:-

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| Contract No.95. E Doody | £85.18.4 |
| No.107. J.Kett | 569.10.- |
| No.108. J Crapper | 51.18.4 |

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That Contracts Nos 95 & 108 as above be accepted & that as to Contract No.107 the gravelling be reduced to 9'0" in width & Mr Kett be offered £265.12.- for a length of 60 chains with the stone-crossing.subject to adjustment.

Carried.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the tender-box be shifted to the back door of the Engineer's office & a new lock put on.

Carried.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Police be instructed to prosecute any one cutting green timber on the roads.

Carried.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That £10 be granted to the Calivil Hall & Library.Committee.

Carried.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by the President:-

That this Council approve of the action of the State Government in offering a Dreadnought to the British Empire.

Carried unanimously.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Engineer be instructed to have a small formation made at the crossing on the Bendigo Road by Messrs Smith at schedule rate.

Carried.

Instructions to Engineer.

By Cr Coulter to get Mr Crapper to level up a bank near Jackman's corner & if advisable to put up a hand-railing.to the culvert.

By Cr Shaw:-to inspect the bridge on the Pampapiel Creek on Beavis's road.

By Cr Bissett to submit motion to the Annual Session of the Municipal Association to allow of service of notices under the Thistle

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Act by post. Meeting adjourned.

Confirmed

19.5/19

W Thomas President

SHIRE OF EAST LODDON. Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held

MAY 19 1909

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

May 19th 1909.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

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

The Minutes of the last meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence. I. From the Under Secretary acknowledging application to constitute "Empire Day", a public holiday. Received.

2. From the Education Department with programme of proceedings for "Empire Day". Received.

3. From the Railway Commissioners refusing the application for trucking yards at Prairie Railway Station on the ground that sufficient accommodation is provided at Mitiamo & Dingee. Received.

4. From the District Engineer, Mr E. Lyndon Smith, in reply to Mr Laird's complaint of waste of water in the channels & insufficient supply, that he does not think there has been any avoidable waste but that owing to the lowness of the river the supply has been short. In future the Commission will only fill tanks in the summer-time. spring. Received.

5. From the same as to filling Bullock Creek that the farmers would not have had their tanks filled had more water been turned down the creek. The break-aways in the channels had been repaired but tanks would not in future, be filled in the summer time. Received.

6. From the Board of Health in explanation as to the proclamation of the Shire as infected with Infectious & Contagious disease, the gazette notice had been copied from a similar one issued in May 1906 & July 1907. The Secretary had replied that he did not think the Council would be pleased with the reply as the Health Officers Reports contradicted the allegation & there was no reason why if the Shire were clean it should not be so gazetted.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the letter be received & the reply of the Secretary approved. Carried.

7. From the Town of Williamstown on the question of the "Dreadnought" & enlarging the Alfred Graving Dock.

Cr Keogh entered.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

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Corr. contd. That the Council approve of enlarging the Graving Dock. Carried.

8. From the Shire of Gordon that altho' the bridge over the Piocaninny Creek on the Mitiamo Road is hardly a boundary work they will contribute £10 towards its repair. Received with thanks.

9. From the Shire of Echuca that they cannot contribute more than £60 towards the repair of the Mitiamo Road this year. The Engineer explained that he had cut down the specification accordingly. Received.

10. From the Shire of Fern-Tree-Gully urging action in suppressing the use of the "Pea-Rifle".

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That this Council do not favor (a), the total abolition of the pea rifle. Carried.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That with regard to (b), the restriction of its use to persons over the age of 21 years, the age be 18.

Amendment by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the age be 21.

Amendment lost motion carried.

II. From the Shire of Aveca asking co-operation in amending the Act as to the rents of Unused Roads & Water-Frontages.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the second clause, that the whole of the funds collected by the Government be returned to the municipal district for expenditure on the maintenance of main roads & bridges, be approved. Carried.

12. From the Borough of Inglewood with invitation to a meeting to be held for urging the extension of the railway from Cohuna through Inglewood. The Secretary read his reply.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That this Council object to have anything to do with the matter until the question of the extension from Bridgewater to Durham-Ox is decided upon. Carried.

13. From the Shire of Gordon that they were opposed to Mr C. Bill's application to lease a boundary road.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That this Council object to the leasing of the road. Carried.
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Corr.contd. I4. From the Municipal Record inviting subscription at 5/- per annum.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Council subscribe.

Carried.

I5. From Legge & Co that they will not use the Shire Hall for skating this season. To stand over.

I6. From the Shire of Marong with their Engineer's Report on Turner's Crossing Bridge. To stand over.

I7. From the Shire of Marong with Report on the same subject. To stand over.

I8. From Miss Davies asking permission to apply the subscription to "Empire Day" to "Arbor Day". The Secretary read his reply which was approved.

Adjourned to 2.P.M.

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

Corr.contd.

I9. From ^{Mrs} Miss Holden of Hayanmi S.S. with thanks & stating that she is retiring. Received.

20. From Miss Quin of Serpentine S.S. applying for use of the hall for "Empire Day".

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the request be granted on the usual conditions. Carried.

21. From Mrs Hardy applying for the planting of trees & supply of tree-guards at the Four-Posts Hotel. Received.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Secretary apply for 100 trees from the State Nursery, (sugar gums), to be distributed to the several Ridings. Carried.

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts £25.18.5:- Payments £247.16.8:- Cr Balance

£1264. 1.1.

Received.

Rate-Collector.

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| Rates Current | £50. 7.- |
| Interest | 19.- |
| Dog fees | 10.- |
| | <u>£ 51.16.-</u> |

Received.

Re Turner's Crossing Bridge.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the matter be left in the hands of the Secretary to deal with.

Carried.

Corr.No.I5. Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That Mr Palmer make application for use of the Hall for skating or he be not allowed to use the hall. Carried.

Reports contd. Dairy Inspector that dairying is still very slack & will continue so till June. Received.

Secretary & Engineer. Read. Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Report be received.

Carried.

Clause I. on the state of Contracts.

Approved.

2. On surveys made.

Approved.

3. As to Ganley's dam which is flooded out & suggested a settlement on an estimated amount extracted of 1250 cub.yds.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the clause be approved & the recommendation adopted. Carried.

4. That he had not yet received a reply from the Shire of Echuca as to repair of Paoaninny Creek bridge. Received.

5. That he had inspected Pempapiel Creek bridge on Beavis's road & found the substructure sound but recommending an upper-deck, tarring, painting & screwing up.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That tenders be called for the work.

Carried.

6. On the state of the finances.

Received.

The Council then moved into Committee.

On resuming the Committee reported that they had opened tenders & the following were the lowest:-

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| Contract No.I09. | Mossep & Kerr | £45. 4.9 |
| II0. | E.Doody | 85.II.8 |
| III. | M.Kett | 120. -- |

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the report be received & the recommendation adopted. Carried.

The Finance Committee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £193.15.8 & recommended their payment.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

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

As to clause 2 of the Engineer's Report.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

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That tenders be called for loaming Twigg's road. Carried.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the following motion be submitted to the executive Committee of the Municipal Association for consideration at once:-

"That the Thistle Act be amended so as to make service of
"the usual notices effectual by post". Carried.

Instructions to Officers. By Cr Mahoney:-

That the Engineer get a box-culvert put in near the Council Dam at Mr Laird's in place of a broken pipe-culvert.

By Cr Shaw:-To inspect Bullock-Creek bridge near his place. Cr Shaw subsequently instructed Mr Crapper to make temporary repair.

By Cr Ettershank to inspect Mr E. Doody's loaming at Cobb's alleged to be clay.

By Cr Keogh to write the Water Supply as to a broken plank in a bridge over No. 2. Channel at O'Sullivan's.

By Cr Bissett to get Mr Smith to fill in certain holes near the flume on the Bendigo road.

Cr Ettershank was authorized to get some small drainage work done at Bailie's. on the motion of Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Shaw.

Notice of Motion by Cr Mahoney:-

That 2 small pieces of forming be done on the Mitiamo road adjoining Mr Kirwan's & about 15 chains of light formation be constructed on the road between Heil's & Gittens', Calivil.

And the meeting adjourned.

*Confirmed 16 June 1909
W. Bissett
Chairman*

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Shire Hall, Serpentine.

June 16th 1909.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present Crs Bissett, Mahoney, Ettershank, Coutts, McCrea:-Keogh.

The Secretary read a telegram from the President that he was unable to attend, being in bed:-

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That Cr Bissett take the Chair. Carried.

Cr Bissett in taking the Chair expressed the regret of the Council at the President's indisposition.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Keogh

That the same be confirmed. Carried.

Correspondence. 1. From the Public Works Department approving of Contracts

109 & 110 as charges against the Unused Roads & Water Frontages A/c. Received.

2. From the same approving of Contract No. 107 as a charge against the Special Grant of £100. Received.

3. From the Minister for Public Works suggesting that in future applications for special grants be made by letter instead of by deputation. Received.

4. From the Public Health Department for report on the Calivil Hall. Left in the hands of the Engineer.

5. From the same as to the prevalence of Scarlet Fever & with advice. To be observed.

6. From the same That the whole State has been proclaimed as infected with Tuberculosis.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Circular be received. Carried.

7. From the same acknowledging receipt of the Council's Annual Report for 1908 as also those of the Health Officers. Received.

8. From the Railway Department that an a/c has been opened for the trucking of metal for the Contracts let to be paid monthly.

The Engineer explained the position & that he had instructed the Contractors to clear the a/cs before the Council meetings. Approved.

9. From the Municipal Association that Cr Bissett's motion re the Thistle Act would come before the Executive Committee at their next I.

Corr.contd. meeting.

Received.

- IO. From the Victorian Shires Rabbit Suppression Vigilance Committee as to wire-netting. Received.
- II. From D.C.Laird applying for trees. To be informed that none are procurable.
- I2. From the State Forests Department that the application for trees is too late & should have been in by I5th May. Received.
- I3. From the Boort Agricultural Society for subscription. Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Coutts:- That the usual donation be given. Carried.
- I4. From the Head Teacher Calivil North S.S.that in future the annual pic-nic & concert will be held on "Empire Day". Received.
- I5. From the Hon.Secretary,Calivil Hall Committee that the Hon.T.Langdon M.L.A. has promised to open it on 30th Inst & with invitations to the President & Councillors. Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coutts:- That the invitation be accepted with thanks. Carried.
- I6. From Stephen McNamara applying for use of the Shire Hall on 7th July for a Euchar party. Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by the Chairman:- That the hall be granted on the usual conditions. Carried.
- I7. From the Shire of Borung asking the opinion of the Council as to allowing votes to rate-payers in arrears on IOth June. Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Keogh:- That the Circular be received. Carried.

Reports. Treasurer:-Receipts £I30.I2.II:-Payments £I93.I5.8 :-

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| Cr balance.£I200.I5.4. | Received. |
| Rate-Collector:-Rates current £I05. 5.- | |
| .. arrears 6. 6.6 | |
| .. interest 3.II.5 | |
| Dogs 10.- | |
| £ II5.I2.II | Received. |

Dairy Inspector that dairying is very backwards for this time of year & recommending that registration stand over till the end of July or beginning of August.Also reporting that he had examined one of Mr H.Smith's cows but it was only suffering from rupture which was not detrimental to its being milked.

Reports Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Keogh:- contd.

That the Report be received & the recommendation adopted.Carried. Return of unpaid rates on IOth June.

Moved by the Chairman 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the return be received. Carried.

Inspector of Nuisances Johnson that he had been thro' the N & S. Ridings of the Shire & found everythng satisfactory as also the slaughter-yards.

That he had made enquiries as to who had rung trees on the roads but altho' unsuccessful in obtaining sufficient evidence to convict them yet he feels sure that he warning will be sufficient & the practice will cease.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Report be received.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

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

Corr.I8. From S.O.McCrea applying for a slaughtering licence.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That the application be granted. Carried.

Secretary & Engineer's Report read:-

Moved by Cr Keogh 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Report be received. Carried.

- I. On progress of works. Approved.
- 2. That he had surveyed for repair of Stanistreet's road & invited tenders for the same. Approved.
- 3. That the recent floods had done some damage on "Hardy's Road" & the "Six Mile".That a bridge or stone crossing is necessary at the East end & that the bridges over Kelsh's Lagoon on both roads require rebuilding & extending.Also further formations.

Moved by the Chairman 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That the Members for the North Riding meet the Engineer on a date to be fixed to inspect the roads. Carried.

- 4 That one of the bridges over Bear's Lagoon also wants another bay as the sheeting is almost washed out.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

Secy & Eng'r's That the Members for the South Riding meet the Engineer to
Report contd inspect. Carried

- 5 That he had inspected the Bullock Creek bridge at Shaw's & found it sound except the first pier at the N. end which had sunk. Recommending the introduction of a middle rail & certain repairs. Approved
6. That a bridge at Williams' Tandarra had broken down & he had a rail erected to secure the traffic but he would inspect it shortly. Approved.
7. Financial statement as to position of the Ridings. Received.

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

On resuming the Committee reported that tenders had been opened & recommended the acceptance of the following being the lowest.

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| Contract No. II2. | E. Doody | £17.16.10 |
| .. | No. II3. C.W. Tresise | 11.12.6 |
| .. | No. II4. W.B. Hamilton, | 51. -- |
| .. | No. II5. W.B. Hamilton, | 44.18.6 |

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That the report be received & adopted & the tenders accepted. Carried.

The Finance Committee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £174.17.- & recommended their payment:

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

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

Instructions to Engineer. To report on cost of repairs to Echuca Road at Lowe's

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That repairs to culverts on the N & S road between the N & East Ridings be left in the hands of Cr McCrea to get done. Carried.

By Cr Coulter through the Engineer:-to survey formation on E & W. road East of Abbott's, Yallook.

By Cr Ettershank to report on 2 small pieces of road on the Major's Line road near Dowsett's & Leahy's.

By Cr Coutts to get item No.4. -Contract IIO done at once.

Cr Coutts was authorized to get the timber removed from Kelsh's Lagoon Bridge, on Potter's road.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That tenders be called for 2 small pieces of road formation on the Mitiamo road adjoining Kirwan's also about 15 chains of light formation on road between Heil's & Gittens' Calivil. Carried.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That tenders be called for 2 pieces of formation South of A. Gray's & repairing a wash-out on the same road. Carried

Notice of Motion by Cr Keogh:-

That 2 pieces of loaming be done between Leahy's & Adams' & also through McCarthy's land.

Petition. Cr McCrea presented a Petition from R.J. Phillips & others asking for the loaming of the road running North from the Mitiamo township for about 60 chains with gravel from the Terricks hills. It also affirmed that the Councillors of the Shire of Gordon have expressed their willingness to pay half the cost.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Engineer report on the cost & also apply to the Shire of Gordon to subscribe half. Carried.

Returning Officers.

Moved by the Chairman 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That the following Crs be appointed Returning Officers for the Annual Elections:-

Cr Bissett for the South Riding.

Cr Coutts for the North Riding.

Cr McCrea for the East Riding.

Carried.

and the meeting adjourned.

Confirmed this 22 July 1909

W. Thomas Pres.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

July 21st 1909.

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

W. E. Albrecht
Secretary.

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Shire Hall, Serpentine,

July 22nd 1909.

Adjourned Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

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

Adjourned for Revision Court.

Revision Court held.

Cr Thomas in the Chair:-

The Secretary laid on the table the Voters' Lists & Separate Voters' Lists of the several Ridings & reported that no claims or objections had been received. The Lists having been examined:-

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

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

Moved by the Chairman 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

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

Moved by the Chairman 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

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

The Lists having been duly signed the Court adjourned.

Ordinary Business.

The Minutes of the last meeting & the adjournment were read.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the same be confirmed. Carried.

Correspondence. I. From Hon. R. H. S. Abbott M.L.C. with copy of the new Electoral Bill for the views of the Council thereon. Similar Bill from Hon. T. Langdon M.L.A. To stand over.

2. From J. G. Nankervis with Petition asking for the gravelling in front of his store at Prairie.

The Engineer explained that he had consulted the President on the subject & he had advised him to get the work done by Mr Kett while he was trucking gravel & this he had done.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by the President:-

That the Engineer's action be approved. Carried.

3. From the Town of Port Melbourne asking sympathy in getting I.

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Corr. contd. the shipping accommodation at that Port improved. Received.

4. From the Shire of Echuca approving of the letting of Contract No. II4. repairing the Picoaninny Creek bridge, Mitiamo. Received.

5. From H. A. Seales Hon. Secretary of the A. N. A. Sports at Pyramid Hill asking for the proclamation of a holiday in the Northern part of the Shire on 22nd September.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the letter be received. Carried.

6. From the Secretary Pyramid Hill Agricultural Society asking for a subscription & the proclamation of a holiday on Show Day, 20th October.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That the usual donation be given & the holiday granted. Carried.

7. From the Bendigo Agricultural Society asking for a subscription.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the usual subscription be made. Carried.

8. From the Department of Public Health with the Report of the Minister on "Tuberculosis". Received.

9. From S. McNamara applying for the use of the Shire Hall on 4th August.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That the request be granted on the usual conditions. Carried.

10. From Mrs Wolfe the like.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That the request be granted for the first suitable day other than the 4th August. Carried.

II. Telegram from the Shire of Gordon that that Council will share the cost of the road on the East of Mitiamo to the extent of not more than 30 chains which must be started at the North end in that Shire. Ca

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by the President:-

That the reply be received with thanks. Carried.

-12. Adjourned till 2 P.M.

2 P.M. Business resumed the same Crs present & also Crs Shaw & Coulter. 2.

Corr.No.I2. From John Crapper asking permission to cut various dry trees for home consumption.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That permission be not granted. Carried.

No.I. Moved by Cr Keogh 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That this question stand over till next meeting & the thanks of the Council be passed to Messrs Abbott & Langdon for their attention. Carried.

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts £48.7.II.-Payments £194.17.2.Cr balance £1052. -.7 Received.

Rate-Collector. Rates current £38. 3.--Interest 15/8. Recd.

Dairy Inspector that he proposes starting registering at once Received.

Weigher Dredge that he has received fees amounting to £6.9.4. Received.

I. Committee on roads at Jarklan that they had inspected the road between Davies's & Tehan's & the Engineer had set out the same & tenders were invited for that day.

2. That on the Six-Mile road the Engineer desired to extend the bridge over Little Kelsh's Lagoon but ultimately they had agreed to effect certain repairs which he had included in the Contract for No.I.item.

3. That they had instructed the Engineer to have a hole at Garden's gate filled up.

4. That on Hardy's road a new bridge was required over Little Kelsh's Lagoon which the Engineer thought should be 40'0" long but ultimately it was decided to recommend one of 30'0". To stand over for 3 months.

5. That at the East end of the road was a bad wash-out which we authorized the Engineer to get formed for a length of about 5 chains & to repair a culvert there.

6. That on the East side of the same road they found it in an impassable condition & recommended its survey when possible & forming & loaming for about 50 chains.

Moved by Cr Keogh 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That tenders be called for the work by next meeting. 3. Carried.

Reports. Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Report as read & dealt with be received & adopted.

Carried.

Secretary & Engineer.

- I. That there is little progress with works owing to the wet weather but Contractors are doing their best. Received.
2. Recommending the purchase of another & modern roller. To stand over.
3. Asking leave to continue the gravelling of the Prairie road to the full extent of the amount authorized viz: £300.
4. That he had gone over the Mitiamo Road with the Contractor & found the Western end of it in a very bad state. The Contractor proposes to start his Contract at once. Further formations will be required at the west end preparatory to extending the tramway which is standing well.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That the North Riding contribute half the cost of works to be done on the Prairie Road & £50 towards works to be done on the Mitiamo Road. Carried.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That Contract 107, (Prairie Road), be extended by 40 chains & the stone-crossing be omitted, the substitution of a bridge being left in the hands of the Engineer to determine. Carried.

5. That the Mitiamo Road on the West of the town is in first rate condition except for about 10 chains which require gravelling at a cost of about £20.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the work be done. Carried.

6. That the road from Mitiamo to Pyramid Hill was under water & requires forming for about 70 chains if the Shire of Gordon will unite in the work. To stand over.

7. Recommending the substitution of pipe-culverts for the level crossings on the township of Mitiamo.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Engineer get the works done. Carried.
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Reports contd. 8. That he had inspected the road running North on the East of Mitiamo & found it wants surveying before an estimate can be framed. This he proposed to do in conjunction with Mr Graham.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Engineer survey & report on the cost by next meeting. Carried.

9. That he had made all surveys asked for by Crs Mahoney & McCrea but a few others cannot be done in their present condition. Received.

10. That he had prepared all the Voters' Lists &c.

II. Financial position. Received.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Secretary & Engineer's Report as read & dealt with be received. Carried.

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

On resuming :-

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Report of the Finance Committee that they had examined accounts amounting to £318. 2.3 & recommended their payment be received & adopted & the a/cs passed for payment. Carried.

Tenders.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That Contract No. II6, (Bullock Creek bridge repair), stand over until the water in the creek goes down. Carried.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the following being the lowest tenders be accepted

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| Contract II7. J.H. Beer, | £44. 3.9 |
| .. II8. C. Heil | 32. -- |
| .. II9. W.B. Hamilton | 33. --.6 |
| .. I20. T.P. Rudkins. | 25. 10.-- |
| | Carried. |

Instructions to Engineer.

By Cr Coulter to report on Hiatt's road 2 miles S of Dingee.

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Instructions to Engineer. By Cr Coulter. To survey for formation East of Abbott's & on N & S road past the Wesleyan Church, Vallook.

To inspect a culvert nearly opposite Wight's, Tandarra.

To inspect the Terricks road 3 miles S of Dingee at Bennett's.

To inspect the Greenhills road in company with Cr Shaw.

By Cr Coutts. To put in small culvert on N & S road at C. Bailey's, Bears Lagoon.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That tenders be called for clearing road half a chain wide between Bailey's & Elliott's. Carried.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Engineer survey for about 15 chains of formation on E & W road at Rodgers'. Carried.

Cr Keogh drew attention to an account of Richards Bros who in February last by his instruction, had attended to a log culvert over a channel. The Engineer had sent the account to Mr E.L. Smith, the District Engineer to the State Rivers but had received no reply.

Moved by Cr Keogh 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That Messrs Richards be asked to send in their a/c again. Carried.

The Engineer promised to write Mr Smith again.

Cr Coulter notified his intention of not seeking re-election this time, as he had served the Shire for 15 years & his business engagements prevented his giving as much attention to the Shire as he would like to do.

The President & Crs made complimentary remarks & urged Cr Coulter to reconsider the matter.

Notice of Motion by Cr Keogh:-

That a piece of formation be made between Lowe's & Doolan's, Calivil.

And the meeting closed.

Confirmed this 18th day of Aug 1909

N. Thomas
President

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

August 18th 1909.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

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

The Minutes of the last meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence.

1. From the Chief Secretary's office th t 20th October is proclaimed
a holiday for the Pyramid Hill Show. Received.

2. From the Public Works Department enquiring what has been done
with regard to sheep-dips & portable tanks. To stand over. Recd.

2. From Hon. Thomas Langdon, M.L.A. with letter from the Public Works
Department that application for a share in the Special Grant vote
will be considered & the £150 for Turner's Crossing bridge will
be recommended for re-vote. To stand over.

4. From the Municipal Association with copy of the Education Bill &
explanatory notes.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the matter stand over for future consideration. Carried.

5 & 6. From the same as to the construction & maintenance of main
roads & as to the recovery of rates.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the recommendations be left in the hands of the delegates
to the Annual Session. Carried.

Cr Keogh entered:-

7. From the same with Report of the Committee.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That the Report be received.

Carried.

8. From the same as to the amendment of the Thistle Act. Received.

9. From the Hon. R.H.S. Abbott, M.L.C. with copy of the Education Act
Received with thanks.

10. From the same with copy of the Closer Settlement Bill. Received.

11. From the Public Works Department with claim for special grant of

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£100:- Since paid over.

Approved.

12. From the Shire of Rodney as to the proposed "Land Tax Bill".

To stand over.

13. From the Single Tax League of Victoria. Received.

14. & 27. From E. Lyndon Smith, District Engineer of the State Rivers
that the culvert repaired by Richards Bros does not belong to
the Commission & repudiating all liability.

To stand over for Engineer's report.

15. From the Public Health Department with Regulations as to Meat.

16. The same as to labelling milk.

17. The same as to using manure bags for articles of food.

18. The same with further regulations as to Milk.

15-to 18. Received.

19. From Thomas Howard complaining of stock wandering on the roads
Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That Inspector Brown be instructed to visit Howard &
gather particulars. Carried.

20. From F.R.W. Dredge resigning position as Weigher at Dingee Weigh
bridge.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the resignation be accepted as from 30th September.
Carried.

21. From Ernest Old applying for the position.

Moved by the Cr Coulter 2nd by the President:-

That applications be invited by the next meeting. Carried.

22. Adjourned till 2 P.M.

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

Corr. contd. 22. From the Shire of Echuca asking co-operation in getting in-
creased accommodation at Mitiamo Railway Station platform.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That co-operation be granted & a deputation organized
but the Secretary to send in applications for such exten-
sions at Mitiamo, Prairie, Dingee & Tandarra. Carried.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the President, & Crs Shaw & McCrea be appointed the
Deputies. Carried.

It was subsequently stated that the Railway Commissioners were
about to visit & inspect the line. The Secretary was instructed
to enquire by wire when such visit would be made so that the
Deputies might interview the Commissioners on the way instead of
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going to Melbourne.

Corr. contd.

23. From Sims Bros complaining of the state of the Mitiamo road to the Piccaninny Creek & asking for further formations.
Received, -the Secretary to explain what has been & is being done on the road.

24. From P.W.Thomas complaining of damage done by flood waters & asking for relief.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by the President:-

That the Engineer at first opportunity, inspect & report.
Carried.

25. From Richards Bros with sketch of log-culvert put in by them.
To stand over.

26. From Cohen, Kirby & Woodward re the road running through Yarr-berb estate & asking for an exchange.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Council have no objection to the exchange provided it be for an equivalent area, i.e. a 2 chain road along the railway line.
Carried.

28. From R.Chappel asking for the ^{opening} clearing of a road between Murphy's & Coughlan's, Calivil.

Moved by Cr Keogh 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That Messrs Coughlan Bros be asked to open the road & remove obstructions.
Carried.

29. From W.H.Twigg asking for an extension of 10 chains in the loam-ing contract let & also for leave to take down 4 old trees.

Moved by Cr Keogh 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the extension be granted.
Carried.

Moved by Cr Keogh 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That permission be granted to remove the trees. Carried.

30. From Rev.J.D.Watsford asking for the use of the forms for the Bear's Lagoon Church of England fete on 8th prox at East Loddon Woolshed.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the plain forms be granted.
Carried.

31. From the Secretary of the Calivil Hall Committee asking for a subscription towards fencing in the Recreation Reserve.

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Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the application be received.
Carried.

32. From Messrs Quick, Hyett & Rymer with claim for damages by flood from Mr E.A.J.Carey:-

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the letter be received.
Carried.

As to No.12. Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That this Council do not concur in the proposals of the Shire of Rodney on the "Land Tax" Bill. Carried.

Reports. Treasurer:- Receipts £124. -.3.- Payments £318. 2.3.

Cr balance £857.18.7.
Received.

Rate-Collector:- Rates current £13. 9.- Interest 14/11.

Dairy Inspector that he has started registering & registered
Received.

16 dairies & collected fees amounting to £3.2.-.
Received.

Secretary & Engineer.

1. The state of Contracts & little progress on account of rain.
Received.

2. That a mistake was made in accepting Mr Hamilton's tender for Contract II9 one item having been left out & that he, the Engineer had accepted the next lowest viz: that of J.Crapper at £35.3.10.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Engineer's action be confirmed. Carried.

3. That in view of the near approach of the Treasurer's estimates for the year he had applied for a share in any Special Grants allocated & for a re-vote of the £150 for Turner's Crossing bridge with the result set out in item No.2 of this day's correspondence.
Approved.

4. That he had written to Mr E.Lyndon Smith on the subject of Messrs Richards' a/c & received replies refusing to recognize the claim. He had written again & also spoken him on the 'phone but with no better result. He had also written Messrs Richards to send in their a/c again & they had sent a sketch of the log culvert in question. Suggesting that failing to get the a/c paid by the State Rivers the Council pay it out of main-
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Moved by Cr Keogh 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the a/c £1.5.- be passed for payment. Carried.

5. That he had conducted all the Elections but the declarations could not be made till 26th. Received.

6. Financial position. Received.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Report as read & dealt with be received & adopted. Carried.

Petition.

The President presented a Petition from D. Rankin & others asking approval to allowing 13 acres of the Dingee Recreation Reserve on the East side to be selected by A. Wallace.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by the President:-

That this Council has no objection. Carried.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Petition be returned to Mr Wallace. Carried.

The Council then went into Committee to examine the accounts.

On resuming it was moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

14/16 That the accounts amounting to £183. 6.10 be passed for payment. Carried.

Moved by Cr Keogh 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

14/16 That a piece of formation about 14 chains in length be constructed at Lowe's & Doolan's, Calivil. Carried.

Instructions to Officers. By Cr Bissett to report on the Bendigo & Bridge-water Roads from the Cemetery Dam to the Shire boundary.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

14/16 That the Engineer arrange with Crapper to do the loam-Methodist ing at the Wesleyan-Church, Yallook at once. Carried.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Engineer make repairs and gravelling at Dingee at a cost not exceeding £25. Carried.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That tenders be called for repairs & culvert at the Council dam on the Bendigo road at Serpentine. Carried.
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The President was authorized to remove a culvert on the Terricks road near the Council Dam & the meeting closed.
Confirmed this 15 day of September 1909.

George Mahoney
President

Annual Elections 1909.North Riding.

George Mahoney of Hayanmi having been the only candidate nominated I do hereby declare him to be duly elected a Councillor of this Shire for the North Riding.

David W. Coutts

Returning officer.

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

August 26th 1909.

South Riding.

Alfred Ettershank having been the only candidate nominated I do hereby declare him to be duly elected a Councillor of this Shire for the South Riding.

M. Bissett

Returning Officer.

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

August 26th 1909.

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East Riding.

John Henry Coulter haing been the only candidate nominated I do hereby declare him to be duly elected a Councillor of this Shire for the East Riding.

J. O. M. Green

Returning Officer.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,
August 26th 1909.

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SHIRE OF EAST LODDON. Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held

Declarations.

I, the undersigned George Mahoney 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.

George Mahoney

Declared at Serpentine, this

15th day of September 1909

before me,

W. Thomas
Councillor.

I, the undersigned Alfred Ettershank 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.

Alfred Ettershank

Declared at Serpentine, this

15th day of September 1909

before me,

W. Thomas
Councillor. *Alfred Ettershank*

I, the under signed John Henry Coulter 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

15th day of September 1909

before me,

W. Thomas
Councillor. *J. H. Coulter*

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Shire of East Loddon.

DECLARATION BY VALUER.

I, Charles Edmund Albrecht of Serpentine, Valuer, do solemnly & sincerely declare that I will impartially & truly according to the best of my judgment make the Valuation & Return of rateable property situate within the Shire of East Loddon.

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

Chas E. Albrecht

Declared at Serpentine
in the State of Victoria
this thirty first day of
August 1909,
Before me

W. Bennett J. P.

A Justice of the Peace in & for the Midland
Bailliwick of the State of Victoria.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

September 15th 1909.

SPECIAL MEETING.

Present Crs Thomas, Coulter, Ettershank, Mahoney, McCrea, Coutts, Keogh.
Bissett.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That Cr Thomas take the Chair pro tem. Carried.

The President welcomed the newly elected Crs who, having made their declarations, took their seats.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That the President's allowance for the ensuing year be £60.
Carried.

The Chairman reviewed the proceedings of the past year.

Moved by the Chairman 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That Cr Mahoney be elected President for the ensuing year.
Carried unanimously.
The President took his seat & returned thanks.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That a vote of thanks be accorded to the retiring President.
Councillors spoke in support of the motion. Cr Thomas returned thanks
& the special meeting closed.

ORDINARY MEETING.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the same be confirmed. Carried.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

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

Deputation. The President introduced Mr E.A.J. Carey who had claimed damages for having his land flooded & asked the Council to remove some of the banks along the Terricks Road. Since the recent flood he had found that he would have been flooded any way & did not intend to press his claim at any rate at present. He desired the Council to perform their promise made some time ago to turn the water into its natural channel. The greatest obstruction was at Hooking Bros' property. Cr Thomas said that the bank complained of by Mr Carey had been there for a number of years. The banks were placed on the roads to keep water out of the paddocks & it was utter foolishness to think the Council would have them removed.

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A clause of the Engineer's Report treating of the subject was read. The President did not think roads should be made watercourses. They should be filled up to their natural level, & the water allowed to go its own course. No man should be compelled to take water that would not naturally flow over his land.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the matter stand over until the Waranga Channel is completed. Mr Carey agreed to this stating that he would take the risk, thanked the Council & withdrew. The motion was then put & carried.

Correspondence. I. From the Secretary for Railways that the date of the in-

spection of the Swan Hill line had not yet been fixed but he would advise the Council of the time of the train's arrival at Tandarra.
Received.

2. From the Secretary for Public Health asking for the Report of the Shire Analyst for 1908. The Secretary read his reply.

3. From the same that samples must be sent.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the card & letter be received. Carried.

4. From the same with new regulations as to labelling skimmed or separated milk & asking the Council to notify vendors.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That the Dairy Inspector be asked to give the notification.
Carried.

5. From Hon. T. Langdon, M.L.A. with copy of the Land Tax Bill. Received.

6. From the Secretary for Agriculture that a sample of weed submitted from Mr John Potter's farm was not poisonous. The Secretary read Mr Potter's letter on the subject. Received.

7. From the Government Statist with Statistical Register of population. Received.

8. From the Municipal Association with notification of the Annual Session, Business Paper & Railway form for delegate.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the President be appointed the delegate. Carried.

9. From the Shire of Bacchus Marsh urging the retention of the administration of the Unused Roads & Water Frontages Act by the Public Works Department. Resolved that the present system is approved of.

10. From the Public Works Department notifying that rents amounting to £145. 1. 6 are available for expenditure by the Council. Received with thanks.

Corr.contd. From the Bendigo Agricultural Society asking for the proclamation of public holidays on 13th & 14th October, on the occasion of their Show.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That application be made for the proclamation of holiday on Wednesday 13th & the Secretary be instructed to ask for a late train to be arranged for both days.

Amendment by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That both days be holidays. Amendment put & carried.

- I2. From Messrs Coghan Bros that they were ignorant of any obstruction on the road between their property & Mr Dan. Murphy's in the parish of Calivil but that they would remove any as soon as possible. Recd.
- I3. From the Central Committee of the "Lavinia Kennedy" Heroism Fund with shilling subscription cards. The Crs & officers filled up a card.
- I4. From the Bendigo Independent applying for a share of advertisements.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the application stand over till next meeting. Carried.

- I5. From Cohen, Kirby & Woodward asking for an order or resolution re exchange of roads in Yarraberb Estate.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the matter stand over for a month. Carried.

- I6. From the Head Teacher, S.S. Serpentine reporting a case of suspected Whooping cough. Received.
- I7. From Mr John Rodgers offering to let the proposed formation near his place stand over till next year in consequence of the flood damage.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the thanks of the Council be tendered to Mr Rodgers for his consideration. Carried.

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts £80. -.2. - Payments £183.6.10:- Cr. balance £754.2.8. Received.

Rate-Collector. Rates current £71.15.9
,, arrears 15.8
Interst 3.15.8

£ 76. 7.1 Received.

Dairy Inspector. That he had registered 17 dairies & collected fees amounting to £3.13.-. That owing to the flood many dairies had been washed away. Received.

Inspector Johnson. That the North Riding of the Shire was practically clean. The recent floods caused great loss of stock in

Reports. In the eastern portion of the South Riding the principal sufferers being East Loddon, Albert Park & Auchmore Estates & also Mr Gittens of Pomapiel. The drowned sheep were skinned & left in the paddocks but the roads in places were almost impassable owing to dead sheep lying upon them. He had notified the owners with the result that almost the whole of the sheep had been either buried or burned. On 4th Inst. Mr Stanistreet of Auchmore informed him that he would have all the sheep removed off the roads & paddocks adjacent to main thoroughfares & destroyed. On 14th Inst i.e. 10 days later he was at the intersection of the Tandarra & Raywood to Durham-Ox roads & saw that nothing had been done to remove the nuisance caused by 400 Auchmore sheep which had been skinned 3 weeks before & left lying on the roads & in the paddock, close to the residence of William Dowsett residing on Mr Gittens' property with his young children. The stench was abominable. As such a time has elapsed since the offence was committed he recommended that he be prosecuted under the Health Act 1890 & awaited instructions.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That a wire be sent to Mr Stanistreet that unless the carcasses are removed or destroyed within 5 days the Inspector will be instructed to take proceedings. Carried.

Secretary & Engineer.

1. Referring to the recent floods comparatively little damage had been done in this Shire the main effect being the washing away of the approaches to bridges & scouring of formations. To keep the traffic open he had had the bridges repaired & temporary repairs made to formations.
2. Setting out the inspections he had made covering all the main lines of road.
3. He had drawn 6 Contracts for the various repairs necessary as schedule of rates Contracts but surveying was out of the question.
4. Serious breaks had taken place on the Mitiamo Road. He had instructed Mr Rudkins to make it passable & Mr Kett to fettle up the Prairie Tramway. Very little gravel had been washed away.
5. He had designed a bridge to be put in on the Prairie Road at the West & was awaiting Mr Kett's price for it.
6. Mr George Humbert asks for an opening in the formation on the North of his land to allow the water to drain off & suggesting the inser-

tion of a stone-crossing at a cost of about £17 nor £18. He doubted whether the drain asked for would drain the allotment which however was really suffering from the excessive flood.

7. That on the Terricks Road near Mitiamo the Railway Department had excavated a large dam & applied the earth taken out towards forming the road. He suggested that they be asked to gravel the formation which would not cost them much but would the Council.
8. Messrs Harry & Sons desire to have a stone-crossing inserted in the formation on the Dingee Road East of Jager's to drain their land.
9. That further formation should be made on the Mitiamo-Pine-Grove road in anticipation of further section of tramway.
10. That the Contractor had laid the upper deck specified for the bridge on the last named road on that at old Mitiamo by mistake & asking instructions.
11. Designing a scheme for treating the Terricks Road where complained about by Mr Carey. Asking instructions prior to survey.
12. Asking permission to construct new wings to the Bullock Creek bridge Hayanmi, & generally repair it.
13. That the Inspector of Accounts had visited the office & gone thro' the books & expressed his satisfaction therewith.
14. That he had prepared the Statement of Rates & that there was a good credit balance but this after payment of balances on Contracts would just about square accounts.
15. Asking that the President be authorized to initial alterations in the Rate-book.
Thomas
Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-
That the Report be received. Carried.
Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Coutts:-
That application be made to the Government for a grant of £600 to assist in repairing flood damage & that the Engineer prepare an estimate for the purpose. Carried.

- Cl. I. Approved.
2. Approved.
3. Approved.
4. Approved.
5. Approved.
6. Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That a 6'0" culvert & drain be provided.

Carried.

7. Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the Railway Commissioners be asked to gravel the formation
5. Carried.

Secy. & Engr's
Report contd. Cl. 8. To stand over for tenders.

- 9 To stand over till next meeting.
10. Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Thomas:-
That the decking be left on the old bridge. Carried.
11. To stand over until after the Waranga channel is constructed.
12. Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coulter:-
That the Engineer be empowered to have the bridge repaired. Carried.
13. Received.
14. Received.
15. Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coutts:-
That the President be authorized to initial alterations in the Rate-book. Carried.
The Council then moved into Committee to open tenders & deal with Finance. On resuming:-
The Committee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £221.7.4 & recommending their payment.
Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Coutts:-
That the report of the Committee be adopted & the accounts passed for payment. Carried.
That they had opened tenders for the various Contracts & recommended as follows:-
121 To stand over
122 John Crapper
123. Joseph Kett
124. John Crapper
125. John Crapper
126. To stand over.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr President:-

That the recommendations of the Committee be adopted & the tenders as above set out accepted. Carried.

Weigher for Dingee Weigh-bridge.

There were 3 applications.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That Mr Ernest Old be appointed. Carried.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the Engineer send men immediately to make temporary repairs to the Mitiamo Road. Carried.

& the general meeting closed.

SPECIAL MEETING TO STRIKE RATE.

The Secretary presented the Statement of the Rate.

This having been examined:-

Moved by Cr Keogh 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Council do now adopt & confirm the estimate for the year 1909-1910 shewing as detailed therein that the sum of £3698.8.9 is required for the several items of expenditure detailed therein & that the sum of £1925.16.9 is available but the sum of £1772.12.- is further required. Carried.

Moved by Cr Keogh 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That to raise the sum required viz:-£1772.12.- this Council do make & levy a rate of 12d in the £ upon the net annual value of the rateable property within the Shire of East Loddon for the period commencing 1st October 1909 & ending 30th September 1910 & that Henry Tresise, the Rate-Collector, be authorized to demand & collect the same. Carried.

Notice of Motion by the President to confirm the Rate.

The Rate was then duly signed & sealed & the special meeting closed.

Confirmed this 24th day of October 1909.

W. Bissett
Chairman

Shire Hall, Serpentine,
October 20th 1909.

There being no Councillors present at the meeting to have been held this day I do adjourn the same till Tuesday, 26th Inst at 10 A.M.

Sam. L. Aldrich
Secretary.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

October 26th 1909.

Adjourned Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present Crs Keogh, Coulter, Bissett, Ettershank, McCrea:-

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That in the absence of Cr Thomas Cr Bissett take the Chair Carried.

Cr Thomas entered.

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

Moved by Cr Keogh 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the same be confirmed. Carried.

Correspondence. I. From the Government Statist with statistics of Manufactories Received.

2. From the State Rivers Commissioners with 4th Annual Report.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Secretary be asked to supply copies for each of the Councillors. Carried.

3. From the Under Secretary with proclamation of holidays for Bendigo Show. Received.

4. From the Public Works Department thro' Hon. T. Langdon, acknowledging receipt of application for £600 in respect of flood damage & that on receiving particulars the request will have consideration.

5. From the same, (wire), asking to be supplied at once with details & estimate of flood damage.

The Engineer laid on the table a plan of the whole Shire setting out each item of damage & its estimated cost & a schedule of the same

To stand over for Engineer's report.

6. From the same asking for a Return of the unimproved value of lands adjacent to water frontages. The Secretary wrote to enquire the meaning of "unimproved value" & received the following reply.

7. From the same explaining the meaning. The Secretary presented the Return he had sent in. Secretary's action approved.

8. From the Public Health Department notifying that the Council's Representative on the Board retires on 31st December & 17th Nov. has been appointed as the day on which nominations must be sent in & inviting a nomination. To stand over.

9. From the same with regulation as to the handling of bread. Received

10. From Dr Boyd of Bendigo reporting a case of Typhoid Fever at Tandarra. Received.

Corr.contd.

11. From Dr Adams, Health Officer, that the Head Teacher in Serpentine was right in sending children of a family in which is whooping-cough home & that they must all stay away from School. Received.
12. From the Public Works Department notifying the appointment of Mr C.E. Lacey as Auditor for the year & with particulars as to fees &c. Received.
13. From the same urging on the Audit. Received.
14. From Mr Lacey asking when the books would be ready. Secretary had replied that they ^{were} would-be ready & asking for an early appointment. Approved.
15. From the Secretary for Railways with notice of the visit of inspection of the Swan Hill line by the Commissioners. Received.
16. From the Secretary of the Shire of Echuca that in consequence of the Rochester Show the Council could not be represented at the meeting of the Commissioners. Received.
17. From the Public Works Department asking particulars as to cost of road-making material &c. Replied to by the Engineer.
18. From the Shire of Gordon asking whether the Council will unite with that Shire & the Shire of Echuca in appointing a Milk Supervisor under the Milk & Dairy Supervision Act.
The Secretary read a reply he had sent intimating that this Council had considered the matter several times & were content with their present arrangements.
19. From the Shire of Echuca to the Shire of Gordon that it favors the proposal & suggesting a Conference of the Shires affected.
Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Coulter:-
That the Secretary's reply be approved. Carried.
20. From the Shire of Gordon notifying that a formation on the boundary road between Jarklan & Yarrowalla at Bill's had been washed away. Received.
21. From the same approving of the upper deck having been applied to the Piccaninny Creek bridge on the boundary road instead of to that on the Pine Grove road. Received.
22. From the Bendigo Independent in further support of their application for share of advertisements. To stand over for Committee.
23. From Cohen, Kirby & Woodward re exchange of road at Wilson's that the Secretary's remarks will receive attention. Received.

Corr.contd.

24. From Secretary, Bendigo Agricultural Society with thanks & that the train service asked for had been granted.
25. From the Victorian Piscatorial Council asking for information as to Rivers & Creeks. Cr Bissett stated that efforts had been made in the direction of fish culture but had failed. Secretary instructed to furnish reply.
26. From the Victorian Employers Federation with circular as to the Land Tax Bill. To stand over.
27. From the Shire of Kowree as to the Main Roads proposals.
To stand over for report of President as to Annual Session.
28. From George Humbert that the erection of the bridge promised can stand over until the water dries off. Received.
29. From the Gordon Institute asking for subscription.
Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Coulter:-
That £1.1.- be voted. Carried.
30. From H.A. Austin, asking support for his re-election on the Board of Health.
30. From the Shire of Warrnambool asking support in the nomination of their Cr. William O'Brien.
Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Thomas:-
That Cr Austin be nominated. Carried.
32. From the Northern Districts Water Users' Association that their meeting will be held immediately after the Annual Session of the Municipal Association. Received.
33. From the Government Auditor that he will not come till next month.
Secretary stated that he he had written urging him to get finished in time to settle accounts at November meeting. Approved.
34. From the Gordon Shire Engineer that he was in error as to the wash-away on the boundary road having been misinformed. To stand over.
Adjourned till 2 P.M.

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

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| Reports. | Treasurer. | Receipts | £27.15.1 | |
| | | Payments | 221. 7.4 | |
| | | .. since last meeting | 14. 1.9 | |
| | | Cr. balance | 546. 7.8 | Received. |
| Rate-Collector. | | Rates current | £ 1.10.- | |
| | | .. arrears | 12. 7.- | |
| | | Interest | 14.7 | |
| | | | £ 14.11.7 | Received. |

Reports contd. Dairy Inspector that he had registered 40 dairies & collected fees amounting to £6.11.-. That all dairies had been found satisfactory. Received.

Inspector of Nuisances Johnson that the instructions re Mr Stanis-treet had been carried out, that there are now no carcasses lying about & the Ridings for which he is Inspector are in fairly clean condition. Received.

Committee on Railway Station accommodation that Crs Thomas & McCrea had met the Commissioners of Railways at Tandarra & travelled with them to Mitiamo. That the Commissioners were inspecting but would make no promises. Mr Tait was opposed lengthening or widening platforms unless it could be shown that the delivery of wheat was in excess of the standard quantity provided for when he would consider it. That the Station Master at Dingee had reported that the station accommodation there was sufficient. That Cr McCrea had pointed out that at Prairie the largest delivery of wheat took place & the Commissioners will probably improve the station by gravelling &c. The same remarks applied to Mitiamo. Thanks to the Commissioners for courtesy.

Moved by the Chairman 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That the thanks of the Council be passed to the Committee. Carried.

Secretary & Engineer. Report read.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by the Chairman:-

- I. That the Report be received. Carried.
That fair progress had been made with Contracts. That he had sent Mr Crapper to make temporary repairs to the Mitiamo Road & had let Contract 121 to Mr Joseph Kett on reduced terms.

Moved by the Chairman 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Engineer's action be confirmed. Carried.

2. Progress of works generally. Approved.
3. That he had repaired all damaged bridges & measured up earthworks. Approved.
4. That Mr Beer is completing his Contracts. Approved.
5. That in company with Cr Thomas he had inspected Mr P.W. Thomas's store & recommended that a box culvert or stone crossing be inserted on the N. & S. road & the side cuttings blocked. That the site of the store was not suitable but Mr Thomas proposed to raise the store. That a footbridge could not be erected. Cr Thomas dissented from the recommendation & moved:-

Secy. & Engr's Report contd.

That the Council construct stop-banks in the side-cuts on the East of the culvert at the N & S road but not of any great height. Carried.

6. That on the East of the railway line the formation wants fettling-up & loaming & extending about 3 chains to the railway & gravelling. Further East formations require fettling-up. Those at Harney's are in good condition.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the works stand over for a month but that the Tandarra & Dingee formations be immediately rolled with the Shire roller. Carried.

7. The first road South of Dingee is in a dangerous state & he had let a Contract to Mr J. Kett to repair it.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Engineer's action be approved. Carried.

8. The formations on the Dingee road to the East require loaming particularly those near Dingee.

To stand over except as to rolling.

9. That he had applied for a special grant of £600 on account of flood damage & prepared a plan of the whole Shire shewing the damage & probable cost of repair & a schedule thereof & forwarded to the Department. Approved.

10. That he had the whole of the books ready for the audit. Approved.

- II. Financial position of the Ridings. Approved.

-12. Corr. No. 34. Cr Keogh reported that the formation on the boundary between

Bill's & his place had been damaged by flood & there were two bad wash-outs which make the road impassable & moved & was seconded by the Chairman:-

That the Secretary ask the Shire of Gordon to attend to it at once & this Council will pay half the cost. Carried.

26. Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That this Council protest against the form of the present Land Tax Bill & ask their representatives to oppose it. Carried.

As to the Mitiamo Road to the East.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the Engineer be instructed to survey for its repair. Carried.

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Moved by the Chairman 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the Rate made at the last meeting be confirmed. Carried.
The Council then moved into Committee to deal with Finance & other matters. On resuming.

The Finance Committee reported having examined accounts amounting to £481.14.- & recommending their payment.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

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

Corr.No.22.Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by the Chairman:-

That the Council confine their advertisements to the Inglewood & Bendigo Advertisers. Carried.

Petition. Cr McCrea presented a Petition from the National Bank at Mitiamo & others asking for extension of the footpath in front of the buildings & forming & gravelling the street.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Engineer inspect & report by next meeting. Carried.
Cr Coulter reported that he had instructed Mr Crapper to make some repairs at Mrs O'Donohue's. Approved.

Instructions to Officers. By Cr Bissett to repair the Raywood Road but without loam.

By Cr Coulter to repair E & W road 1st N. of Dingee & that there are two pipe culverts broken in that neighborhood.

Cr Coulter reported that he had ordered a pipe culvert at R. Jackman's to be repaired. Approved.

Notices of Motion. By Cr Coulter that the formation on the boundary road between Tandarra & Kamarooka at O'Donohue's be referred to the Engineer for inspection & report with a view to repairing it.

466 By Cr Thomas that the rate of wages ^{for} ~~per~~ daylaborers be increased to 7/- & for man, horse & dray to 12/-.

And the meeting was adjourned.

Confirmed this 17 day of November 1909.

George Mahoney
President

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

November 17th 1909.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present Crs Bissett, Coutts, Ettershank, Shaw, Thomas, McCrea:-

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That Cr Thomas take the Chair: Carried.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read:-
The President entered.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Bissett:

That the same be confirmed. Carried.

Correspondence. 1. From Hon. R. H. S. Abbott M.L.C acknowledging receipt of resolution re Land Tax Bill.. Received.

2. From the General-Manager Passenger & Freight Agent that with regard to consignments of road metal for Contractors the same must be made to the Council who must pay for the freight on the same. Received

3. From the same that he had opened a Freight Credit a/c at the Mitiamo Station in the name of the Council. Received.

4. From the same that the credit a/c at Prairie had been closed. Recd.

5. From the State Rivers Commissioners that a copy of the Annual Report had been forwarded to each Councillor as requested. Received.

6. From Mr W. Dewar, Inspecting Engineer for the Public Works Department that he would start the inspection of flood damages in the Shire on Saturday, 6th Inst.

7. From the same altering the appointment to Monday 8th. Received.

8. From Messrs Coghlan Bros, that they have arranged to leave the road complained of by Mr Chapple open to the public & that Mr Chapple was satisfied. Received.

As to Nos. 2, 3, & 4. The Engineer explained that under the circumstances he had agreed in the name of the Council to the terms required as to the metal freight accounts.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Engineer's action be approved. Carried.

9. From Mr Chapple expressing his satisfaction with Messrs Coghlan Bros' arrangement. Received.

10. From Mr Lacey, Government Auditor, that owing to sickness he was unable to start the audit till the middle of the month. Received.

11. From J. W. Paul offering to overhaul & test the weigh-bridge.

Corr.contd. 20. From Ernest Old that at request of the Engineer he had consulted Mr Dredge, the late care-taker of the bridge who thought that it should be overhauled as it had not been done for some time. The Engineer explained that the last testing was in February 1906. Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the bridge be examined & tested. Carried.

I2. From the Railways Standing Committee that the Report on the Bridge-water to Durham-Ox Railway would probably be ready in a few days. Received.

I3. From the Northern Districts Water Users Association with report of proceedings at their last meeting & asking for a subscription. To stand over.

I4. Copies of the Water Act Amendment Bill. Received.

I5. From Horwood Gittens of Pompapier applying for a slaughtering licence & with Inspector Johnson's report thereon.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That a licence issue. Carried.

I6. From Mr T.P. Rudkins in explanation of the work he had done on the Mitiamo Road. Received.

I7. From W.H. Twigg asking to have the gates & fences on the 2 chain road between Murphy's & Coghlan's.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by the President:-

That Messrs Coghlan & Murphy be asked to remove the obstructions. Carried.

I8. From Henry Jackman objecting to the erection of any bank above grass-level that would divert the water from its natural course & flowing East.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2ns by Cr Thomas:-

That the letter be received. Carried.

The Secretary to write & explain.

I9. From the Secretary for Public Works that the Inspecting Engineer's estimate of flood damage was £725. Received.

Adjourned till 2.P.M.

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

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts £32.1.1:- Payments £48.1.4.-:- Cr balance £96.14.9 Received.

Rate-Collector. Rates arrears 10/- interest 2/7.-total 12/7. Recd.

Dairy Inspector that he had registered 20 dairies & collected

Reports contd. £4.17.6. That he found the dairies satisfactory & expected to complete registering in a few days. Received.

President's Report on Annual Session of the Municipal Association & Water Users' Meeting.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Report be received & the President thanked for his attendance. Carried.

No. I3. Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by the President:

That £2.2.- be voted to the Northern Districts Water Users Association. Carried.

The Water Act Amendment Bill was made an Order of the Day for next Meeting.

Secretary & Engineer. read. Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Ettershank:

That the same be received. Carried.

I. Satisfactory progress with repairing Contratts. That he had allowed Mr Crapper £3 extra on his Contract 108 on account of putting in new sills. Approved.

2. Mr Crapper's Contracts generally. Received.

3. Mr Kett's Contracts. That more is required on the section of the Terricks Road between Mitiamo & Dingee. Approved.

5. That he had got Mr Kett to fettle up the Eastern portion of the Prairie Road at a cost of £29.6.6 & recommending that the Shire of Echuca be asked to pay half.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the Secretary apply to the Shire of Echuca for half the cost. Carried.

6. That Mr Kett is completing the western portion of the Prairie Road. Received.

7. That he had at request of Mr Howe, interviewed his manager, Mr Allen on the subject of the Eastern portion of the Mitiamo road & after consultation had arranged with Mr Kett to put in a box-culvert at the N & S road. That Mr Allen asked for the cutting of a through drain but the Engineer proposed to let it stand over until the new survey is made.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the Engineer's action be approved. Carried.

Secretary &
Engineer's

Report contd. 9. Recommending 7 chains of gravelling a about 5 chains of
kerbing & channelling in the street at Mitiamo near Sim's Store.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Engineer survey & prepare estimate for the work with
the view to doing it. Carried.

8. That with the consent of Mr Crapper the Contractor, he had trans-
ferred Contract 122 to Joseph Kett at the same rate.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Engineer's action be approved. Carried.

10. Recommending kerbing, channelling & metalling at Mr Bookham's pro-
perty Mitiamo.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That tenders be called for the works enumerated. Carried.

- II. That in consequence of family sickness he was unable to attend Mr
Dewar during his inspection of flood damage but has instructed Mr
Tresise to take him round which he had done satisfactorily. Approved.

12. That he had prepared the Rolls for the Assembly & was entering up
the new rate. Urging early payment of rates. Approved.

13. Financial position.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Secretary prepare a return of the proportions of
Unused Road rents for the various Ridings. Carried.

Dingee Reserve. A letter from the Land Officer at Bendigo inviting opposi-
tion to the reduction of the Dingee Reserve was read.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the letter be received. Carried.

The Council then moved into Committee to deal with finance.

On resuming Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Committee's Reprt that they had examined accounts
amounting to £240.11.7 & recommending their payment be received
& adopted & the accounts passed. Carried.

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Thistles. Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That notice be put in all papers that unless star-thistle,
Bathurst burr & stinkwort be cut proceedings will be taken:

Amendment by the President 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That printed notices be sent to each ratepayer & the Secretary

be allowed £5 for the work.

For the amendment the President Crs Thomas & McCrea:-

Against the rest of the Council.

The President gave his casting vote for the amendment & declared
it carried.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the rate of wages for day-labor be increased to 7/- &
for man, horse & dray to 12/- per day.

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Carried Cr Ettershank dissenting.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the repair of the boundary road between Tandarra & Kam-
arooka be surveyed & reported on. Carried.

Notices of Motion. By Cr Bissett that tenders be called for extension of
the following bridges that require pile-driving viz: Kelshs'
Lagoon, Bear's Lagoon & Bullock Creek at Rich's.

By Cr McCrea:- That tenders be called for extending formation &

foot-path in front of Sims Bros' Store at Mitiamo. *at Feb*

Meeting
And the meeting closed.

Confirmed this 15 day of December 1909
George Mahoney
President

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

December 15th 1909.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President, (Cr Mahoney) & Crs Thomas, Coulter, Ettershank, Shaw:-

The Minutes of the last meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence. I. From the Government Statist for copies of Voters' Rolls & Separate Voters' Rolls. To be supplied.

2. From the Under Secretary for the addition of women's names to the Electoral Rolls. Already supplied.

3. From the Public Health Department threatening proceedings if samples of foods are not supplied.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Secretary obtain 6 samples from the local store & send them to the Department.

Carried.

4. From the same with ballot paper for election of Member of the Western Shires Group. Mr Austin since dead. Received.

5. From the District Engineer that the water had been running in Bullock Creek for several weeks & as soon as the creek dams were filled he would consider the rest of the application. Received.

6. From the same that he would send some water down the Yarrayne channels next week. Received.

7. From the Shire of Deakin asking co-operation in opposing the Land Tax Bill. Already dealt with.

8. From J.H. Beer that he had made a mistake in his tender for Contract No. 101 & asking that he be allowed the cost of a second culvert that he had omitted. To stand over for Engineer's Report.

9. From S.G. Seales asking reconsideration of resolution excluding him from advertisements.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the letter be received.

Carried.

10. From Mr E. Old, weigher, that the weigh-bridge is working well & suggesting that its overhauling be postponed till after the wheat I.

Corr. contd. season.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That suggestion be adopted.

Carried.

II. From Mr Meaden with copies of the Report of the Annual Session of the Municipal Association. Received with thanks.

I2. From the Public Works Department enquiring as to the occupancy of a road by Mrs Grylls.

Engineer to reply that Mrs Grylls has never used or leased the road.

I3. From Mr Henry Jackman complaining of any interference by the Council with the flow of water near his place.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the decision of the Council be adhered to.

Carried Cr Coulter dissenting.

I4. From Hon. W.A. Zeal as to Melbourne Water Supply. Received.

I5. From Coghlan Bros that they will remove the gate complained of by Mr Twigg. Received.

I6. From C. Heil asking to be relieved of his Contract No. 118 & for return of his deposit. To stand over for Engineer's report.

I7. From Austin Hospital for Incurables for subscription. To stand over for Charities Vote.

I8. - 29 & 32. Letters from various rate-payers in response to the Secretary's Circular letter re Thistles promising compliance. Received.

Mr S.G. Gibbon in particular mentioned that a bad weed creeping into the Shire called "the Devil's Oatmeal". Some call it "white weed". The Secretary was instructed to ask Mr Gibbon to send in a sample of it.

30. From M. Malone, a Contractor at Dingee for leave to erect a pump & tank in the Council dam near Mr J. Coulter's place.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the request be granted.

Carried.

31. From Cr Keogh regretting that he was unable to attend the meeting & asking that Mr Kett's Contract on West of Mitiamo be stopped till after wheat carting. To stand over till Committee.

Reports. Treasurer:- Receipts £12.6.-: payments £242.16.4. Dr balance £135.1.7 Received.

Reports contd. Rate-Collector Rates current. £9.7.--.

Received.

Inspector of Nuisances Johnson that the N & S Ridings are in a clean condition & free from anything in the nature of a nuisance.

The slaughter yards are in a satisfactory state. Received.

Secretary & Engineer's Report read:-

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the Report be received. Carried.

Clause I. reporting little progress with Contracts owing to harvest but completion of tramway on Mitiamo Road. Received.

2. That as to Contract II8 (C. Heil), the Contractor was stopped by the flood but has since taken up work in Eaglehawk & asks to be released from his Contract & for return of his deposit. He, the Engineer had re-advertised the work. To stand over.

3. As to Contract No. II5 he thought the Contractor would not be able to go on with it but he had since been assured that he would at the beginning of the New Year. He therefore proposed to leave it in the Contractor's hands. Approved.

4. He had surveyed for a new bridge over Kelsh's Lagoon on Hardy's road & included 2 new culverts in the Contract. Approved.

5. That he had surveyed for extension of the Bullock Creek bridge at Cronin's & called tenders for that day. Approved.

6. That he had invited fresh tenders for repair of formation at Cronin's & extending it & sundry other repairs. Approved.

7. That he had surveyed for formation & culvert at Geo. Lowe's & proposed to call tenders for the works in February next. Approved.

8. That he intended making some other surveys but the office work had been excessive & the demand for returns by the Departments was unreasonable & took up too much time. Received.

9. That he had written up the new rate which contained detail descriptions of all properties. Received.

10. That in tendering for Contract No. IOI Mr Beer had omitted one of the culverts & now asked to be allowed for the same. The price was £12. & the cost price of material £6.12.3. If the former were granted it would raise the Contract price above that of the next lowest tender. He therefore recommended if any allowance were made it be 3.

Report contd. only the cost price.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the recommendation of the Engineer be adopted. Carried.

II. Financial position of the Ridings. Received.

12. To consider the date of next meeting & appoint a local Committee to deal with tenders & finance.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the January Meeting be allowed to lapse & that a Committee consisting of the Members for the South Riding be appointed with full power to act with regard to urgent tenders & accounts. Carried.

13. Inviting the Council to consider the advisability of lighting the Shire Hall with acetyline gas or failing that that he be allowed to put up 2 bracket lamps at the end of the hall.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the question of the gas stand over but the Secretary obtain the lamps. Carried.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Secretary presented the Audited Statement & Balance Sheets & read the Auditor's Report.

These having been examined it was moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the statement & balance sheets having been examined & found just & true be duly certified to. Carried.

And the Special Meeting closed.

The Council then moved into Committee.

On resuming the Committee reported that they had opened tenders for the advertised works & that the following were the lowest.

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| Contract | II8. J. Crapper | £42.12.1 |
| .. | I26. W. B. Hamilton. | 52. 2.6 |
| .. | I27. W. B. Hamilton. | 241. 11.9 |
| .. | I29. Mossop & Cobb. | 159. 19. 11 |

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the above tenders be accepted but that Contract No. II8 be not proceeded with until February. Carried.

As to Contract No. 121, J. Kett, that gentleman was introduced & after

consultation he agreed to let this Contract stand over till February & to proceed with Contract No. 122 as it was on a 2 chain road.

As to Contract 118. (C. Heil).

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That this Contract be cancelled & the deposit forfeited. Carried.

Finance. The Committee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £277. 5.4 & recommended their payment.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

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

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by the President:-

That the Secretary be granted a month's holiday & a bonus of £10. Carried.

Exchange of Roads in the Yarraberb Estate.

The Secretary submitted form of Order for exchange of this road which, having been examined & approved:-

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the same be passed, signed & sealed. Carried.

Notice of Motion by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Order be confirmed.

And the meeting closed.

Confirmed this 2nd day of March 1910.

Geo. H. Ahmoy
President.

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

January 12th 1910.

Finance Committee Meeting held this day:-
Present Crs Ettershank & Bissett:-

The Engineer submitted accounts for payment amounting to £62.10.1

Moved & 2nd that same be passed for payment. Carried.

The cheques were subsequently sent on to Cr Keogh who signed them.

The meeting closed.

W. Bissett
Chairman.

Confirmed 2 March 1910

George H. Ahmoy
President
Shire Hall, Serpentine.

January 19th 1910.

The meeting to have been held this day was, by special resolution of the Council at the December Meeting allowed to lapse.

Chas. E. Oldbrecht
Secretary.

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

February 16th 1910.

The meeting to have been held this day was, by order of the President, adjourned till Wednesday 2nd March at 11 A.M.

Chas. E. Oldbrecht
Secretary.