

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

March 2nd 1910.

Adjourned Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

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

Ettershank, McCrea, Coutts:-

The Minutes of the last meeting & subsequent Minutes were read-

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Cr Coulter entered.

Correspondence. I. From the Under Secretary that 23rd Feby had been pro-

claimed a public holiday throughout the N & S Ridings on ac-

count of the Serpentine Hospital Fete.

Approved.

2. From the Treasury with a/c for Endowment £550. Received.

3. From Hon. T. Langdon with notification of Special Grants. Recd.

4. From the Public Works Department that £75 had been allocated

towards the Prairie-Mitiamo Roads, the Council to expend the

like amount.

Received.

5. From the same that £363 had been allocated to the Shire towards

repair of flood damage, the Council to expend the like. Recd.

6. From the same that £150 had been revoted for the erection of

a bridge over the Loddon at Turner's Crossing the Councils to

expend the sum of £200 additional. To stand over.

7. From the same asking why prosecutions should not issue against

occupiers of closed roads who had not applied for Leases.

To stand over.

8. From the same for particulars as to sales of the late Serpen-

tine Estate. To stand over.

9. From the same for amended Returns of Closed Roads & Water-

Frontages. To stand over

10. From the same asking consent to the closing of a road in Tan-

darra. To stand over.

11. From the Clerk of the Legislative Council asking the Council's

views as to the working of Country Trains for the information

of a recently appointed Committee of which Hon. R. B. Rees is

the Chairman. To stand over.

12. From Hon. R. B. Rees that the continuance of the Committee has

I.

been refused by the Premier so that further action must stand

over. To stand over.

13. From the Shire of Rochester, with cheque for £35.17.4 their

share of joint works.

Received.

14. From the Public Health Department with report on faulty country

inspections of food supplies.

Received.

15. From the same with pamphlet on Vaccination.

Received.

16. From the same with amendment of Regulations under the Pure Food

Act.

Received.

17. From H. C. Boydell applying for the position of Analyst to the

Shire.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Ettershank :-

That the appointment remain with the School of Mines, Bendigo.

Carried.

18. From Donald Clark that he will be pleased to act as Analyst or

to hand over to his successor if qualified. Already dealt with.

19. From Cr Thomas with application of A. Wallace to lease 4 acres

of the Dingee Dam Reserve & recommending it.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the application be granted subject to the approval of

the Lands Department.

Carried.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

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

Corr. No. 20. From the Victorian Shires Rabbit Suppression Vigilance Committee

that the Commissioners of Railways will carry wire netting at empty

cattle truck rates.

Received.

21. From the Farmers, Property Owners & Producers Association as to

the rates of labor.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Council support the action of the Association. Carried.

22. From the Citizens of Williamstown soliciting subscription to those

who had suffered by the fires on 20th September last.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That £3.3.- be voted.

Carried.

23. From Ernest Old reporting collections at the weigh-bridge, Dingee

2.

& shewing the accuracy of the bridge. Approved & received.

24. From Arnall & Jackson soliciting order for their Directory.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That 10 copies be ordered.

Carried.

25. From St Patrick's Sports Committee asking for the proclamation of a public holiday on the 17th March.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the application be made.

Carried.

26. From the Shire of Gordon with Balance Sheet. Received.

27. From Hon. R.H.S. Abbott M.L.C. with copies of his speech on the Land Tax Bill. Received with thanks.

28. From the Government Statist with Statistical Register. Read with thanks.

29. From the Health Officer at Boort reporting case of "Enteric" Fever. Received.

30. From G.H. Burke complaining of the closing of the approach to his block by 3 gates belonging to John Watson & Son & asking to have the obstructions removed.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That Messrs Watson & Sons be served with the usual notice to remove the gates. Carried.

31. From Jas. McNamara asking permission to remove a street tree from opposite his gate-way & offering to replant it.

To stand over for inspection.

32. From Cr Coutts asking for 6 months' leave as he was visiting the old world.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That 6 months' leave be granted to Cr Coutts. Carried.

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts £604.11.4:- Payments last meeting £287.5.4 payments since £62.10.1.- Cr balance £117.5.1. Received.

Rate-Collector. Report No. 4. Rates Current £260.18.-, Arrears £2.12.-, Interest 3/8. Total £263.13.8.

Reprt No. 5. Rates current £240.12.-, Arrears 10/- Interest 8/1 Total £241.10.1. Received.

Inspector of Nuisances Brown. with return of stock slaughtered

during 1909 & that the district is in a clean & sanitary condition. Received.

Inspector of Nuisances Johnson with return of stock slaughtered

in 1909 & that the N & S Ridings are free from anything in the nature of a nuisance. The licensed yards are in a satisfactory condition but Mr Maxfield's licence will not be renewed. Recd. Health Officer Dr Adams, that during 1909 the health of the Shire

had been good. An epidemic of Whooping Cough broke out in the 3rd quarter of the year & extended pretty well over the whole district. Influenza was also prevalent in March & April. The sanitary conditions in Serpentine were good. Births Males 2:-females 4.-Deaths nil. Recd.

Health Officer Dr Ridley. that the health of the East Riding during 1909 had been good. No cases of infectious disease had come under his notice, or cases of pulmonary tuberculosis. The sanitary state except with regard to cess-pits was satisfactory. On 24th May the Inspector drew my attention to the unsatisfactory condition of the drainage at the rear of one of the station buildings at Mitiamo. This was subsequently put in order. On 30th August the Inspector consulted me as to the treatment of drowned sheep. I advised their burning or burying & this was carried out. On 6th Sept. I drew his attention to the unsatisfactory state of one of the closets at the Railway Hotel. This was remedied. Births registered Males 3:-females 4. Deaths Males 2:-females 2. Causes of death set out. No epidemic followed on the floods of August. Recommending the institution of the pan system at Mitiamo. Recd. Dairy Inspector O'Neill.

That since last meeting he had registered 17 dairies & collected £1.13.6. That he had completed the registration for the year. The total amount collected was £20.2.-. Received.

Government Analyst G.M. Matheson with report on samples of foods sent down that they comply with the respective standards fixed therefor by regulations under the Pure Food Act 1905 Received.

Secretary & Engineer. Report read:-

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the same be received.

Carried.

Clause I. That he had returned from holiday on 14th Ultio: & been busy

with various returns for Departments that were becoming more in-

tricate yearly. The Public Works Department are also constantly sending for information he could not possibly supply, with regard to closed roads. They further require an amended return to be sent in annually by 1st Feby. Suggesting that parties fencing closed roads should send notice to the office. A discussion ensued but the Engineer promised to supply the return.

2. Referring to Contract II5 repairing Bullock Creek bridge at Mr Shaw's let in July last to Mr Crapper but ordered to stand over he thought it might be proceeded with. Also as to Contract II8, Hail's & Gitten's let in December & ordered to stand over till February. Engineer to communicate with Mr Crapper, the Contractor, to know whether he is prepared to go on with both Contracts No. II5 to be treated first or else call fresh tenders.

3. That he had worked up all plans for today's tenders in pencil & some others. He was anxious that the Pine-Grove Mitiamo Road should

be proceeded with & had wired the Shire of Rochester asking them to provide £130 towards so doing. Ultimately they postponed the matter till their next meeting on 31st Inst which he thought was a pity as it threw the work too far into the winter. Suggesting that they be asked to appoint a Committee to deal with it at an earlier date.
Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That a Conference be invited to meet at Mitiamo with their Engineer. Carried.

4. Proposing to survey for bridge at Turner's Crossing at site picked out by him or near it. The grant in aid had been re-voted & tho' the neighboring Shires had selected another site they had taken no steps to put up any bridge at all.
Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Secretary write the Shires of Korong & Marong to

co-operate in putting up a bridge at Turner's Crossing. Carried.

5. That directly after the meeting he would travel over the Shire & inspect all Contracts. Approved.

6. That next meeting falls on 16th Inst & suggesting that it be held.
Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by the President:-

That the meeting be held on the proper day. Carried.

7. That there was a credit balance of £119 which the pay-sheet will more than absorb but the endowment of £550 will set the Council in credit again. Other accounts can also be got in. Received.
The Council then moved into Committee to deal with tenders & finance.

TENDERS & FINANCE.

On resuming the Committee reported that as to Contract I28 Mr Cobb was the lowest at £75.6.- but the other works were too expensive & the Engineer promised to recast the specifications.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That Mr Cobb's tender for Contract I28 be accepted but that

Contracts I30 & I31 be revised & fresh tenders invited. Carried.

It was further agreed that the Committee when at Mitiamo would look over the Engineer's proposals.

The Committee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £299.2.3 & recommending their payment.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

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

The Secretary submitted a list of last year's charity votes amounting to £53.3.-

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

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

Corr. Nos II, I2. Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That this Council are in sympathy with Mr Rees's action & 5.

hope he will succeed in getting the Committee re-appointed. Carried.

Corr. No. 3I. Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Council cannot grant the request. Carried.

Corr. No. IO. Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the matter stand over till next meeting. Carried.

Exchange of Roads. Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Order for Exchange of Roads in Yarraberb Estate made on 15th December be confirmed. Carried.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That tenders be called for repairing the Bendigo Road. Carried.
Instructions to officers.

By Cr Coulter that the Engineer get 2 culverts on the N & S road at Mr Jackman's repaired.

By the President that the Engineer close up the decking of 2 culverts on the Mitiamo Road.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Engineer have a window put into the back office. Carried.

Notice of Motion by Cr McCrea:-

That in future the December meeting be allowed to lapse ~~inst~~ instead of the January one.

And the meeting closed.

Confirmed this 16th day of March 1910.

George Gahony President.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

March 16th 1910.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

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

The Minutes of the last meeting were read,

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence. I. From the Public Health Department acknowledging receipt of Health Officers' Reports but asking the intention of the Council with regard to the sanitary arrangements at Mitiamo & with reports relating to the double-pan system.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the matter be referred to the Committee visiting Mitiamo.

Carried.

2. From the Municipal Association with the Motor Car Act & asking for Motions for the Annual Session. Received.
3. From the Chief Commissioner of Police with reply to secretary's enquiry as to liability of Motor Cycle owners being obliged to be licensed. Received.
4. From Mr Frank Doody asking for improvement of the crossing over the side-cutting at his place. Referred to the Engineer.

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts £865.15.11. Payments £299.2.3.
Cr balance £686.18.9. Received.

Rate-Collector. Rates current £308.13.-. Interest 4/11
Received.

Inspector of Dairies. That there is very little dairying being done throughout the Shire. Read.

Weigher Dingee. with fees collected £1.8.8. Received

Secretary & Engineer. Read:-

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the same be received.

Carried.

Clause I. That he had written to the Shire of Rochester to arrange conference at Mitiamo but had received no reply. Was pushing on with plans & the Unused Roads Return.

2. Completion of Contracts 109 & 110 which he had measured up.
3. That Mr Crapper had called on him & assured him he would proceed with his Contracts & also do the Bullock Creek bridge.
4. Financial position. that it is sound.

The Council then moved into Committee to deal with finance.
I.

On resuming the Committee reported having examined accounts amounting to £205.15.3 & recommended their payment.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

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

Cr McCrea's motion as to the lapsing of Meeting at Xmas was ordered to stand over. till next meeting.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

2 P.M.

Business resumed the same Crs present:-

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That tenders be called for loaming in front of Marshall's & a piece of formation between Mustey's & Devine's, Calivil. Carried.

The attention of the Engineer was drawn to a broken plank in the Piccaninny Creek bridge on the Prairie Road.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That tenders be called for the gravelling at Dingee & half a mile of gravelling on the East of the Tandarra Railway Station. Carried.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Engineer have the holes in front of H. Tresise's levelled up. Carried.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by the President:-

That the Secretary send notice to Mr Gittens to clear burrs & thistles off the Mitiamo & other roads. Carried.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Shire of Marong asking them to get the burrs & thistles cleared off the Bridge-water Road particularly at Sloan's swamp. He was also instructed to write to the Borough of Inglewood & the Shire of Korong to have the burrs & thistles cleared off the Inglewood storm-water channel.

Notice of Motion by the President:-

That tenders be called for loaming a piece of road between Cheyne's near Serpentine Creek & also a piece of formation between Smith's & Gittens' Calivil.

And the meeting closed.

Confirmed this 29 day of April 1910.

George Mahoney President.

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

May 18th 1910.

Ordinary Meeting to have been held this day:-

Present the President, (Cr Mahoney) & Crs Bissett & Coulter:-

The President announced the death of the King, Edward VII. The hall was draped in black.

The President adjourned the meeting till 2 P.M. as a mark of respect.

In the interval the Finance Committee examined accounts amounting to £336. 5.4 & recommended their payment.

The Committee prior to resumption of business opened tenders & made the following recommendations:-

Contract No. I35.	O'Halloran & Wilson,	£37. 5.-
.. No. I38	fresh tenders.	
.. No. I39.	Henry Casey,	£96. 5.-
.. No. I40.	Henry Casey	£87. --
.. No. I41.	John Crapper,	£25. 10.4
.. No. I42.	John Crapper,	£52. 18.3
.. No. I43.	Edwin Doody,	£64. 3.-
.. No. I44.	John Crapper	£17. 15.-

2.P.M.

On re-assembling the same Councillors present but no quorum.

The President read the Official Gazette announcement of the death of the King & spoke eloquently in relation thereto. The

Secretary also spoke. The black curtains were drawn away & colored ones disclosed when the President read the proclamation of

King George V. The Children from the neighboring State Schools & the public sang "God Save The King" & Councillors then went on with the business.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That this Council with deepest regret have to record the death of His Late Most Gracious Majesty King Edward VII, than whom, no more constitutional Monarch ever occupied the the Imperial Throne of Great Britain which has been in existence over 1200 years & has become the model for all Christian Countries & even others of different religions. This Council also sympathise with all the Members of the Royal Family & now hails, with all loyalty, affection & reverence His worthy & noble successor King George V. for whose prosperous & equitable government they earnestly pray & entreat Almighty God to bless Him & His gracious Queen & family with every earthly blessing. May the Imperial Empire & its Dependencies continue to influence the world to the general advantage of the itself & mankind in general."

Carried.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That a copy of the above resolution be forwarded to the Governor General.

Carried.

The Head Teacher of the Serpentine State School, Miss Quirk, introduced Miss Jessie May Keilor, a pupil who had been awarded a Certificate by the Education Department, for unbroken attendance at School during years.

The President addressed Miss Keilor congratulating her on being granted the Certificate & on her good attendance & presented her with the same.

The Secretary was instructed to apply to the Minister for Public Works for the substitution of the allotment of £150 for the Turner's Crossing bridge which could not be proceeded with this year to forming roads leading to Railway Stations.

The Secretary laid on the table a petition from rate-payers in the Pompaipel District for the erection of a new school or the removal of the present one & the President authorized him to send it in with the recommendation of the Council.

The President then declared the meeting lapsed.

Confirmed this 15th day of June 1910.

Geo Mahoney

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

April 20th 1910.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

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

Ettershank, McCrea.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence. I. From the Chief Secretary in reply to Secretary's enquirythat the occupier is the person liable to be rated & is therefore entitled
-liable to have his name on the list of rate-paying electors. Recd.

2. From the Public Health Department asking for inspection of Cordial & Aerated waters premises. The Engineer reported that he had inspected Mr Bookham's premises & found everything satisfactory. There was only one factory in Mitiamo, those in the schedule being one & the same.

Engineer's
Received, Secretary's action approved.

3. From the Chairman of the State Rivers, Mr Elwood Mead, asking for information to assist him in his efforts to procure irrigation settlers.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That this Council will guarantee to find work for 25 good farm laborers in this Shire.

Carried.

4. From the Public-Health Department enquiring whether there is any objection to the leasing of a road to David Dee in the parish of Mitiamo.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the matter stand over till next meeting.

Carried.

5. From the Victorian Sanatoria for Consumptives that the Government have taken over their liabilities & returning the cheque of £1.1.- with thanks for the vote. Received & cheque cancelled.

6. From Dutton Bros asking for a refund of 6/4 paid as interest on the ground that they had had no notice. The Rate-Collector stated that the usual notice had been sent.

Received.

7. From John Watson & Co, that they will fence off the road as soon as they can arrange to do so.

Received.

8. From the Shire of Rochester that they will expend £130 on the Mitiamo Road but suggesting that the Shire of Gordon be asked to assist.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

I.

Corr. contd.

That the Secretary ask the Shire of Gordon to contribute at the suggestion of the Shire of Rochester. Carrd.

9. From the same that the work must be carried out as a tram-track.

Received.

10. From the Engineer to the same returning specification endorsed that the tram-track having been agreed to by his Council he is not in a position to recommend any other class of work. Received

11. From the Secretary to the same Shire that if this Council decide to accept any tenders for anything else it must take the responsibility.

Received.

12. From the Shire of Marong as to Turner's Crossing bridge enquiring what proportion of the cost should be borne by each of the municipalities.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Secretary reply that not more than £100 will be required from the Shire of Marong.

Carried.

13. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Shire of Korong if a satisfactory reply was received from that of Marong.

13. Adjourned till 2 P.M.

2 P.M.

Business resumed the same Councillors present.

Corr. contd.

- 12a. From the same that the Thistle Inspector had been instructed to take immediate steps to remedy the thistle nuisance. Recd.

13. From the Borough of Inglewood that a man will be put on to destroy the thistles in & around the Council's drain as far as the boundary.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Secretary write the Borough Council that the thistles have not been cut & asking that they be burnt.

Carried.

14. From the Shire of Swan Hill asking co-operation in Mr Rees's scheme for improving the Country Train service.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That co-operation be granted.

Carried.

15. From the Rodney Shire Council & other cognate Associations with resolutions protesting against a labor board for treating rural industries.

2.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That co-operation be granted & the Members for the District be asked to oppose the proposal to fix wages boards for rural districts. Carried.

16. From the City of Bendigo asking co-operation in arranging a conference with the view of forming a Decentralization League & a strong Parliamentary Country Party.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the President be appointed as Representative to attend. Carried.

17. From W. McElwain complaining of the careless way in which Mr Vogele uses the fireplace under the boiling down copper at Dingee. The Engineer reported that he had seen Inspector Brown on the subject who would enquire into it.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Secretary draw the attention of the Inspector of Nuisances to the complaint. Carried.

18. From Mr P. Hardy applying for a slaughtering licence.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the licence be granted. Carried.

19. From Messrs Cobb & Mossop asking leave to cut 4 piles for their Contract off the roads & promising to grub them out.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That permission be granted. Carried.

20. From Richards Bros asking for the forming of a bad piece of road between their properties & Wallis's.

Moved by Cr Keogh 2nd by the President:-

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

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts £713. 4.7:-payments £205.15.3.-Net credit Balance £1190. 5.9. Received.

Rate Collector. Rates current £694. 2.7.-Arrears, £10.18.10.-

Interest. £3. -.2.-Dog fees £2.10.-. Received.

Secretary & Engineer. Report read:-

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the report be received. Carried.

Clause I. Progress of Contracts. Approved.

2. Conference at Mitiamo with Cr McCrea Cr Thomas being unable to attend. That he had re-cast the specifications. Received & approved.
3. That the Shire of Rochester object to any variation in the proposal to complete the Pine-Grove tramway.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the matter stand over. Carried.

4. That Priestley's well had been damaged by flood & was beyond repair. That a bridge on the same road had been damaged but he had had it repaired by Mr Hamilton at a cost of £5.

The well to be filled in. The bridge repair approved.

5. Advising the search for & acquisition of gravel sites.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That the Engineer have sites found. Carried.

6. Financial position. Received.

7. That he had prepared as many Contracts as possible & would have another batch ready by next meeting. Approved.

8. That he had taken out a Return of the rents for Unused Roads in the various Ridings. Received.

9. That he will be in a position to send in a return of expenditure on flood damage directly after this meeting. Approved.

Moved into Committee to deal with Tenders & Finance.

On resuming the Committee reported that they had opened tenders

& made the following recommendations.

Contract I30	J. Kett,	£ 76. 1.6
I31	W. B. Hamilton	97. 4.1
I32	C. A. Mancer	77. 17.1
I33	J. Kett Tramway	197. 11. -
	Gravelling.	240. 5.9
I34	R. Cobb,	31. -.-
I35.	Edwin Doody	36. 5.4
I36.	H. Smith	95. 4.9
I37.	no tender.	

That Contract I33 stand over until after consultation with the Shire of Rochester. That Contract I35 be re-advertised & that if available, gravel be substituted for loam.

That fresh tenders be invited for No. I37.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by the President:-

That subject as above the other tenders be accepted. Carried.

The Finance Committee reported having examined accounts amounting to £556.10.9 & recommending their payment.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

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

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the ordinary meeting in December be allowed to lapse instead of that of January.

Amendment by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the question stand over till the November meeting.
The amendment was put & carried.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That tenders be called for the work at Rogers'. Carried.
Cr Keogh asked the Engineer to call tenders for the work ordered at Siemering's by next meeting.

Corr. IO. Referred to Cr Thomas to enquire into. on the motion of Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Coulter.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That tenders be called for loaming a piece of road between A. Cheyne's property in Jarklan & the Serpentine Creek. Also a piece of formation between Smith's & Gittens
Carried & the meeting

closed.

Confirmed this 15 day of June 1910.

Geo. Mahoney President.

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

June 15th 1910.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

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

The Secretary explained the peculiar position in which Councilors were placed at the last meeting through want of a quorum & that the 3 Crs present had taken upon themselves to put through most urgent business that would not brook delay. Also in their character of Tenders' & Finance Committee had examined tenders & accounts. He would therefore read the Minutes & ask the Council to confirm them & the action of the Crs present.

Minutes of April Meeting read:-

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Minutes of May Meeting read:-

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That the Councillors present on that occasion be thanked for their actions & that the same & the Minutes thereof be confirmed.
Carried.

- Correspondence. 1. From the Education Department with thanks of the Director of Education for the Council's subscription towards Empire Day Celebrations & with instructions. Since annulled for this year. Received.
2. From the Public Works Department with Claim for £55.9.3 on Unused Roads Rents. Received.
3. From the same in reply to Secretary's enquiry that the account is correct but there is another amount of £145.1.6 also standing to credit. Received.
4. From Inspector of Accounts, Mr W.A. Gilbert, that he would visit & inspect the Shire books on 2nd May. Received.
5. From the Public Works Department with Claims for £78.9.2 & £89.9.7 out of Unused Road Rents. Received.
6. From the same with Claim for £300 on account of Flood damage. Received.
7. From Hon. T. Langdon acknowledging letters on the subject of Wages Boards & Railway service & that they will receive attention. Read.

Corr.contd. 8. From Hon.R.H.S.Abbott,M.L.C. the like & expressing concurrence Received.

9. From Hon.T.Langdon with letter from Hon.the Chief Secretary refusing to appoint a Royal Commission on the question of the Railway Service. Received.

10. From the Lands Department that a grazing licence on Reserves can only emanate from that Department. Received.

11. From the Shire of Korong that they cannot, at the present time, entertain any proposals for a new bridge at Turner's Crossing on account of excessive flood damage. Next year the matter may be re-considered. Received.

12. From the same as to removing thistles from the Storm-water channel that no complaint had been made by their rate-payers. Recd.

13. From the Borough of Inglewood that the thistles along the same channel had been cut. Received.

14. From the Shire of Marong that owing to heavy flood damage, they cannot assist in Turner's Crossing bridge at present. They have increased the rates by 50% & borrowed £6000 to meet liabilities. Received.

15. From the Shire of Rochester that Cr McIntyre will meet in conference on the Prairie Road on Wednesday, 4th May. Received.

16. From the Shire of Strathfieldsaye asking co-operation in getting road material free of royalty.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That cordial co-operation be granted.

Carried.

17. From the Public Health Department that in view of the Health Officer's report cess-pits should be closed & pans provided at Mitiamo.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Secretary repeat their opinion that Mitiamo is too small to warrant the introduction of the pan-system but that he write to those that have cess-pits to fill them up & obtain pans.

Carried.

18. From the same acknowledging receipt of Analyst's Report for 1909 Received.

19. From the Chairman of the Board of Advice Serpentine, with Petition for opening a new school at Pompapiel or removing the old one.

Already dealt with on 18th May.

20. From the Public Health-Department approving of plan, specification & tender for Contract No. 133, Mitiamo Tramway. Received.

2.

Corr.contd. 21. From F.R.W.Dredge on behalf of A.Nankervis alleging that he has been over-rated & asking for a refund. The Secretary explained that there had been no overcharge but that the assessment had been reduced since a house had been removed. Received.

22. From the Borough of Dunolly urging co-operation in obtaining free railway passes for children going in for secondary education.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That co-operation be granted & the delegate at next Annual Session of the Municipal Association support it. Carried.

23. From the Private Secretary to His Excellency, the Governor, acknowledging receipt of Address which has been transmitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies to be laid before His Majesty the King & the Members of the Royal Family. Received.

24. Message from H.M. the King. Received with thanks.

25. From the State Rivers & W.S. Commission with proposal for closing a road in Compapiel.

To stand over for consideration of Committee. Cr Ettershank

stated that his principals no longer had any interest in the land referred to.

26. From the same asking whether there are any objections to making making available under part I of the Land Act 1901 part of the Recreation Reserve at Dingee. The Secretary reported that he had referred the question to Crs Coulter & Thomas who had made enquiry & come to the conclusion that there was no objection & he had replied accordingly. Secretary's action approved.

27. From the same with plan of the Loddon United Waterworks Trust Area for the inspection of ratepayers. Received.

28. From the Lands Department with subdivision of allotments 160 & 161, Janiember East. Received with thanks.

29. From the State Rivers & W S Commrs with Contracts & plans showing the Waranga-Mallee Channel as it passes through the Shire & asking the Council's opinion on various deviations.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That Crs Bissett, Ettershank & the Mover be appointed a Committee to go into the matter. Carried.

agreed to 3.2/11.

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

Corr.contd. 30. From his Worship the Mayor of Brighton with proposals for inaugurating a National Memorial Fund to the late Sir Thos. Bent
Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the letter be received. Carried.

31. From Messrs Dutton Bros asking for the lengthening of a stone-crossing & providing another on the Prairie Road adjacent to their property. The Engineer explained the present position & that he did not consider further waterway necessary.

Received, Engineer to write & explain.

32. From the Shire of Gordon declining to subscribe towards the Mitiamo Tramway as it does not benefit their rate-payers. Read.

33. From the Shire of Marong that they have no objection to the Council of this Shire applying to have the money voted for Turner's Crossing bridge expended on road works in this Shire. Received.

34. From the Bendigo Agricultural Society that the Grand National Show is to be held in Bendigo this year & asking for a special donation.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That a grant of £5.5.- be made. Carried.

35. From the Minister of Public Works thro' Mr Langdon refusing the application re Turner's Crossing Bridge vote. Received, no further action.

36. From Palmer Bros. applying for use of the hall for Rink purposes. The Engineer offered no objection.

Moved by Cr Ettershak 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the hall be granted on the same conditions as last year. Carried.

37. From Cr Shaw that he is going to Queensland for a month & asking to be excused from attending at the Council table. Read.

38. From G.S. Bookham complaining of the delay in carrying on the drainage Contract at Mitiamo. The Engineer explained the position. Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Engineer write Mr Hamilton to proceed with his Contract at once. Carried.

39. From Cr Thomas apologizing for non-attendance at meeting but would try & come. Asking for the calling of a meeting to elect

Corr.contd. a Trustee of the Recreation Reserve, enquiring as to works at Dingee.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That Cr Coulter be appointed a Trustee in lieu of D.W. Coulter. Carried.

The Secretary was instructed to call a public meeting to elect a Trustee in place of Mr A. Wallace.

40. From Mr M. Malone offering to sell to the Council the wind-mill, pump, stand, tank, troughs, piping &c at present at the dam at R. Hiatt's for £35. Is prepared to make reduction.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the letter be received & no action taken. Carried.

Reports.

Treasurer. May. Receipts £233.7.9:- Payments £558.10.9
Cr balance £867.9.6
June. Receipts £597.4.11:- Payments £336.5.4.
Cr balance, £1125.4.4

Rate-Collector. May Rates current £30.18.-:- Interest £2.10.6
Dogs £10.5.-.
June Rates current £78.17.-:- Interest £3.3.6.
Dogs £22.15.-. Received.

Rate-Collector. Outstanding rates on 10th June.

	North Riding.	South Riding.	East Riding.
Rates.	£112. 2.8	£10. 2.-	£69. 5.-
Interest	7. -.7	1. 6.8	6. 9.5
	£119. 3.3	£11. 8.8	£ 75.14.5
	Totals		£204.10.2

Dog Inspector Return of dogs registered. Only 2 refusals. Received.
Fees collected £40. Received.

Dingee weigh-bridge fees. E. Old. that weigh-bridge is working well. Fees collected & paid over £2.7.8. Received.

Dairy Inspector O'Neill that cows are beginning to come in but little trading done. Received.

State Rivers & W.S. Commission notice to treat for taking Shire Pound site at Bear's Lagoon.

Referred to the Committee.

Inspector of Nuisances Johnson for May:-

The N & S Ridings are clean.
A few head of stock had died but been removed & buried at the owners' expense.
Slaughter yards are in a satisfactory condition. Read.

For June A case of Tuberculosis.
Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Report be sent to the Health Officer, Dr Adams, for report. Carried.

Reports contd. Secretary & Engineer's Report read:-

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Report be received.

Carried.

- I. On progress of works but difficulty in obtaining men & timber. Approved.
2. Had surveyed almost all works ordered. ,,
3. That at the April meeting a tender had been caught in the clip of the tender box. It was from John Crapper for Contract No. I37 & after consultation with the President he had settled it at £43.10.8 & asking that it be confirmed.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

4. That on 4th May last the chain of the Water-Lifter at Terricks West dam had been stolen. He had reported it to Constable Brown & ordered a new one & had it put in. Approved.
5. That Inspector of Accounts, Mr Gilbert had examined the Shire books & expressed himself satisfied. Approved.
6. That he had submitted Contract I33, Mitiamo Tramway, plan, specification & tender to the Public Works Department for approval in support of claim for £75 special grant. The same had been returned approved. Approved.
7. He had submitted accounts for £55 out of Closed Road Rents & the amount had been since paid over. Approved.
He had also submitted further accounts amounting to £168 which had also been paid over. Approved.
8. He had also submitted accounts amounting to £636 expended on flood damage & applied for £300 on a/c which had been passed & paid over. Suggesting reduction in expenditure. Approved.
9. Details of finances & suggesting application being made to authorize applying the Turner's Crossing vote towards roads leading to Railway Stations. Authorized by President in May.
10. Financial position. Approved.
Received.
- II. That he had answered many enquiries as to Closed Roads & would complete the Return shortly.
- II. Reporting completion of bridge over Bullock Creek at Terricks West but at cost for extras of £50.5.6. Approved.

Secy & Engr's Report contd. I2. Hamilton & Cobb were p shing on with their bridges.

- I3. Reporting on M. Malone's plant at Hiatt's Dam & that his offer was worth considering. Already dealt with.

- I4. A new chain had been put on water-lifter at Terricks W but nothing heard of the stolen one.

- I5. Financial position that day. Received.

- I6. Asking leave to put 3 ventilators into the ceiling of the Shire Hall instead of a window as authorized at £14.5.--. Also to procure 3 or 4 hanging lamps in lieu of the chandeliers which he would send for auction to Bendigo. Cost not to exceed £5.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the ventilators be put in & also the lamps if they can be got at price stated £1 each. Carried.

Tramway Committee. The Committee reported that they assembled in conference at the Piccaninny Creek bridge on Prairie Road where they met Cr McIntyre of the Rochester Shire who stated that he had already examined the various types of metalling & gravelling but his Council after careful deliberation thought it advisable to complete the road in Tramway pattern. Having regard to the handsome treatment they had met with by the Shire of Rochester, the Committee gave way & the Contract is settled on the lines of a Tramway.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That a vote of thanks be passed to the Committee for their attendance & approval of the resolution arrived at. Carried.

Decentralization Committee. The President reported that he had attended the Conference at the Town Hall Bendigo on this subject on 14th May. There were a very large number of delegates present. The Mayor Cr Andrews, occupied the Chair & extended a hearty welcome to all present. Mr Honeybone was elected hon. Secretary pro tem. The main resolution passed affirmed that "This Conference assembled is of the opinion that a Victorian Decentralization League should be formed". An Executive Committee was appointed with instructions to draw up a code of rules. Many important items were discussed & the first meeting of the Committee was fixed

to meet in Ballarat in the first week in July. The Mayor extended generous hospitality to the delegates & entertainment in the evening.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That a vote of thanks be passed to the President for attending the conference & so ably representing the Council
Carried.

Finance Committee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to

£500. I.I & recommended their passing.

Bissett

Moved by Cr Ettershank-2nd by Cr Ettershank :-

That the report be received & adopted & the accounts passed for payment subject to two of the accounts being referred to the mover to confer with the Engineer. Carrd.

Tenders.

The Committee reported having opened the following tenders:-

Contract I38.	W.B.Hamilton,	}	£22. 5.7
.. I45.	R.Cobb,		35. 8.-
.. I46.	W.B.Hamilton		45. 5.6

Moved by Cr Keogh 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the above tenders for I38 & I45 be accepted but that fresh tenders be called for I46 in about 2 months time.
Carried.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That in connection with the Waranga-Mallee Scheme the Commissioners be informed the Council expect that bridges be erected on all open roads.
Carried.

Cr Keogh complained of the dangerous state of a culvert on the Mitiamo Road between Messrs Fred.Smith & M.O'Sullivan. He had spoken about it 3 times but the District Engineer stated that as the rate-payers used it they should keep it in repair.

He moved & was 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Engineer write to Mr E.L.Smith, the district Engineer & ask him to have the culvert repaired. Carried

Instructions to Officers. The Secretary was requested by Cr Ettershank

to enquire of Mr Smith the cost of running the channels at the present time. No tanks had been filled for 6 months.

By Cr McCrea that Mr Smith be asked when the channels in the East portion of the Shire would be put into running order.

By Cr Bissett that the Secretary enquire of Mr Meaden as to

Thistle Notices being served by post.

And the Meeting closed.

Confirmed this 21st day of July 1910.

George Mahony President

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

July 21st 1910.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

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

The President referred to the fearful Railway Accident at Richmond & moved:-

"That this Council deeply deplores the awful accident that has occurred on the Railway at Richmond & begs to tender its heartfelt sympathy to the relatives of the killed & to the injured who, it trusts, will make good recoveries. It further begs to offer its sympathy to the Railway Commissioners who, it is satisfied, take every possible care of the travelling public". 2nd by Cr Shaw:- Carried unanimously.

The Secretary was instructed to forward the resolution to the Premier & the meeting adjourned till 2 P.M.

REVISION COURT.

Revision Court opened, the same Councillors present.

The Secretary presented the several Voters' Lists & Separate Voters' Lists for the Ridings & reported that no claims or objections had been received. These having been examined:-

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Voters' List & Separate Voters' List for the North Riding of the Shire having been examined be approved & certified to. Carried.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Voters' List & Separate Voters' List for the South Riding of the Shire having been examined be approved & certified to. Carried.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Voters' List & Separate Voters' List for the East Riding of the Shire having been examined be approved & certified to. Carried.

Court adjourned.

I.

2 P.M. Business of Ordinary Meeting resumed the same Crs present.

Correspondence. I. From the Public Works Department with Memorandum from the Prime Minister asking for the use of the Shire Hall for drilling the new troops & for rooms for office & accoutrements. The Secretary explained that he thought the Hall too small & that there were no spare rooms available.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the application be refused the Secretary to explain. Carried.

2. From the same with Claim for £63 being balance of Flood Damage Special Grant. Received.

3. From the Public Health Department with Order to furnish samples under the "Pure Foods Act" & threatening proceedings.

4. From the same in reply to Secretary's enquiry, that the samples sent on 3rd January last had been credited to this year.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Secretary purchase a set of samples from the most convenient store. Carried.

5. From Dr Adams, the Health Officer, that he was taking steps to carry out the instructions of the Council with reference to the alleged case of Tuberculosis.

6. From the Secretary for Public Health on the same subject. Recd.

7. From the State Forests Department that there is a royalty of 3d per cub. yard for loam taken from the Pompiel State Forest.

8. From the same in explanation & advising application for a licence.

10.9. From Hon. W.L. Baillieu on the subject of road material that he has brought it under the notice of the Minister of Forests.

10. From Hon. T. Langdon with letter from the Minister of Forests on the subject of the amendment of the Forests Act that he has referred the matter to the Conservator of Forests for report.

11. From the Shire of Strathfieldsaye with thanks for the Secretary's letter but that the Minister was most emphatic in refusing to allow their Council to obtain road material without royalty.

Letters 7 to 11 received.

2.

JUL 21 1910

Corr.contd.12. From Mr Meaden, Secretary to the Municipal Association, that he had interviewed the Minister of Agriculture & discussed with him the amendments of the Thistle Act proposed by the Association. He approved of the proposal & promised to introduce an Amending Bill this Session if possible. Received.

13. From Hon. R.H.S. Abbott with reference to the Strathfieldsaye circular but he was not hopeful of a successful result. Received.

14. From the Boort Agricultural Society asking for a subscription. Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the usual donation £1.1.- be given. Carried.

15. From the Acting Town Clerk, Port Melbourne, asking the approval of the Dock Scheme of Mr Ferguson. Received.

16. From the Secretary to the Shire of Rochester asking for the extension of the Mitiamo Tramway for 20 chains when his Council would pay half the cost. To stand over for Engineer's report.

17. From Inspector of Nuisances Brown that he had been on leave but will furnish lists of cess-pits in Mitiamo as soon as possible. Received.

18. From the Education Department that the question of removal of the Pompapier S.S. had been reported on by the District Inspector & that such report had been sent to the Board of Advice for its opinion. Received.

19. From the Shire of Towong asking co-operation in obtaining a share of the rents for water-frontages. Received.

20. From Mr Alexander Wallace with £1 for rent of the Dingee reserve but the Secretary had returned it as the Council had no power to grant a lease. Received, Secretary's action approved.

21. From Cr Thomas apologizing for non-attendance owing to ill-health & that he will not seek re-election.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That a letter of sympathy be sent & he be invited to dinner next meeting. Carried.

22. From Miss Hill, Head Teacher, S.S. Calivil North explaining her application of the Empire Day Vote. Received.

3.

Reports. Treasurer:- Receipts £62. 7.2:- payments £500. I.I Cr balance £683.16.8. Received.

Rate Collector.	Rates current	£23.16:-
	Interest	2. 1.2
	Dog fees	14.15.-
		£ 51. 4.2

Dairy Inspector that most of the cows are in full profit & Received.

that he will start registering duties at the beginning of next month. Received.

Inspector of Dogs. That several of the rate-payers have neglected to register their dogs & asking instructions.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Council take action. Carried.

Secretary & Engineer's report read.

Moved by by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Report be received. Carried. Received.

Clause I. On progress of works.

2. On the tramway that the Rochester Council had at first refused to expend more than £60 this year but subsequently agreed to go to £130. The extension to finish the tramway would be about 33 chains & the cost £165. He recommended that it be done.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That tenders be called for completing the 33 chains. Carried.

3. Having constructed foot-path & kerbing at Mitiamo the residents want crossings & will pay half the cost. Four are required. They will cost about £4 apiece.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Council put up the bridges & also a bridge at Mr Howe's corner the residents to pay half the cost. Carried.

3a 4. That Mr Bannerman on behalf of the residents, asks leave to plant trees on the footpath & they would look after & protect them. Recommending. Leave was granted.

4. 4. On Hardy's Road the formation should be extended about 40 chns & a 20'0" bridge put in. A new bridge is also required over the Serpentine Creek. To stand over.

5. That he had inspected the work of O'Halloran & Wilson on the Raywood Road but was much disgusted with it. There is no loam

4.

Engineer's obtainable. The Contractors ask for a further advance but this Report continued. he declined to pass. When the ground is dry he will invite the Contractors to meet him on the ground & Cr Bissett might be good enough to accompany him. Received.

6. That loam on the roads is being exhausted & the formations have proved thoroughly useless & gravelling or metalling will have to be resorted to. Suggesting that application should be made for a grant of £500 for road formations & £250 for the new bridge at Hardy's road.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the clause be adopted.

Carried.

7. That a considerable amount of rates are outstanding & asking leave to obtain the assistance of the Shire Solicitors in getting them in.

Approved.

8. In view of recent developments & the cutting up of larger areas the system of valuing should be revised. To stand over.

9. Asking for the appointment of Returning Officers.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the following Councillors be appointed Returning Officers for the Ridings:-

North. Cr Keogh.
South. Cr Ettershank.
East. Cr McCrea.

Carried.

Waranga-Mallee Channel Committee. read.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Report be received & adopted.

Carried.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the thanks of the Council be tendered to the Committee for their Report.

Carried.

The President stated that Mr Harney of Tandarra had complained to him that the stone-crossing near his property was too high & caused his land to be flooded. The Engineer stated that it was not too high & that Cr Thomas & he had inspected it & found it correct.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That Crs Shaw & Coulter be asked to visit & inspect the road.

Carried.

5.

Finance Committee. reported having examined accounts amounting to £331.11.3 & recommending their payment.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

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

Carried.

Petition. The President presented a Petition from R.W. Leahy & others asking for the repair or re-building of the bridge over the Serpentine Creek on Hardy's road before harvest.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Engineer survey for the bridge.

Carried.

Instructions to Officers. Cr McCrea asked for a small piece of formation near Terricks West Home-station.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That Cr McCrea be authorized to get it done.

Carried.

By Cr Coulter to have about 10 chains of formation done between

Abbott's & Eeles's.

By Cr Ettershank to drain approaches to Serpentine Creek bridge at Serpentine & repair the metal North of the Shire Hall.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That Mr Crapper be notified that unless his Contracts at Smith's, Lowe's & Mustey's be completed by next meeting they will be cancelled, the deposits forfeited & fresh tenders invited.

Carried.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Engineer call tenders for about 30 chains of formation on the Swan Hill Road South of the big culvert.

Carried.

By Cr Bissett to fill in holes at Lansell's big culvert & also near his place.

To write Mr E.L. Smith as to repairing pipe crossing in his paddock.

Meeting adjourned.

Confirmed this 17th day of August 1910.

George Wahmy
President

6.

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

August 17th 1910.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President, (Cr Mahoney), &

Crs Bissett, Ettershank, McCrea, Coulter, Shaw, Keogh, Thomas.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Keogh 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence. From the Premier's office with thanks for resolution re Railway accident.

Received.

2. From the Public Works Department with Claim for £75 Special Grant but Mr Drake did not think it could go through this financial year. Received.
3. From Hon. Thos. Langdon with letter from the Minister for Public Works promising to consider the application for Special Grants with others of the like character. Received.
4. From the Conservator of Forests that a Licence to take loam from the Pompapier Forest will issue at 3d per yard. Received.
5. From the Municipal Association with notes on the Education Bill. Received.
6. From the same as to Building Regulations & Traction Engines. Received.
7. From the Shire of Bairnsdale inviting co-operation in a deput-ation during Show Week on the subject of Traction Engines. Recd.
8. From the Education Department that the Pompapier S.S. will be removed to a site on Mr Carroll's allotment as soon as the transfer can be effected. Received.
9. From Mr H.P. Adam of the Board of Advice reporting their action. Received.
10. From the Secretary to the Shire of Rochester that he had made a mistake in his letter a formation being intended instead of extension of the Tramway. To stand over for Engineer's report.
11. From the same that he cannot alter his former proposition until he can consult the Councillors interested. To stand over.
12. From Inspector of Nuisances, Brown, with report on cess-pits at Mitiamo. Received.
13. From H.C. Boydell again applying for the appointment as Analyst. Received.

I.

Corr. contd. 14. From Richards & Co. soliciting orders for photos of the Presidents. Received.

15. From Mr W.B. Hamilton that he had been to Mitiamo but the road was too wet to deal with at present. Received.

16. From Mr Crapper that he had nearly completed his Contract at Lowe's & Smith's & is pushing on as much as possible. Recd.

17. From Hon. T. Langdon that he must be in the House on Tuesday & therefore cannot be at the Lunch on 17th but will wire.

18. Wire from the same that he cannot come but must postpone his visit. Received but Mr Langdon to be invited for next meeting if he can come then.

19. From Cr Thomas with thanks for letter of sympathy & will come to lunch if he possibly can. Received.

20. From the Pyramid Hill Agricultural Society asking for the proclamation of a public holiday in the North & East Ridings on their Show Day, Wednesday 19th October & for subscription to prize fund.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That a holiday be applied for for the North Riding & the township of Mitiamo & that E.I. be voted. Carried.

21. From Harry Bros complaining of the flooding of their lands in Tandarra by reason of banks.

22. From Hay Bros to the like effect.

23. From Wallace & Christian of Milloo pointing out that the Dingee road from Rochester had been badly cut up by bullock teams carting cement for the Waranga Channel works & suggesting that this Shire & that of Rochester apply for a Special Grant of £500 to assist in repairing the damage.

Meeting adjourned till 2 P.M.

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

Corr. 21, 22. Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That a Conference be held at the Tandarra Hall on 24th Aug. at 11 A.M. consisting of the whole Council & the Engineer & that ratepayers be invited to attend to consider the question of the flooding of the lands. Carried.

2.

AUG 17 1910

AUG 17 1910

Conn.23. Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the Secretary apply for a Special Grant of £500 to repair the Dingee & Tandarra roads which have been damaged by the Waranga Channel Contractors. Carried.

Reports.

Treasurer. Receipts £23.16.7:- Payments £331.11.3:- Cr balance £376. 3.6. Received.

Rate Collector. Rates current £8.- Annears £1.6.-:- Interest £2.10.7:- Dogs £4.10.-:- Total £18.7.7. Recd.

Dairy Inspector that he had started registering in the South Riding & received £1.19.6:- Received.

Weigher, Dingee that the weigh-bridge is still working satisfactorily & he had collected fees amounting to £1.5.2 Received

Secretary & Engineer's report read:-

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Report be received.

Carried.

Clause I. On progress of works. Received.

2. That he had surveyed for the new bridge over the Serpentine Creek on Hardy's road & with estimate. That he would be ready for tenders by next meeting.

Moved by Cr Keogh 2nd by the President:-

That tenders be invited by next meeting.

Carried.

3. As to the completion of the Mitiamo Tramway that he did not understand the wishes of the Shire of Rochester as to sharing the cost. He had written them & was awaiting a reply. Hence he could not call tenders as instructed to do.

To stand over until a satisfactory reply was received.

4. For leave to gravel a small section of the Terricks Road made out of the clay excavated from the Railway dam.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That local gravel be used & the work done. Carried.

5. Owing to the amount of wet & the enormous traffic the roads had been badly cut up & suggesting the letting of fettling-up Contracts & rolling. Received.

6. The elections & that there had been no nomination for the

AUG 17 1910

Secy. & Engr's Noth Riding which therefore causes an extraordinary vacancy. Received.

7. Financial position. Received.

8. Asking leave to purchase a new matting for the Shire Hall & 6 small chairs. Total cost about £6.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the application be left in abeyance for the present. Carried.

Report of Committee consisting of Crs Shaw & Coulter on Harney's complaint that they thought the stone crossing a foot too high.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the crossing for half its length be lowered 1 foot or to grass level. Carried.

Petition

signed by David W. Coulter & numerous other ratepayers asking that the bridge at Dingee near the store be widened to its original width of 27 feet as its present width of 20'0" is dangerous.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the prayer of the Petition be granted. Carried.

Notices of Motion. By Cr Keogh to strike a rate of 12d in the £ at next meeting.

By Cr Ettershank that the Council purchase a horse & dray & engage a man permanently to attend to the roads.

Finance.

The Finance Committee reported having examined accounts amounting to £163.4.3 & recommending their payment.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

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

By Cr Shaw.

Instructions to Officers. Engineer to draw attention of Mr Crapper to 2

holes & subsidence at the Bullock Creek bridge near Mr Shaw's.

To repair culvert on N. & S. road near Hester's.

By Cr Coulter:- Engineer to attend to the 3rd culvert on the Terricks Road N of Dingee where planks are broken.

By Cr Ettershank to repair holes on the road at Serpentine.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That Mr Manger be given one week's notice to start his Contract or it will be cancelled & fresh tenders called. Carrd.
Cr Coulter was authorized to get some holes filled on the N & S road at Jackman's.

The President made a short review of the proceedings of the Council during his term of office, paid a high tribute to retiring Cr Thomas & thanked his brother Councillors for their courtesy & general co-operation.

446 ~~Notice of Motion by Cr Ettershank:-~~

~~That the Council buy a horse & dray & employ one man permanently to attend to roads.~~

And the Meeting closed.

Confirmed this 21st September 1910.

George Gahony

President.

Shire of East Loddon.

Annual Elections 1910.

North Riding.

No Nomination was received for the vacancy in the Council for this Riding.

J. I. Reagh

Returning Officer.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

August 24th 1910

South Riding.

William Bissett Esq of Yarrayne Park having been the only Candidate nominated to fill the vacancy in this Riding I do hereby declare him to be duly elected a Councillor of the Shire for the South Riding.

B. Ettershank

Returning Officer.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

August 24th 1910.

East Riding.

Edward A.J. Carey Esq, of Tandarra having been the only Candidate nominated to fill the vacancy in this Riding I do hereby declare him to be duly elected a Councillor of the Shire for the East Riding.

S. A. McCrea

Returning Officer.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

August 24th 1910.

Shire of East Loddon.North Riding.Extraordinary Vacancy.

David William Coutts of "Ellerslie", Grazier, having been the only Candidate nominated to fill the vacancy caused by his retirement by effluxion of time I Do hereby declare him to be duly elected a Councillor of this Shire for the North Riding.

J. J. Keogh

Returning Officer.

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

September 5th 1910.

Declarations.

I, the undersigned David William Coutts 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.

David W. Coutts

Declared at Serpentine this

21st day of September 1910

Before me,

W. Bissett
Councillor.

I, the undersigned William Bissett 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

21st day of September 1910

Before me,

W. Bissett
Councillor.

Declaration.

I, the undersigned Edward Alfred John Carey 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

21st day of September 1910

Before me,

E. A. J. Carey
S. C. McEwen
Councillor.

Declaration of 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 ratable 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.

Declared at Serpentine
in the State of Victoria
this 21st day of September 1910

Before me,

Chas. E. Albrecht
W. Bissett
A Justice of the Peace in & for
the Midland Bailiwick of the State
of Victoria.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

September 21st 1910.

Ordinary & Special Meetings held this day.

Present Crs Mahoney, McCrea, Keogh, Coulter, Bissett, Coutts, Carey
 Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That Cr Mahoney take the Chair pro tem. Carried.

The Secretary read the result of the Annual Elections & that there had been an extraordinary vacancy which had been filled by the election of Cr Coutts. Also that the Returns had been signed & that the newly elected Councillors had all made their declarations. They were introduced by Cr Mahoney & took their seats at the table.
 Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the President's allowance for the ensuing year be £63. 3.-. Carried.

Moved by Cr Keogh 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That Cr Mahoney be re-elected President for the ensuing year. Carried unanimously.

The President was conducted to the Chair & returned thanks.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That the whole Council be appointed a Finance & Tenders' Committee any three to form a quorum. Carried.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the same be confirmed. Carried.

Correspondence. I. From the Under Secretary that 19th October had been proclaimed a holiday in the North Riding & Mitiamo on account of the Pyramid Hill Show. Received.

2. From the Public Works Department that £157. 5.6 rents of Unused Roads had had been made available for Roads & Bridges. Recd.

3. From the same through Mr Langdon that the application for a Special Grant of £500 for repair of the Dingee Road will be considered when the Vote is being allocated. Received.

4. From the Lands Department asking if there is any objection to the licensing as a garden site part of the Reserve at Hayanmi.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That no objection be offered. Carried.

I.

Corr.contd. 5. From the Victorian Railways with plans of part of the Eagle-hawk to Kerang line shewing bridge provision at Myer's Creek.

6. From the Public Health Department ^{Received with thanks} that 3 of the samples sent had been credited to 1909 & the Board's Order is deemed to have been complied with. Received.

7. From the same that the samples sent have been forwarded to the Government Analyst to whom they should have been sent direct. Received.

8. From the Chemist for Agriculture with result of analysis. Recd.

9. From the Town Clerk Melbourne, asking the opinion of the Council on the Education Bill.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That this Council concurs in the views of the City Council. Carried.

10. From the Municipal Association with Day-Paper of the Annual Session on 19th & 20th October. Received.

11. From C.H. Meaden soliciting order for a copy of Local Govt. Law & Practice. Received.

12. From the Public Health Department with statistics of notifiable diseases &c. Received.

13. From the Public Works Department that the £63 for Flood Damage had been passed for payment but that the Special Grant of £75 could not be paid until re-voted by Parliament. Received.

14. From Hon. T. Langdon with copy of the Building Regulations & Traction Engines Bill. Received.

15. From Hon. R. H. S. Abbott with copy of the Electoral Bill.
 Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That this Council ask Mr Abbott to oppose the alteration. Carried.

16. From the Shire of Huntley asking co-operation in doing some gravelling on a boundary road at Kamarooka Methodist Church. To stand over.

17. From the Bendigo Agricultural Society asking for the proclamation of Public Holidays on 12th & 13th Oct, their Show days.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the request be complied with & application made. Carried.

18. From the A.N.A. Society the like for this day.

The Secretary reported that he had referred the matter to the President who did not think it could be complied with as there

2.

Corr.contd. were too many holidays.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the President's action be approved. Carried.

19. From the Echuca & Northern Districts Railway League with their scheme & proposals.

Moved by Cr Keogh 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Circular be received. Carried.

20. From the Shire of Towong asking consideration of the Registration of Brands Bill.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That co-operation be granted. Carried.

21. From the Society for the Protection of Animals for subscription. Received.

22. From the Children's Hospital the like. To be considered at Charity Vote.

23. From Hon.T.Langdon that he would present the application for Special Grant re Dingee Road & will try to be present at this meeting. Received with thanks.

24. From the Shire of Rochester in explanation as to the Mitiamo Tramway & that their Council would co-operate in the last named application for Special Grant. To stand over.

25. From C.A.Mancer returning his Contract No.I32 as he cannot get it finished in time & asking for the return of his deposit. To stand over.

26. From the Mines Department offering to sell slack coal. Received. Adjourned till 2 P.M.

2 P.M. Business resumed the same Crs present. Moved into Committee to open tenders & deal with Finance.

On resuming the Tenders Committee reported that they had opened the tenders & made the following recommendations:-

Contract No.I32.	J.Kett	£99. 5.10
" No.I46	W.B.Hamilton, too high, fresh tenders.	
" No.I47.	J.Kett	£375. 2.-
" No.I48.	C.T.Piercey	28. 6.6
" No.I49.	C.Dixon	24.13.-
" No.I50.	Fred Murray.	32.13.-

All the above except No.I46 to be accepted.

Moved by Cr Keogh 2nd by the President:-

That the report be received & adopted. Carried.

The Finance Committee reported that they had examined Accounts amounting to £263.10.10 & recommending their passing.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

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

Corr.contd. 27. From Mr G.T.Brown, Assistant Secretary to the Mitiamo Bazaar Committee asking for subscription towards reducing the debt of the Hall.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That £5 be subscribed to the Library at Mitiamo. Carried.

28. From A.E.Wallis complaining of the incessant flooding of his land at Tandarra by the banks along allotments &c & asking for relief. To stand over.

29. From H.Casey that he will commence forwarding ravel to his Dingee Contract on 8th Inst. Received.

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts £135. -.8. Payments £167.7.5.-Cr balance £343.16.9. Received.

Rate-Collector. Rates Current £60. I.-:-Rates arrears £1.13.3 Interest £3. 4.9.-Dog fees £2.10.- Received.

Inspector of Nuisances Brown. As to alleged damage to fence at Dingee dam & water-ing stock in the dam he would make enquiries & if he find sufficient evidence will take proceedings.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Report be received & approved. Carried.

Inspector of Nuisances Johnson.

That licensed slaughter yards are in a satisfactory state:-That he had cautioned parties interfering with trees on the roads:-that both Ridings are in a clean condition. Received.

Dairy Inspector O'Neill.

That in consequence of sickness in family he had been unable to leave home, but would finish the registration shortly. Received.

Secretary & Engineer. Report read:-

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the same be received. Carried.

Clause I. On progress of works. Received.

2. The bridge at Dingee Store has been widened but there is too much water to alter the stone-crossing at Harney's. Received.

Secy. & Engr's Clause 3. That he had inspected the Dingee Road but thought it Report contind.

will require to be metalled.

Received.

4. He had surveyed for formations at Richard's & Abbott's & worked up the plans of the Serpentine bridge, Hardy's road. Approved.

5. He had drawn the statement of rate. Approved.

6. That he had been unable to get the £75 special grant paid this year but suggesting that the question of such payments be referred to the President when attending the Annual Session of the Municipal Association.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That Notice of Motion on the subject be sent to the Association. Carried.

7. Drawing attention to the position of Donald Clark, the Analyst.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Secretary write to Mr Clark on the subject. Carried.

8. That Mr E. Old reported trespass in the Dingee Dam which he had referred to Inspector Brown. Approved.

9. Financial position. Received.

10. That by correspondence he had succeeded in collecting about £75 of arrears of rates. The balance outstanding is only about £68. Approved.

Petition. presented by Cr Keogh from P. Gill & others asking for repair of roads at O'Neill's & Hardy's & between Doody's & Collins.

Moved by Cr Keogh 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

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

Petition presented by Cr Coulter from W. Harry & others for dealing with the Myer's Creek waters.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Petition be received & made an Order of the Day for next meeting. Carried.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Council obtain legal advice on their position. Carried.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That it be left in the hands of the President, the Members of the East Riding & the Engineer to draw up the case. Carried.

Report of Committee on Myer's Creek waters to stand over till next meeting.

Corr. I6. Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the work at Kamarooka be carried out. Carried.

Corr. 29. The Engineer explained that there was an error in the lead specified for getting the loam.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That Contract No. I32 be cancelled but the deposit returned. Carried.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the salaries of the Inspectors of Nuisances be increased to £5 per annum each as from 1st October next. Carried.

SPECIAL MEETING TO STRIKE RATE.

The Secretary presented the Statement of the Rate which was duly examined.

Moved by Cr Keogh 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That this Council do now adopt & confirm the estimate for the year 1910-11 shewing as detailed therein that the sum of £3343.10.2 is required for the several items of expenditure detailed therein & that the sum of £1558.14.2 is available but the sum of £1784.16.- is further required. Carried.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That to raise the sum required viz:-£1784.16.- this Council Do make & levy a rate of 12d in the £. upon the net annual value of the ratable property within the Shire of East Loddon for the period commencing 1st Oct. 1910 & ending 30th Sept. 1911 & that Henry Trasie, the Rate-Collector, be authorized to demand & collect the same. Carried.

Notice of Motion by *President*

That the Rate this day struck be confirmed.

And the meeting was adjourned.

Confirmed this 26 day of October 1910.

George Mahony President

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

October 19th 1910.

There being no Councillors present at the meeting to have been held this day, I do adjourn the same to Wednesday 26th Inst at 11 A.M.

Chas E. Aldrich
Shire Secretary.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

October 26th 1910.

Adjourned Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President, (Cr Mahoney), & Crs Keogh, Coulter, Shaw,
Bissett, Carey, McCrea.

The Secretary drew attention to the sudden death of Mr George Mossop who had been accidentally killed on the railway at Dingee. The President made feeling remarks about the deceased & moved:-

That a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs Mossop & family
Carried.

The Minutes of the last meeting & its adjournment were read:-
Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the same be confirmed. Carried.

Correspondence. I. From the Public Works Department notifying the appointment of Mr A.G. McDonald as Auditor & fixing the fees. Received.

2: From the Under Secretary that 12th & 13th October had been proclaimed a public holidays for Bendigo Show. Received.

3. From Hon. T. Langdon with Day-Paper shewing his proposed question on the Bridgewater to Durham-Ox Railway. Received.

4. From Hon. R.H.S. Abbott as to Bills before the House. Already dealt with. The Secretary had replied. Received.

5. From Hon. T. Langdon with Factories & Shops Bills. Received.

6. From the same with Branding of Stock Bill. Received.

7. From a Public Meeting at Shepparton proposing a Referendum on the question of the Capital Site.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That co-operation be granted. Carried unanimously.

8. From the Shire of Rochester asking co-operation in cleaning out the Railway Dam at Prairie & erecting pump & troughs thereat.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That co-operation be granted but suggest that a windmill, pump, tank & troughs be erected & application be made to the Railway Department for leave to do so. Carried.

In the same letter the Secretary stated that as to the Mitiamo Road he had nothing to add to previous correspondence his I.

Contd. Council deeming it advisable to allow the formation to consolidate before metalling. To stand over for tenders.

9. From the Railway Department that they have opened accounts at Tandarra, Dingee, Prairie & Mitiamo for freight on metal for Shire Contractors. Approved. Received.

10. From Mr McDonald asking when the books will be ready for audit. Fixed for Monday next. Received.

11. From Mr Donald Clark in explanation & that he is quite willing to continue to act as Analyst to the Council. Received.

12. From the Board of Health acknowledging receipt of Report of Government Analyst on samples. Received.

13. From the Crown Law Offices acknowledging receipt of application for Potestatum Dedimus with fee for swearing in the President. Received.

14. From Cohen, Kirby & Woodward asking for signature & sealing of deeds relating to exchange of roads in Yarraberb.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Coulter: *McCrea:-*

That the documents be signed & sealed. Carried.

Deeds signed & sealed accordingly.

15. From the Public Works Department as to last accrued rents for Unused Roads. Secretary to ask for explanation.

16. From Mr Albrecht applying for use of the Shire Hall on 8th prox. free of charge on the occasion of Mr Hunter the Shire Treasurer leaving the district & with invitation to Councillors to the Social to be then held.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the request be granted & invitations accepted. Carried.

17. From Miss White asking for a subscription towards erecting a Sanatorium at Bendigo.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That £5 be granted. Carried.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

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

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts £166.19.1.- Payments £272. 8.4.- Cr. Balance £237.16.9. Received.

Rate Collector. Report 13. Rates current £8.16.-.- Arrears £5.13.-

Interest £1.10.3.-

Reports contd. Rate Collector. Report No. I.

Rates arrears. £18.15.--Interest on rates £1.5.11 Recd.

Dairy Inspector. That he had registered 32 dairies & collected fees amounting to £8.2.- & that he had found the dairies satisfactory. Received.

Cr Ettershank entered.

Secretary & Engineer. Report read:-

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the report be received.

Carried.

Clause I. On the progress of works. Received.

2. That he had had, by direction of Cr Coulter, many of the formations levelled up & that he will go over most of them between this & next meeting. Approved.

3. Asking opinion as to purchasing one or more of Old's graders. That his price with improvements was £7 each. That he was averse to providing any implements except pile-drivers but that it should be left to Contractors to use such implements as they think proper. He could however provide in future specifications that Contractors should use graders.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the matter be left in the hands of the Engineer with power to purchase a durable one for the East Riding. Carried.

4. That Messrs Hamilton, Kett & Crapper are pushing on with their Contracts & will finish shortly. Received.

5. That after the last meeting he had gone over Contract I46 with Mr Hamilton & he had agreed to accept the Contract at his former price £45.5.6 which was £10 lower than that at the September meeting. He thought the reduced tender should be accepted.

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

That Contract No. I46 be let to Mr Hamilton at £45.5.6. provided he carry it out as soon as he has finished the Contracts he has in hand. Carried.

6. That he had been over the whole of the Pine-Grove road Tramway & found that in the last Contract he had omitted a section which leaves more to complete than he expected. He surveyed the whole through & took upon himself to draw a Contract & advertise

for tenders in the hope that they would be accepted today. The amount to be let is only 30 chains but the Shire of Rochester decline to co-operate except as to the formation. Failing their doing so he would draw on the Closed Road Rents & any special grant allotted to the Council.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That unless the Shire of Rochester subscribe half tenders be not accepted. Carried.

7. That he had been over Contract I35 with the Contractor, Mr O'Halloran & settled the Contract on the terms set out.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the clause be approved.

Carried.

8. As to the office work. Received.

9. As to financial position. Received.

Report of President as to Annual Session of Municipal Association.

That the motion as to "Special Grants" was carried unanimously. On Noxious weeds. On loan for use of Councils.

That they were handsomely entertained.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That a vote of thanks be passed to the President for his attendance. Carried.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That the Rate struck at the last meeting be confirmed. Carried.

The Council then moved into Committee to open tenders & deal with finance. On resuming:-the Committee reported that the following were the lowest tenders:

Contract No. I51.	J. Kett	£132.14.8.
..	No. I52. W.G. Hamilton,	33. 5.-

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by the President:-

That the above tenders be accepted subject to the Shire of Rochester joining in Contract No. I51. Carried.

The Finance Committee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £400.17.2 & recommending their payment.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Carey:-

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

Instructions to Officers. By Cr Coulter to inspect & report on road to

Kamarooka from Aitken's corner.

Moved by Cr Keogh 2nd by the President:-

That the Secretary write to the State Rivers & ask for repair of culvert over channel between O'Sullivan's & Smith's

Carried.

By Cr McCrea to inspect road at Terricks West Home Station & consult Mr Johnson in relation thereto.

By Cr Ettershank that Secretary write to Mr E. Lyndon Smith for Return of cost of supplying water in the channel as per his former motion.

To enquire of the State Rivers as to what provision has been made for feeding channels crossing the Waranga Channel. Mr D.C. Laird's letter to Cr Bissett was read in connection with this.

By Cr McCrea. To inspect & report on the Prairie & Mitiamo Roads.

To apply to the Shire of Rochester to subscribe towards the repair of the Dingee Road East of the Railway.

By Cr Bissett to inspect & report on the Dingee Road East & West of the Bullock Creek.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Council buy a dray & harness & invite tenders for a man as laborer, finding a horse by February meeting.

Carried.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Secretary write to the Lands Department & propose to exchange the allotment of Mr R. Boyd for that on which his house stands to form a road from the bridge. Carried.

And the meeting closed.

Confirmed this 23rd November 1910

George Mahoney
President.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,
16th November 1910.

There being no Councillors present at the meeting to have been held this day I do adjourn the same to Wednesday 23rd November at 11 A.M.

Charles E. Bissett
Secretary.

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

November 23rd 1910.

Adjourned Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present, the President, (Cr Mahoney) & Crs. Coulter, Bissett, McCrea, Carey.

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

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence. 1. From Hon. T. Langdon with copy of Municipal Endowment Bill. Received.

2. From the Education Department that enquiry is being made as to the cost of removing the Pompapial School to the new site but that the transfer of the site has not yet been completed. Recd.

3. From the State Rivers Commission through Mr Tisdell, the acting executive Engineer, that with regard to the channels in the Shire they will be interfered with as little as possible. Received.

4. From the same through Mr E. Lyndon Smith, District Secretary, that the culvert referred to is being repaired & expressing regret that delay has occurred. That the expenditure on the channels since 1st January has been £42.5.3 but that the cleaning out of the Bridgewater Channel is approaching completion & costing £400. When this is done they will undertake the improvement of some of the other channels. Received.

5. From the same asking if there is any objection to the sale to Mrs E.L. Weeks of 2½ acres at Bear's Lagoon.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That there is no objection.

Carried.

6. From the Public Works Department through Mr Langdon, that the allocation of the Road Vote cannot be made until the Estimates have been passed by Parliament. Received.

7. From the President with instructions to adjourn the ordinary meeting for a week. Approved.

8. From the Victorian Railways that the application for drainage at Mitiamo has been referred for report. Received.

9. From Hon. R.H.S. Abbott with copy of the Education Bill which

I.

has been passed by the Assembly & with Notes thereon. Received.

10. From the Public Works Department that in the notification of the rents for Unused Roads, "Alberton Shire" should read "East Loddon". Received.
11. From the Victorian Railways re water-works at Prairie Railway Station they will write further later on. Received.
12. From the Chief Secretary's Office cautioning the Council against defective & inferior weighing machines being imported. Received.
13. From the Public Health Department with circular as to management of public buildings particularly as to overcrowding & prevention of accident by fire. Received.
14. From the same as to disinfection & disinfectants. Received.
15. From the Government Statist as to Municipal Returns. To be supplied.
16. From Chief Commissioner Tait with Report on the working of the Railways during his 7 years' term of office. Received.
17. From the Wonthaggi Progress Association as to supplying screened coal to the public. Received.
18. From the City of Bendigo with subscription list for Sanatorium in Bendigo. Received.
19. From the Shire of Marong with cheque for £13/4 for boundary work. Received with thanks.
20. From the Victorian Decentralization League with booklet of platform. To stand over.
21. From the Shire of Huntley that the joint work asked for at Kamarrucka Wesleyan Church will cost £58. Received.
22. From the Municipal Association on the Education Bill. Received.
23. From the same opposing the Northern District Municipal Association.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Council strongly support the present Association. Carried.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

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

- Corr. contd. 24. From the same that the resolution of the Council as to placing Special Grants to a "Suspense Account" was adopted with the addition of the words, "for 2 years". Received.

2.

Corr. Contd. 25. From Messrs Cohen, Kirby & Woodward with amended copy of Order re road through Yarraberr & asking for their fresh signature. Fresh copies to be signed.

26. From the Hon. W.L. Baillieu that the resolution re "Capital Site" will have his attention. Received.
27. From Mr William Thomas on the question of the Myers' Creek Waters. To stand over.
28. From Mr John Hardiman complaining of the state of the 3 chain road between Keely's & Phillips' & asking for half a mile of formation thereon. To stand over for the February meeting.
29. From Mr Fred Murray in explanation of his a/c. Received.
30. From J. Crapper complaining of the Engineer's measurement of his clearing Contract No. 144. Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Coutts:-
That Mr Crapper be paid for 80 chains. Carried.
31. From J.H. Brown, Authorized Surveyor enquiring as to design for subdividing Hurstwood Estate. The Engineer asked the opinion of the Council as to road provision & it was decided to let the present roads remain as they are.
32. From the State Rivers with Annual Report. Received.

Reports. Treasurer, Receipts £2.13.8:- Expenditure £400.17.2:- Net overdraft £160.12.9. Received.
Dairy Inspector that he had registered 18 dairies & collected £3.11.6 in fees. The dairies were satisfactory. Received.

Weigher, Dingee, E. Old that he had collected 3/10. Received.

Secretary & Engineer's Report read:-

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Report be received. Carried.

Clause I. On progress of Contracts. Received.

2. That Contract No. 124 was let to Crapper after the flood last year but only £10 had been paid on it. Recommending that the Contract be cancelled & deposit £1 returned.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That Contract 124 be cancelled & the deposit returned. Carried.

3. On inspections made during last week. Approved.

4. Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

3.

Corr.Contd. 25. From Messrs Cohen, Kirby & Woodward with amended copy of Order re road through Yarraberb & asking for their fresh signature. Fresh copies to be signed.

26. From the Hon. W. L. Baillieu that the resolution re "Capital Site" will have his attention. Received.

27. From Mr William Thomas on the question of the Myers' Creek Waters. To stand over.

28. From Mr John Hardiman complaining of the state of the 3 chain road between Keely's & Phillips' & asking for half a mile of formation thereon. To stand over for the February meeting.

29. From Mr Fred. Murray in explanation of his a/c. Received.

30. From J. Crapper complaining of the Engineer's measurement of his clearing Contract No. 144.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That Mr Crapper be paid for 80 chains. Carried.

31. From J. H. Brown, Authorized Surveyor enquiring as to design for subdividing Hurstwood Estate. The Engineer asked the opinion of the Council as to road provision & it was decided to let the present roads remain as they are.

32. From the State Rivers with Annual Report. Received.

Reports. Treasurer, Receipts £2.13.8:- Expenditure £400.17.2:- Net overdraft £160.12.9. Received.

Dairy Inspector that he had registered 18 dairies & collected £3.11.6 in fees. The dairies were satisfactory. Received.

Weightman, Dingee, V. Old that he had collected 3/10. Received.

Secretary & Engineer's Report read:-

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Report be received. Carried.

Clause I. On progress of Contracts. Received.

2. That Contract No. 124 was let to Crapper after the flood last year but only £10 had been paid on it. Recommending that the Contract be cancelled & deposit £1 returned.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That Contract 124 be cancelled & the deposit returned. Carried.

3. On inspections made during last week. Approved.

4. Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

3.

That no action be taken at present. Carried.

4. That no information is obtainable as to Special Grants. Received.

5. That in company with Mr Harney he had put the level on the Stone crossing at his place & found it only from 48" to 3" above grass level & Mr Harney was satisfied to leave it as it is but asked for an extension of the formation about 3 chains to the East. Approved but extension to stand over.

That Mr Burns asks for the extension by half of the long crossing near his place.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the matter stand in abeyance. Carried.

7. He had surveyed for the water-works at Prairie but was waiting replies from the Railway Department & the Shire of Rochester.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Department be urged to hasten the matter. Carried.

8. At Miller's dam he had found a camp & recommending the repair of fence, providing a trough & erecting a notice board.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the works be done & similar board be erected at Hyatt's Dam. Carried.

9. Suggesting that finger boards be erected at all leading off points of roads.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Engineer be empowered to erect half a dozen. Carried.

10. That it would be premature to deal with Old's grader at present. Approved.

11. Financial position. Received.

Myers Creek Waters. The Secretary laid on the table the Petition Statent of Case, & Counsel's opinion which were read:-

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Petition be sent to the Railway Department & they be asked to carry out the works asked for & setting out that this Council are removing 2 bridges & putting in 2 stone-crossings. Carried.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That tenders be called for the works by February meeting. Carried.

4.

The Council then moved into Committee to deal with Finance.
On resuming the Finance Committee reported having examined accounts amounting to ££407.13.10 & recommending their payment.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

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

Petition. presented by Cr Coulter from T.S.Old stating that he had been threatened with proceedings by Inspector Brown for allowing carts & waggons to stand on the street in front of his smithy at Dingee & asking leave to occupy 12'0" of the road by 14 chains After deliberation, it was moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That Inspector Brown be requested to take no proceedings until further instructed. Carried.

Thistle
Burr Inspector. The Secretary reported that Cr Bissett had requested him to appoint a Da Thistle Inspector & he had appointed Mr John O'Neill on the usual terms & he had started serving notices.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the action of Cr Bissett be confirmed & Mr O'Neill appointed Thistle Inspector & that the destruction of Bathurst Burr, Star thistle & Stinkwork be enforced. Carried.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Engineer inspect a formation on the 2 chain road South of the Tandarra road & report by next meeting. Carried.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Secretary laid on the table the Statement of Accounts & Balance Sheets which had been audited, the Auditor's Report & his own Report. These having been examined:-

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

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

Sheet signed accordingly.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Engineer, at each meeting submit a list of extras
5.

on Contracts.

Carried.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the President be authorized to initial corrections in the Rate-Book. Carried.

Annual Meeting closed.

Ordinary business resumed.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by the President:-

That the Victorian Decentralization League receive the heartiest support of the Council & that the sum of £2.2.- be voted towards expenses. Carried.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the usual holiday be granted to the Secretary & a bonus of £10. Carried unanimously.

The Secretary returned thanks.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by the President:-

That the December meeting be allowed to lapse instead of that of January as hitherto. Carried unanimously.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That Crs Bissett, Shaw, Coutts, Ettershank & Keogh be appointed a Committee to deal with accounts at the December meeting any 3 to form a quorum. Carried.

Notice of Motion by Cr McCrea:- That tenders be called by the January meeting

for forming & gravelling one mile of road the Prairie Road West of the Railway.

And the meeting closed.

*Confirmed
George Ahoney
President*

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

December 21st 1910.

Committee Meeting held this day the Ordinary Meeting by arrangement being allowed to lapse.

Present Cr Bissett (in the Chair), & Crs Ettershank & Coutts:-

Correspondence, special, read.

- I. From Mr J.H. Brown, Authorized Surveyor, at present cutting up the Hurstwood Estate for Closer Settlement, asking permission to abolish certain roads in the parish of Jarklan. Councillors went carefully into the matter & ultimately:-

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Council are willing to allow the roads between allotments 184-188 & 185-187 & between allotments 160-155 & 141A-134A to be abolished & any variations of the sites of roads as suggested by Mr Brown to be approved. Carried.

2. From the Surveyor General to the same effect & urging a speedy answer. Received.
3. From the Shire of Rochester re the Pine-Grove Tramway intimating that it had been resolved that the work be proceeded with as desired. Re water-supply at Prairie that they were prepared to contribute one third of the cost of wind-mill, pump, tank & troughs. Received with thanks.
4. From the Railway Commissioners that they will grant a lease of a site for the water-works at Prairie at a nominal rent on the understanding that the troughs are erected on the Shire road. Further that the tank is now full & contains about 180,000 gallons of water, & the question of cleaning it out can be considered towards the end of the summer. Received.
5. From C. Vogele for renewal of slaughtering licence. Granted.
6. From the Shire of Rochester that they will co-operate in the proposed works on the Dingee road provided that this Council succeed in getting the special grant of £500 applied for. Reced.
7. From the President reporting the breakage of the chain at the water-lifter at Calivil Dam & asking the Engineer to get a new one. To be attended to.

I.

The Finance Committee examined accounts amounting to £508.13.1 & recommended their payment.

No tenders were received for Contract No. 153, Prairie Waterworks:- Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the tenders when received be left in the hands of Crs Bissett & Ettershank & the Engineer to deal with.

Carried.

The Engineer stated that he was only waiting to know the amounts of special grants allotted to the Shire before commencing heavy surveys for the above mentioned roads & for tenders to be invited for next meeting.

The Secretary was empowered to purchase a new matting for the Shire Hall & the Committee meeting closed.

Confirmed this 19 day of January 1911.

George Gahmey
President.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

January 18th 1910.

There being no Councillors present at the Meeting to have been held this day, I do adjourn the same till tomorrow at 11 A.M.

Max. E. Albrecht
Secretary.

2.