

Shire Hall, Serpentine,
January 19th 1911.

Adjourned Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President, (Cr Mahoney), &

Crs Coulter, Carey, Bissett, Ettershank, McCrae, Keogh, Coutts.

The Minutes of the last meeting held in November, of the Committee Meeting in December & of the adjournment yesterday were read.

Moved by Cr McCrae 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That they be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence. I. From the President asking the Secretary to adjourn the meeting till today.

Approved.

2. From the Public Works Department notifying the allotment of £100 towards the repair of the Rochester & Dingee Road both Shires to expend £100 additional.

Received.

3. From Hon. T. Langdon to the like effect.

Received.

4. From the Public Works Department notifying special grants of £50 towards the Serpentine Creek bridge & £50 for roads leading to Railway Stations, the Council to expend £100 additional. Recd.

5. From the same notifying re-vote of £75 for Mitiamo Road. Recd.

6. From Hon. T. Langdon to the same effect.

Received.

7. From the Public Works Department notifying re-vote of £150 for bridge at Turner's Crossing.

8. From Hon. T. Langdon that the sum had been re-voted for the construction & maintenance of road & other works.

The Secretary explained that he had applied on the last occasion to have this grant thrown over in favor of general road works as it was impossible to carry out the bridge but this had been refused. There had been no application for the re-vote for the bridge & he had written to both Mr Drake & Mr Langdon in explanation & was awaiting a reply. Secretary's action approved.

9. From the Public Works Department requesting that the suggestions of the Auditor be strictly observed.

Received.

10. From the Superintendent of Police Bendigo in reply to enquiry of the Secretary at the request of Cr Bissett that Constable Johnson had not been away on leave but on business. That he

would return to Serpentine that night & that there was a severe strain on the force at holiday time.

Received.

11. From the State Rivers & Water Supply per Mr E. L. Smith that the Bridgewater channel would be cleaned out in about a week when the water would be sent down the Yarrayne Channel.

Received.

12. From the same per Mr H. P. Tisdall that they would make the requisite crossings as soon as the other work is done & provide suitable crossings as may be necessary.

Received.

13. From the Closer Settlement Board that as they do not obtain possession of Hurstwood Estate till 1st March, they cannot grant permission to take loam.

Received.

The Secretary explained & read the correspondence he had carried on.

14. From the same that it will raise no objection if Mr B. Hall does not. Secretary to wire, reply paid, to Mr Hall.

15. From the Secretary for Railways that they have referred the question of the Myers' Creek waters for report the result of which will be communicated.

Received.

16. From the Surveyor General with thanks for the prompt action of the Council in connection with the roads through Hurstwood Estate.

Received.

17. From the Shire of Deakin asking co-operation in opposing the Land Tax Bill.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the letter be received.

Carried.

18. From the Shire of Rochester to the like effect.

Recd.

19. From the Municipal Association with copy of the Scaffolding Inspection Bill & their views thereon.

Received.

20. From the same with copies of report of the Annual Session. Recd.

21. From the same on the subject of the Prevention of Fires. To stand over till next meeting.

22. From the Shire of Gordon asking this Council to undertake some formation on the boundary road at Chris. Bill's & they will bear half the cost.

The Engineer explained that this application had been made by the Shire of Gordon last year & this Council had agreed to co-

operate but the work should be done by the Shire of Gordon as he had taken charge of all the works at Mitiamo. This had been decided on by the Shire of Gordon who would call for tenders by their next meeting.

Moved by Cr Keogh 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That co-operation be granted.

Carried.

23. From the Shire of Donald objecting to the Education Department fixing 9th November as a general school holiday & withdrawing the right of the Boards of Advice to deal with the matter.

Moved by Cr Carey, 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That co-operation be granted.

Carried.

24. Withdrawn for the present.

25. From Miss White with thanks for donation to the Bendigo Sanatorium for Consumptives.

Received.

26. From a Vigilance Committee at Barnawatha asking co-operation in eradicating rabbits & for a donation.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That £2.2.- be granted.

Carried.

27. From Dr Deravin of Inglewood reporting case of Measles in Calivil

Received.

28. From the Shire of Gordon with Balance Sheet.

Received.

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts. -£170.13.8:- Expenditure £928.6.10
Overdraft, £922.6.11.

Received.

Rate-Collector. Rates current £142.19.-, Arrears 12/-
Interest 8d.

Received.

Dairy Inspector that he had registered 90 dairies, 836 cows & collected £19 in fees.

Received.

Inspector Brown that he had not succeeded in making out a case against the trespassers in Dingee Dam. Reod.

Inspector Brown that in the matter of the encroachment on the road at Dingee by T.S. Old the question was one for the Police & not the Shire. The Secretary reported that he had written Mr Old who had removed his carts from off the road. Secretary's action approved.

Inspector Brown with return of live stock slaughtered during the year.

Received.

Ernest Old, Weigher at Dingee that since last report he

had weighed 966 loads comprising 30,303 bags of wheat & collected fees amounting to £21. 5.10 & that the bridge was working well.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

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

Reports contd. Thistle Inspector O'Neill. That he had finished serving

notices some time ago. That he had difficulty in getting the thistles cut owing to harvesting operations but farmers had promised to cut them. The reserves had been satisfactorily cut. That Bathurst Burr is starting to come through but are too young to do anything with at present. The Shire is very free from Stink-wort.

Considerable discussion ensued &

It was moved by the President 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Council are not satisfied with the action of the Inspector & expect that he make a personal inspection of the affected areas & report by next meeting. Carried.

Secretary & Engineer's Report read:-

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr McCrae:-

That the Report be received.

Carried.

Clause I. On the progress of works.

Received.

2. Progress of other Contracts.

Received.

3. On progress of Serpentine Creek bridge.

Received.

4. On letting Contract No. 153 to the Golden City Implement Co of Bendigo at £74.

Moved by Cr McCrae 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the action of Crs in letting this Contract be approved & confirmed.

Carried.

5. That in consultation with Mr ^{Concoran} ~~Cochrane~~ of the State Rivers Commission he had decided that the bridge over the Waranga Channel on the Dingee Road should go in in the centre of such road.

Approved.

6. That he had surveyed 100 chains of the Prairie Road & recommending that it be gravelled for a width of 12'0"

To stand over for opening tenders.

7. That he had surveyed for formations at O'Neill's & Doody's & invited tenders for today.

Approved.

8. That a special grant of £100 had been allotted for the Dingee Road & proposing to draw a Contract for £300 the Shire of Rochester subscribing £100.

Approved.

9. That he would give attention to the Tandarra Road.

Approved.

10. That all Contracts but 7 have been completed.

Approved.

11. Financial position.

Received.

12. That he proposed going on holiday on Monday next. Hospital Fete

takes place on 22nd Feby & asking that the next meeting be fixed for Friday, 24th.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the clause be approved. *Carried.*

Moved by Cr McCrae 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That tenders be called for forming & gravelling one mile of the Prairie Road. *Carried.*

Moved into Com mittee. to open tenders & deal with Finance.

~~On resuming:-~~

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr McCrae:-

That Mr Hamilton's tender for Contract No. I54 be accepted the gravel to be 10 feet wide & the price £458. 6.8.

and his tender for Contract No. I55 be also accepted at £46. 2.7. *Carried.*

There being only one tender for purchase of part of the old timber in the Serpentine Creek bridge it was decided to invite freash tenders in a fortnight.

On resuming it was moved by Cr McCrae 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Report of the Committee be adopted. *Carried.*

16/11 The Finance Committee reported having examined accounts amounting to £172. 18. 10 & recommending their payment.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Report of the Committee be received & adopted. *Carried.*

Instructions to officers. By Cr Ettershank that a culvert between Hester's & Shaw's be repaired.

By Cr Coulter that about 25 chains of formation be constructed on the first road N. of Dingee running East.

16/11 By the President that it be left in the hands of ^{Cr McCrae} ~~the President~~ to get bridges on the Mitiamo Road repaired

Charity Vote. Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Votes as per schedule amounting to £45. 4.- be passed. *Carried.*

Notice of Motion by Cr Coutts that tenders be called for formations on E & W road N of allotment 50 Jarklan & across the "aywood Road."

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And the meeting closed.

Confirmed this 1st March 1911.

George Yalony President.

Shire Hall, Serpentine, Feby 15th 1911.

Th- I, being the only Councillor present at the meeting to have been held this day, do adjourn the same till Wednesday, 22nd Inst at 11 A.M.

W. Binett
Councillor.

Shire Hall, Serpentine, Feby 22nd 1911.

I, being the only Councillor present at the meeting to have been held this day, do adjourn the same till Wednesday 1st March 1911 at 11 A.M.

W. Binett
Councillor.

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

March 1st 1911.

Adjourned Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

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

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

Moved by Cr McCrae 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence.

1. From the Treasury with Claim for Endowment £550. Signed & sealed.
2. From the Serpentine Hospital Fete Committee asking for the proclamation of a holiday on 22nd February. Application made. Approved.
3. From Under Secretary with notification that application is granted. Received.
4. From Cr Bissett asking for postponement of meeting till 1st March. Approved.
5. From the Public Works Department that the re-vote of £150 for Turner's Crossing Bridge can only be expended on the bridge for which it was originally voted. Received.
6. From the State Rivers & W.S. in connection with the Pound site at Munica taken for the Waranga Channel the Lands Department cannot legally reserve Crown Lands for such a purpose but will consider an application for permissive occupancy of a new site as shewn in sketch accompanying. Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-
That permissive occupancy be applied for. Carried.
7. From the same for names & valuations of properties through which the channel passes. To be supplied.
8. From the same asking if the Council have any objection to the application of Mrs Sarah Bunning to purchase an acre & portion of road in the parish of Yallock. To stand over.
9. From the Municipal Association with copy of the Fences & sundry other Acts. Received.
10. From Mr P.O'Neill of Mitiamo complaining of a nuisance. I.

Moved by Cr McCrae 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the letter be referred to the Inspector of Nuisances with instructions to act. Carried.

- II. From Constable Brown in reply to enquiry by the Engineer, that it would be better to send house-holders having no crossings over the recently made channels at Mitiamo a caution under the L.G. Act.

Moved by Cr McCrae 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Engineer send the Notices. Carried.

- I2. From the same asking the Council by their Contractor, to put in a crossing at the Police Station at a cost to the Police Department of not more than £2. Received.
- I3. From Francis Doody asking for extension of a culvert near his property. Engineer to inspect & report.
- I4. From B.L. Hall that he will expect compensation for any loam taken from Hurstwood Estate. Also that the Contractor must keep to one place & not break the fence. Received.
- I5. From the Secretary of St Patrick's Sports, Pyramid Hill asking for the proclamation of a holiday on 15th March. Moved by Cr Keogh 2nd by the President:-
That application be made for a holiday for the Northern portion of the Parish of Calivil & the township of Mitiamo. Carried.
- I6. From the Shire of Rochester that they will contribute £50 towards the cost of repairing the Dingee Road. Reced with thanks.
- I7. From the Assistant Engineer of the Public Works Department inviting the Shire Engineer to a conference on the question of putting a bridge over the Loddon opposite Hurstwood Estate for the Closer Settlement Board.
- I8. From the same that he only proposes to confer as to site & probable cost & he expects the Board will have proposals to lay before the Council later on. Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-
That the letters be received. Carried.
- I9. From Cr McCrae as to the consequences of the recent flood in the neighborhood of Mitiamo & that he thinks the damage will be

almost as great as in 1909. He had closed the road leading to old Mitiamo & arranged with Mr Kett to make urgent repairs.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That Cr McCrae's action be approved. Carried.

20. From the C.M. British Numismatic Society asking for any medals issued by the Council as he is compiling a historical catalogue.

Secretary to look them up & forward.

21. From the Chief Inspector, Vermin Destruction with proposals for destroying rabbits. Received.
22. From the Shire of Tambo on the same subject. Received.
23. From the Shire of Lilydale with proposals as to valuations of unimproved lands & that special valuations made by the Government be placed at the disposal of Municipal Councils. Received.
24. From Inspector Brown that Council works at Mitiamo are being interfered with without authority. Received.
25. From John Dobbie withdrawing his tender for the old timber taken out of the Serpentine creek bridge, Hardy's Road & asking for the return of his deposit. Received, - deposit to be returned.
26. From E. Devine the like. Received, deposit to be returned.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

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

Corr. 8. Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr McCrae:-

That the matter stand over till next meeting for enquiry & report. Carried.

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts £414.11.5. - Payments £182.18.10. - Overdraft £690.14.4. Received.

Rate-Collector. Rates current £212. 3.6. - Arrears, £2.19.9. - Interest -.11.1. - Dogs -.10.-. Received.

Health Officer Dr Adams. that during the year 1910 the general conditions as to health have been satisfactory. There had been a slight outbreak of chicken pox & one of mumps. No outbreak of infectious disease. Mr Week's bake house was satisfactory. There were 3 births & 1 death registered. Received.

Thistle
Daisy - Inspector O'Neill that he had travelled the Shire through-out. There was a prolific growth of Bathurst Burr & star thistle which have all been dealt with which he had instructed the farmers to cut & they had promised to do so. There was a growth of Bathurst Burr along the Waranga channel & stink-wort but Mr Cochrane has promised as soon as the men return that they will be dealt with. Received.

Reports continued. R.J. Phillips, Clerk of Works that the flood waters are up

to the middle rail of Piccaninny Creek bridge at Mitiamo. The West approach is being damaged. The water is over the tramway on the Pine-Grove road & the formation on the West is being scoured. The culvert at McIntyre's wants cleaning out. Received.

Weigher, Dingee reporting a busy time. Since last report 13,964 bags of wheat had passed over the weigh-bridge & fees collected amounting to £14. 4. 10. Since the wheat season opened the figures are:- wheat weighed 48,267. Fees collected £35.10.8. The bridge is working well. He had put in 2 new planks. Received.

Inspector of Nuisances & Slaughter Yards, Johnson with return of stock slaughtered during the past year. That the yards are in a clean & sanitary state. Received.

Secretary & Engineer. Report read:-

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the same be received. Carried.

Clause I. That he had returned from leave on 23rd & with thanks. Recd.

2. On flood damage. The inspections he had made. Wash-outs on Hardy's Road which Hamilton was repairing. On the Six Mile he had thought fit to put in another stone crossing about 1 chain long West of Kelsh's Lagoon Bridge at a cost of about £20. & that he thought Cr Coutts would recommend it. Approved.
3. That he had received reports of damage to the Mitiamo Road & the approaches to the bridge over the Piccaninny Creek at old Mitiamo. That Cr McCrae had closed the Pine-Grove Road but he would visit & inspect shortly. Received.
4. On progress of Contracts. Received.
5. That Mr B.L. Hall opposed our getting any loam but he had stopped Hamilton's Contract until today when Mr Hall's occupancy will expire. & he would give Hamilton authority to enter having the consent of the Closer Settlement Board. Approved.
6. That at the last meeting there was only one tender for the old timber out of the Serpentine Creek bridge, that of Mr Dobbie for the sawn wood. Fresh tenders were ordered but none received. Since then Mr Devine has put in a tender but both tenderers have withdrawn. He, the Engineer, had used about 2,000 feet for sheeting stone crossings & suggesting that the balance might be left in his hands to deal with. Resolved that the Contractor be called 4.

upon to stack the timber in terms of his Contract & that the same be retained for Shire use.

7. That on the subject of the re-vote for Turner's Crossing bridge in company with the President he had interviewed the acting Minister for Public Works, Mr Tudor, who had allowed £75 of the grant to be applied to general road purposes & advising that application be made for the other half to be similarly applied. Suggesting that the amount be applied towards the Prairie Road Contract let at last meeting.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That a vote of thanks be passed to the President & Engineer for their persistence in getting the grant. Carried.

8. Enquiring as to date of next meeting. Decided to hold it on 15th.
9. On financial position. Received.

The Council then moved into Committee to deal with finance. On resuming:-the Committee reported having examined accounts amounting to £458. I.I & recommended their payment.

Moved by Cr McCrae 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

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

Cr Ettershank withdrew from the table.

Deputation. The President introduced a deputation consisting of Messrs E.C. Mossop & E.M.O'Neill who asked the Council to send a deputation to town to interview the Closer Settlement Board with a view to their taking over the remainder of the East Loddon Estate which was being rapidly taken up in large areas detrimental to the interests of the district. The deputies went into detail as to the superior character of the land for closer settlement.

Mr J.A. Stuart also spoke in support. The deputies then thanked the Council & withdrew.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That a deputation be sent to interview the Closer Settlement Board, the Hon. the Chief Secretary & the Minister for Lands. Carried.

Moved by Cr Keogh 2nd by Cr McCrae:-
5.

That Cr Bissett, & Messrs E.M.O'Neill & John Potter be appointed the Deputies. Carried.

The Secretary was requested to wire the Hon. Mr Langdon to arrange the appointment which he did.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr McCrae :-

That Cr Bissett be authorized to buy a dray & harness for use of the South Riding. Carried.

In the absence of Cr Coutts it was moved by the President 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That tenders be called for formation on E & W road North of allotment 50 parish of Jarklan & across the Raywood Road, also a small piece of formation near Mr Keogh's property. Carried.

Instructions to Officers.

By Cr Ettershank:-that the Engineer have about 15 chains of formation made in front of Messrs McGrath's.

By the President:-that the Engineer put in a 2'0" box culvert in lieu of a pipe culvert which is broken between James Mahoney's & J. Day's properties in Calivil.

By Cr Ettershank:-that the Engineer cut drains to take away the water at the gullies at the back of Mr Bailie's, late Dowsett, & the East Loddon P.R.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr McCrae:-

That the Secretary write the State Rivers to get the water removed from the Terricks Road. Carried.

By Cr Bissett:-That the Engineer survey & report on works required on the E & W road near Gittins'.

By Cr Carey:- To proceed with the works of removing the bridges & putting in stone-crossing on Terricks Road.

By Cr McCrae:- to inspect & report on the bridge at Mitiamo.

By Cr Carey:-to inspect & report on the extension of the Tandarra road from the gravel East to the Terricks road.

The meeting then adjourned.

Confirmed this 15th day of March 1911.

David W. B. 6.

President. Chairman

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

March 1st 1911.

After the conclusion of the general meeting the President & Crs
& Bissett
McCrae met in Committee when the following resolution was framed

"That this Council beg to express their heartfelt sympathy
with the stand the Agricultural Implement Makers have made
against the tyrannical & unreasonable demands of the Trades
Unions but deeply deplore the loss that must accrue to the
misguided workmen by such important & valuable works being
driven out of the State.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr McCrae & carried.

Referenda.

The Secretary was instructed to convene public meetings to con-
sider the Referenda & that the undermentioned gentlemen be
asked to preside at them.

Shire Hall, Serpentine, Wednesday 8th March at 8 P.M. Cr Bissett.
Four-Posts Hotel, Jarklan, Saturday 11th March at 3 P.M. Cr Coutts.

Dingee, Saturday 18th March at 3 P.M. Cr Carey.

Calivil Hall, Calivil, Friday 17th March at 8 P.M. President.

Mitiamo Hall, Mitiamo, Saturday 18th March at 3 P.M. Jas. Coutts Esq
And the Committee Meeting closed.

Confirmed 15th day of March 1911.

David W. Coutts Chairman

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

March 15th 1911.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present Crs Bissett, Shaw, Ettershank, Carey, Coutts, McCrae.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That Cr Coutts take the Chair, Carried.

The Minutes of the last meeting read:-

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the same be confirmed.

The President entered & took the Chair Cr Coutts resuming his seat

Correspondence. 1. From the Treasury with claim for £93 Licences Equivalent.
Signed & sealed.

3 8. From the Shire of Gordon declining to further extend the loan-
ing on the N & S road East of Mitiamo on account of want of
funds owing to flood damage. Received.

2. From Cr Coutts asking for formation N & S road at McCauley's
& repair of a wash-away.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by the President:-

That the Engineer inspect & survey. Carried.

4. From the Lunacy Reform League asking co-operation & with news -
paper extracts. After deliberation,

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr McCrae:-

That the letter be received. Carried.

5. From Messrs Smith & McEacharn, Solicitors to Mr B.L. Hall, asking
for a refund of rates for the period from 1st March.

To stand over till next meeting.

6. From the Homes of Hope Orphanages asking for subscription.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr McCrae:-

That the application be received. Carried.

7. From D. Kennedy & others asking for the blocking up of a bridge
on the Mitiamo Road near the township.

To stand over for Engineer's Report.

8. From William Doody asking for the insertion of a culvert in the
formation now going up at his place. Referred to the Engineer.

9. From Mr Joseph Hunter that he had sold his business & resign-
his office of Treasurer & recommending the appointment of Mr
William Francis Lovell, his successor, to that office.
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Corr.contd. Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That Mr Hunter's resignation be accepted & a vote of thanks passed to him for the able way in which he has carried out his duties during the last 22 years & his general courtesy to the public. Carried.

The appointment of a successor to stand over.

10. From the Under Secretary that the 15th, (this day), has been proclaimed a holiday in Calivil & the township of Mitiamo. Received.

11. From the Secretary for Railways that their Engineer will meet yours on Thursday to confer as to the Myers' Creek Waters.

The Engineer explained that he could not attend tomorrow but had offered to do so on Friday or Saturday. Ultimately the appointment was made for Monday at 1 P.M.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

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

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That Mr William Francis Lovell be appointed Treasurer to the Shire on the usual terms as from 1st April. Carried.

Reports.

Treasurer. Receipts £636.18.2:- Payments £457.19.1:- Dr balance £511.15.3. Received.

Rate-Collector. Rates current £79. 2.-:- Arrears £7. 4.-:- Interest 12/2 total £84.18.2. Received.

Inspector of Nuisances, Brown.

Re P.O'Neill's complaint that it is exaggerated & misleading. He had cautioned Mr McIntyre that he must kill on his licensed premises & under no circumstances on the town. There has been no killing there since. There have not been sufficient sheep killed at any time, to cause such a nuisance as represented. Received.

Inspector of Nuisances Brown. Setting out the interference by the residents of Mitiamo with Shire bridges & culverts & advising that authority be obtained in all cases before any Shire works be interfered with. Received.

Moved by Cr McCrae 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Inspector be instructed to take proceedings against any person so offending in future. Carried.

Health Officer, Dr Ridley. For the year 1910.

The health of the population has been good. No cases of notifiable infectious diseases have come under his notice.

The sanitary state of the division is satisfactory.

In Feb'y last year insanitary conditions at Prairie Railway Station had been reported. He had had them rectified. He had had occasion to draw the attention of

of the Inspector of Nuisances to a drain in the street at the rear of the Railway Hotel in Mitiamo. The new drain has removed a serious menace to health. The Head Teacher at Dingee S.S. had reported an outbreak of Mumps & that at Tandarra of Measles. He had advised accordingly in each case. Vital Statistics. Births 13.-deaths 3. Received.

Secretary & Engineer's Report read.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Report be received. Carried.

Clause I. That the rain had prevented field work but he had surveyed the formation asked for by Dr Atkinson East of the P.R. & would have it ready for tenders by next meeting. Approved.

2. The completion of the Serpentine Creek bridge on Hardy's Road & the waterworks at Ding Prairie. The trough was available on 20th Ult'o. He had allowed the Contractor to substitute a steel for a timber tank stand resulting in a reduction of £5 in the price. Approved.

3. That the Engineer to Railway Department proposes to meet him on the question of the Myers' Creek Waters tomorrow but he could not go till Thursday Friday or Saturday. Subsequently arranged for Monday.

Moved by President 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That Crs Shaw & Carey be requested to attend with the Engineer. Carried.

Cr Shaw stated that he could not attend on Monday but Cr Coulter would probably do so.

It having been hinted that the Contractors for the new bridge on Hardy's road had used old bolts the Engineer promised to examine the bridge.

4. That he had inspected the Echuca, Prairie, Pine Grove, old Mitiamo the Mitiamo road running West thence through Hayanmi & home. Received.

5. The Echuca road is practically good but some trees had been blown down at Miler's which he had instructed Cobb to clear off & also to fettle up the new bank at Lowe's. Approved.

6. That he had inspected the Prairie Road & instructed Hamilton to proceed with his Contract at once which would embrace bad pieces at ~~once~~ complained of & was doing so. Suggesting that the Railway Department be asked to put a culvert under the line at

Prairie in which case he would remove a culvert off the Terricks Road & put in a small stone-crossing.

Moved by Cr McCrae 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the clause be approved & the works carried out. Carrd.

7. Recommending that Mr Reidy, the Station Master at Prairie, be placed in charge of the Wind-Mill & Co to keep it oiled, at a salary of £2.12.- per annum.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr McCrae:-

That Mr Reidy be appointed on the terms suggested. Carrd.

8. He had engaged Mr J. Kett to repair certain wash-outs between Phillips' & Mitiamo on the Terricks Road. Approved.

9. The tramway on the Pine Grove road had been damaged but he had arranged with Mr Kett to repair it. Approved.

10. That the approaches to the bridge at old Mitiamo had been nearly washed away but he had arranged with Mr Kett to restore them. They would take about 200 cub.yds of earth but part would be chargeable to the Shire of Rochester. Approved.

11. He had examined into the complaints about the bridge on the Mitiamo Road near Mr McIntyre's & recommended that it be temporarily closed with planks that the public cannot remove & that the stone crossing on the West side of the road be widened to 66 feet it being at present 40 feet.

Moved by Cr McCrae 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the recommendation be approved & adopted. Carried.

12. That Mr Bookham asks permission to put up a horse rail in front of his hotel at the kerb. Permission granted.

13. That another stone-crossing further West on the Mitiamo road is in the wrong place & should be removed to the centre of the water course where there is a bridge. To stand over for the present.

14. There has been little damage to the Bullock Creek bridge & some at the Hayanmi school but these are being repaired. Approved.

15. That the meeting to have been held here on 8th re Referendum failed on account of the weather & asking instructions.

Meeting to be held on Saturday week, 25th.

Moved into Committee to deal with tenders & finance.

Tenders. On resuming business the Committee reported that for Contract I57 there were only 2 tenders that of Mr J. Kett without the pitchers being £70. 9.- the Engineer to use old timber from the bridges for kerbs if possible.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That Mr J. Kett's tender be accepted subject to adjustment of the kerb & on condition that the work be carried out at once. Carried.

Appointment of Maintenance Man. The Committee reported that there were 4 applicants & they had considered their merits & taken a ballot resulting in their recommending that Mr Robert Boyd be appointed at £3 per week in the terms of the specification but with one clause added.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That Mr R. Boyd be appointed at £3 per week as from 17th April & subject to the insertion of the above mentioned condition in the specification of duties. Carried.

The Committee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £159. 5.8 & recommending their passing.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

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

Corr. 8.-I.3.II. As to Mrs Bunning's application:-

Cr Carey reported & moved & was 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That this Council offer no objection. Carried.

Mr Ettershank complained that he had no statement of the areas of the East Loddon Estate for which Messrs Ettershank & Patterson were rated. The Secretary explained that he would be happy to go through the whole estate if Mr Ettershank would give him a little time in the office & this was arranged.

Instructions to Officers. By Cr Carey:-that the Engineer inspect a culvert West of Fred. Murray's Contract at Yallock.

The Engineer was instructed to apply to the State Rivers to make good formations at McGrath's allotments I29-I30 Pomapiel & at Martin's allotment I26 same parish.

Instructions to Officers.

By Cr Carey:-that the Engineer either repair or reconstruct
the culvert on the Tandarra Road at Jackman's.

And the Meeting closed.

Confirmed this 19th day of April 1911.

George H. Carey
President.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

April 19th 1911.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

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

The Minutes of the last meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Keogh 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence. 1. From the Treasury acknowledging advice of appointment
of Mr W.F. Lovell as Treasurer to the Shire vice Mr Joseph Hunter
resigned. Received.

2. From the Public Works Department notifying the termination of
leases by Mr H.C. Wilson in Yarraberb. Received.

3. From the same that at the conference re Turner's Crossing Special
Grant while the Minister agreed to allow this Shire's moiety to
be expended on roads it was not the intention to make the moiety
of the Shire of Marong available for expenditure by this Council
but they could apply for an additional grant of £75. The Secretary
explained that he had put in an application accordingly.
Received:-Secretary's action approved.

4. From the same acknowledging receipt of application for such
extra grant which had been scheduled for consideration. Received.

5. From the Closer Settlement Board re Hall's rates that the Board
is exempt from rates. To stand over.

6. From the Shire Solicitors with opinion on the subject.
To stand over.

7. From the Council of Leagues as to the proposed alterations in
the Federal Constitution respecting Corporations.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Council give their support.

Carried.

8. From the State Rivers & W.S. relative to the flooded conditions
of the Terricks Road that the Local Inspector has been instructed
to look into the matter & to take such action as may be necessary
to obviate inconvenience to the travelling public. Received.

9. From the Victorian Railways that the question of putting in a
culvert under the line at Prairie had been referred for report.
Received.

10. From the Public Health Department asking for Report for 1910 &
with instructions for the guidance of Health Officers. Reports
already supplied.

Corr.contd. 11. From the same as to Ice-Creams.

Received.

12. From the same for samples of "Foods".

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the necessary articles be purchased in Serpentine.
Carried.

13. From the Municipal Association as to the Referenda.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That this Council are thoroughly opposed to the alteration of the Constitution & will do their best to have the same defeated.
Carried.

14. From the same with invitation for Motions for the Annual Session.

The Secretary reported that he had been in correspondence with Mr Meaden on the subject of admitting excessive loads into the Shire at all as they were too destructive to the roads.

15. From the same in explanation & as to proposed amendments in the Local Government Act. Received, Secretary's action approved.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

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

Corr.contd. 17. From the Shire of Dandenong asking co-operation in facilitating the sale of small allotments on which rates are due.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That co-operation be granted.
Carried.

18. From Dutton Bros. asking for extension of formation near their place. Referred to Engineer.

19. From Mr W.W.Greene, Police Magistrate, apologising for inability to accept invitation to lunch this day but with warm thanks. Recd.

20. From the Victorian Shires' Rabbit Suppression Vigilance Committee with thanks for contribution & in explanation. Received.

21. From G.H.Burke asking for the clearing of 20 chains of road at his place.

Moved by Cr Keogh 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

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

22. From N.Tonkin that he is about to erect a store & grain-shed at Prairie & asking for the formation of the road in front.

23. From the Ballan Railway League asking for support in constructing a line from Guilford to Geelong. Received.

24. From the Shire of Powong & Jeetho protesting against the require-

Corr.contd. ments of the Minister for Public Works re grading of roads.
Received:-no action.

25. From the Hon.T.Langdon as to meetings re "Referenda". Received.

26. From Hon.R.H.S.Abbott, M.L.C with apologies for inability to attend.
Received.

27. From Hon.T.Langdon on the same subject that he will arrange to address meetings in the Shire.
Received.

28. From the Metcalfe Shire Engineer recommending a Road Grader. Recd.

29. Circular from the Federal Sheep Shearing Co. Received.

30. From Stephen Rigney asking for a crossing over the street channel in Dingee. Cr Carey also stated that Mr Hocking made a similar application to him. The Secretary explained the legal aspect but

that the Council had promised in such cases to pay half the cost & he was instructed so to advise Messrs Rigney & Hocking.

31. From P.O'Donohue protesting against putting a stone-crossing in Wilkinson's Swamp & asking for repair of road to Trimble's.

The Engineer stated that he had no idea of putting in such a crossing.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

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

32...From W.B.Dale in explanation as to clearing of roads required.
Engineer to enquire into matter

In Committee. Tenders opened, & the lowest recommended.

Finance Committee that they had examined accounts amounting to £448.5.- & recommending their payment.

Re Mr B.L.Hall's application for refund of rates. The Secretary laid before the Committee a Case for Opinion that he had drawn & submitted to the Shire Solicitors & their opinion to the effect that they had no power to refund rates & with form of reply.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Secretary reply in the terms of the letter. Carried.

General business resumed.

Moved by Cr Keogh 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the following tenders be accepted:-

Contract No. 156.	J.Kett, schedule of rates.
.. No. 158.	J.Kett, £192.15.1
.. No. 159.	R.Cobb, 41.17.6
.. No. 160.	J.Kett, 98.17.6
.. 162	R.Cobb, 33. 3.6
.. No. 163.	Doddy Bros, £17.15.-
.. No. 164. 17.17.9
	3. ..

Carried.

Finance. Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

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

Reports.

Treasurer. Receipts £1086.10.3:-payments £159. 9.8:-Cr balance £412.15.1:- Received.

Rate-Collector. Rates current £952. 3.8:-Arrears £4. 4.5:-

Interest £1. -.3:- Dog fees £31.--. Received.

Weigher Old, Dingee. That bridge was working satisfactorily:-That since last report 216 loads had passed over the bridge of which 203 were wheat totalling 6,550 bags. Fees collected £5.12.6 .Since the season commenced the fees amounted to £41. 3.2. Received.

Secretary & Engineer. Report read:-

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the same be received. Carried.

Clause I. Reporting large amount of clerical work owing to numerous transfers. That flood damage involves much extra work. Received.

2. That he had made a tour of inspection in Tandarra but was stopped by flood water. He had inspected for the gravelling on the Tandarra Road & the works on the Dingee Road & invited tenders for the same. Approved.

3. He had inspected & measured up all the works at Mitiamo which were now in a good condition & he would submit accounts to the Shire of Rochester. Approved.

4. That Mr Hamilton had nearly completed the works on Hardy's Road those on 6 Mile Road including the new stone crossing & sheeting of old ones. Also those at Hardy's & Doody's. At the latter another piece of formation is yet required & a fair sized bridge which he could put in at moderate cost. Approved but extension to stand over.

5. He had surveyed for formations at McGrath's & Oataway's but proposed to ask the State Rivers to make ^{those} ~~that~~ at the deviations before the winter sets in. Approved.

6. He had surveyed for the exchange of road at Boyd's & would put it through as soon as possible. Approved.

8. That Mr Tresise had made a splendid collection of rates amounting to £956. 8.1 & the overdraft of £511 had been changed to a credit balance of £412. This would be swamped by the day's pay sheet but he would put in Claims to the Department which would relieve the situation somewhat. The nature of the present works was expensive & almost beyond the income. Approved.

7. He had been in communication with Mr Meaden of the Municipal

Secy & Engr's Report contd. Association with the view to tabling a motion as to forbidding the entrance of excessive roads into the Shire & asking the support of the Council to the same. To stand over.

Report.

Cr Bissett reported that he & Mr EM.E.M.O'Neill had waited on the Closer Settlement Board with the view to their taking the balance of the East Loddon Estate. They had worked very hard but without success but much more of that estate had been taken up by private individuals. It was difficult to understand the action of the Board.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That a vote of thanks be passed to the delegates for their efforts. Carried.

Petition. Cr Carey presented a Petition from the Head Teacher at Dingee & 22 Rate-payers asking for something to be done to relieve the approach to the School which during rain was unapproachable.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Engineer make a crossing. Carried.

Petition.

Cr Coulter presented a Petition from S.F. Dale & 11 other Rate-payers strongly objecting to the removal of the bridges from Myers Creek at Dale's Road & the insertion of a stone-crossing as it would be impossible to cross sheep during the winter months as there would be 4'0" of water.

The Secretary reminded the Council that in this matter letters of complaint & threatening proceedings were received from Messrs Harry & Co & Hay Bros on 17th August last when it was resolved to invite a Conference on the subject at Tandarra on 25th. This was duly advertised with the result that a numerous signed Petition was presented asking for removal of the bridges & also that the Railway Department be asked to lengthen their bridge or put an extra one in. That your Engineer met the Engineer to the Railway Commissioners & went over the ground with him. That tenders for the work were ordered to be called for the February meeting & a Contract let on 15th March. The matter had thus been under consideration for 8 months.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Petition be received it being too late. Carried.

Instructions to Officers.

By Cr Ettershank that the Engineer have a small piece of formation made between Holt's & Carroll's, Pomapial.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That £3.3.- expenses be allowed to the President for attending on the Minister of Public Works re Turner's Crossing Grant. Carried.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That 2 chains of the approach to Bullock Creek bridge in Yallock be metalled by Contractor Kett. Carried.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That application be made to the Huntley Shire to contribute towards making the Tandarra Road. Carried.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That the Engineer be authorized to get 2 small pieces of formation made on the N. & S. Road at Silesian Downs. Carried

And the meeting closed.

Conferred this 21 June 1911

George Mahoney President

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

May 17th 1911.

Ordinary Meeting to have been held this day:-

Present Crs Bissett, Shaw, McCrea:-

There being no quorum the Crs present went into Committee.

The following correspondence was read:-

- I. From the State Rivers & W.S. that they propose to erect a line of telephone between Fernihurst & Jarklan Post Offices & asking the consent of the Council to erecting the posts on the road. The Secretary explained that he had replied that he was sure that the Council would have no objection provided the posts are erected sufficiently close to the fences as to cause no danger to traffic. Approved.
2. From the Railway Department Workmaster, Bendigo asking for appointment with the Engineer, as to culvert under the line at Prairie. To be attended to.
3. From the Public Health Department with pamphlet re Sanatorium for Consumptives at Greenvale. Received.
4. From Inspector of accounts, McCallum that he would visit & inspect the Shire books on 1st May. The Secretary reported that he had done so & was satisfied. Received.
5. From the Education Department with programme for "Empire Day". Received.
6. From Stokes & Sons with particulars as to medals for "Coronation Day". The Secretary explained that the Minister had agreed to present every child with a medal & it was therefore not necessary to take any further action in the matter. Received.
7. From Levy Bros offering fire-works. Received.
8. From Mac Robertson & Co offering confectionary. Received.
9. From Hon. T. Langdon, M.L.A. that he will support action re small allotments. Received.
10. From the Shire of Benalla asking co-operation in appealing against the decision in Cherry v the Shire of Benalla. The Secretary explained that he had written for a sketch of the drain question but had hitherto received no reply. The Committee considered the question & authorized the Secretary to reply that the Council will probably vote 21.1.-.
- II. From Smith & McEaharn urging a settlement of Mr B.L. Hall's claim.
12. From the same further on the same subject. Received.

Corr.contd. 13. From the Ballan Railway League urging re-consideration.
Received.

14. From the State Rivers & W.S. with plan of Loddon United Waterworks district for view of ratepayers till 7th June.
Received.

15. From the Echuca & Northern District Railway League asking for support in urging on the Cross-Country line proposals
To stand over for meeting of the Council.

16. From the Public Health Department with circular as to cleansing drinking vessels.
Received.

17. From the Shire of Marong courteously asking re-consideration of the Myers' Creek works. To stand over for meeting.

18. From Mr S.F.Dale protesting against the removal of the present bridges. To stand over for meeting.

19. From W.B.Hamilton that he had found a mistake in his tender for Contract No. I54, Prairie Road, having omitted to charge for clay formation which should have been at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d per cub.yd. The Committee were of opinion that the request should be complied with subject to the approval of the Council.

20. All the State Schools with thanks for the Shire donation.
Received.

Secretary & Engineer's
Report read as follows:-

1. Fair progress with works those at Mitiamo, Hardy's road & the Six Mile being completed besides formations at Silesian Downs.
Received.
2. That he had surveyed for filling up the gullies on the back road at Leahy's & Bailie's with the approval of Cr Coutts but Cr Etter-shank had served him with a protest against the works being gone on with. To stand over for the Council meeting.
3. That he had surveyed for formations at White's & Dutton's & invited tenders for that day.
Approved.
4. That he had inspected the road leading to Wilkinson's Swamp but it was too wet to do more than chain part of it. He had invited tenders for making up the wash-away at once but recommended that the formations be widened later on when the road was dry. Approved.
5. That he had examined the whole of the Tandarra Road 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles in length of which about 4 are formed. If these are to be gravelled they will cost £1,800. He had applied to the Shire of Huntley for co-operation but had received no reply. The work might be done in 1, 2, or 3 years & application might be made to the Public Works Department for a grant in aid. In the meantime he had set out 21 $\frac{1}{2}$

Secy & Engr's chains for immediate repair & invited tenders today.
Report contd. To stand over for meeting. Last item approved.

6. That a foot-bridge is required at Dunn's stone-crossing on this road. Received, -no action.

7. That he had inspected the site of the S.S. at Dingee with a view to providing a crossing but could hardly see how one could be put in with advantage. He could make a gravelled footway if the Council desired. Engineer to make a crossing.

8. That there is a bridge on the back road at Hamilton's which requires reconstructing & suggesting that Mr Boyd might do it out of the timber in the Shire yard.
Approved.

9. The bridge on the Dingee Road a mile this side of Heyward's is broken down & should be re-constructed. To stand over.

10. Progress of the State Rivers with bridges over channel. Approved.

11. On the Myers' Creek works recommending a deviation of road.
To stand over for Council.

12. As to finances.
Received.

Tenders. 5 Contracts were advertised but only 3 tenders were received.

The Committee recommended their acceptance as follows:-

Contract No. I66.	Doody Bros	£32. 2.1
No. I67.	J. Crapper	37. 8.7
No. I68.	J. Crapper.	96. 3.6

Finance. The Committee examined accounts amounting to £257. 6.10 & recommended their payment & the meeting closed. The ordinary meeting lapsed.
Conformed this 21 day of June 1911.

George G. Army
President

Shire Hall, Serpentine,
June 21st 1911.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

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

The Minutes of the April meeting & of the Committee meeting of
17th May were read:-

Moved by Cr Keogh 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Minutes as read & the action of the Committee be con-
firmed. Carried.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

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

Correspondence. I. From Public Works Department that special grants of £50,
£50 & £100 will lapse unless accounts are submitted not later
than 15th July. Received.

2. From the same to the like effect as to special grant of £150. Recd.

3. From the same approving of plans & specifications for Contract
No. 147, (Serpentine Creek bridge). Received.

4. From the same approving of Contract No. 158, (Dingee Road), Recd.

5. From the same approving of Co- Plans & specifications of Contracts
146, 151, 155, & 160 but declining to recognize Nos. 146 & 151 as they
were let before the Vote was passed. The Secretary read his corres-
pondence on the matter & this was approved.

6. From the same asking for the return of vouchers of Contracts 155
& 160 when a Claim would be sent for signature. Vouchers returned
accordingly. Received.

7. From W. McCormack, Engineer to the Public Works Department, asking
the Shire Engineer to meet him to select a site for the bridge over
the Loddon at Hurstwood. Also a telegram that in consequence of
flood damage in Gippsland he had been called away. To stand over.

8. From Dr Williams of the Bendigo Hospital reporting 3 cases of
Diphtheria the patients having been lately resident in Dingee. Received.

9. From the State Rivers & W.S. that they will destroy all noxious
weeds on its freehold & leasehold lands but liability to destroy
weeds on lands over which the Commission have only easements

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Corr. contd. rests with the adjoining owners. Also asking the Council to take
action in regard to the destruction of weeds on other lands within
the Shire. To stand over.

10. From the Shire of Korong suggesting the holding of a Conference
on the subject. To stand over.

11. Struck out.

12. From Dutton Bros asking for the insertion of culverts in the
formations now being constructed on the parish boundary road.
The Engineer explained that he had seen Mr White & that as the
formations were adjacent to the spoil banks of a channel it would
be useless to insert culverts but that correspondence was being car-
ried on with the State Rivers with the view to get a subway put in
if this were done he would recommend the insertion. Engineer's ac-
tion approved & to wait reply from State Rivers.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Engineer confer with Mr Dutton with power to put in cul-
vert if necessary. Carried.

13. From the Railway Department in reply to an application by the
Engineer for a subscription towards the works at Prairie that they
will write further. Received.

14. From the Public Health Department asking for a Report on the
Church of England at Janiember East. To be inspected.

15. From Martin Mitchell for inspection & repair of road at N.E. of
the Tang-Tang. To stand over till the Spring.

Petition from A.E. Wallis & others presented by Cr Carey asking for a stone
crossing on the first road South of Dingee. To stand over till Spring.

May Corr. 15. From the Echuca & Northern District Railway League asking for
support in urging on the cross-country line proposals. Received.

17. From the Shire of Marong asking re-consideration of the Myers'
Creek works.

18. From Mr S.F. Dale protesting against the removal of the present
bridges. The Engineer read his replies to both letters & these
were approved. Letters received.

Reports. Secretary & Engineer. for May.

Clause 2. I. That he had surveyed for filling up gullies on the back road
As-to-arrangements-made-for-Coronation-Day.

2.

Secy & Eng. at Leahy's & Bailie's, (late Dowsett's), but Cr Ettershank served Report for May contd. me with a protest against going on with the work. The works would cost about £20 to £25 with 2 culverts & asking instructions.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the earthwork be done but without culverts. Carried.

- 5 That he had examined the whole of the Tandarra Road & that it would cost about £1,800 to gravel the same. That he had applied to the Shire of Huntley for co-operation but had received no reply. That assistance might be sought from the Government. To stand over.
9. The bridge on the Dingee Road this side of Heyward's is broken down & requires reconstructing.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Bissett

That the girders be re-constructed. Carried.

II. Re Myers' Creek works. Already dealt with.

Reports for May. Treasurer. Receipts £210.10.10:-Cheques paid £440. 8.5.
Cr balance £182. 9.9. Received.
.. for June. Receipts £166.15.11:-Payments £257. 6.10.
Cr balance £91.14.1:- Received.
.. for Mayate Collector. Rates current, £172.-Interest £2. 8.4:-Dogs £8. 5.-
Received.

For June. Rate Collector. £142.15.6:-Interest £6. 1.5:-Dogs £4.15.-.Recd.

.. .. Outstanding rates on 11th June.

N.Riding. £43.10.11:-S.Riding £10:-East Riding £53.15.2
Received.

Health Officer Adams. No report. Secretary reported that he had

requested Dr Adams to visit Serpentine & inspect the School children who had suffered from Measles to enable him to certify that they were fit to go to school. This he had done only refusing 1 child owing to the father being not yet convalescent. Secretary's action approved.

Secretary & Engineer.

1. That he had made arrangements for the Coronation festivities. Approved.
2. That very little work had been possible & few tenders for works & suggesting that works should, if possible, be postponed. Approved.
3. That he had met the Railway Engineer at Prairie who had promised to put a culvert under the line there. That he had drawn a Contract for works on the same lines as at Dingee & applied to the Railway Department for assistance in carrying them out. If it do not respond, advising that the gravelling on the N & S road be omitted at present. Received.
4. That he had visited Mr Kett's work at Myers' Creek & measured

Secy & up the metal. The crossing was nearly completed. Received.
Engr's Report
contd. 5. That he had submitted plans & specifications sufficient to

warrant the passing of the Special Grants but have great difficulty in getting them through. Approved.

6. That the Engineer for Public Works wishes to consult with the Shire Engineer as to the bridge over the Loddon at Hurstwood in conjunction with the Engineer to the Shire of Korong. He understood the Closer Settlement Board would pay for the bridge but he was afraid any bridge would involve heavy expense in making the road leading thereto. Approved.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That Crs Bissett & Coutts be asked to attend the Conference. Carried.

7. On finances that we shall be overdrawn on 30th September on account of the expensive works going on. That the balances on Contracts was £1,203 & we are £190 to the bad this day Criticising the Minister's proposals re Main Roads & suggesting a special meeting to deal with the question.

Moved by Cr Carey, 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the question be made an Order of the Day for next meeting & that the Council meet at 10 A.M. Carried.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

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

Petitions. Cr Keogh presented a petition from Stone & others asking for the repair of the road at Johnson's & Chapple's to the Raywood Road. Tenders invited for the works that day.

Cr Carey presented a petition from John Wirth & others asking for formations in the parish of Tandarra. Received but to stand over till next meeting.

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

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

Contract	No.165. no tender. Re-advertise.	
..	No.169. Doody Bros. accepted.	£64. 3.7
..	No.170. too high. fresh tenders.	
..	No.171. Doody Bros. accepted. too high.	11.17.6
..	Me. fresh tenders.	
..	No.172. Doody Bros. accepted	£12. 1.7
..	No.173. Joseph Kett, accepted without gravel on N & S road about £50.	

Moved by Cr Keogh 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Report of the Committee be received & adopted.
Carried.

Finance. The Finance Committee reported having examined accounts amounting to £350. 6.2 & recommending their passing.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

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

The Secretary was instructed to arrange a meeting at Dingee on Saturday week at the Dingee hotel at 3 P.M. to elect new Trustees of the Dingee Recreation Reserve.

Returning Officers.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the following Crs be appointed Returning Officers:-
N. Riding, the President.
S. .. Cr Bissett.
E. .. Cr Coulter. Carried.

Corr.No.10. Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That it be left in the hands of Cr Coutts to arrange a Conference on the Thistle question or otherwise. Carried.

Corr.9. Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the State Rivers be informed that the Council will do their part in dealing with the weeds. Carried.

Instructions to officers.

By Cr Carey:-

That the State Rivers be asked to repair the ~~sea~~ Terricks Road South of the Channel where it has been damaged by it.

By Cr Shaw:-

That the Engineer level up the channel North of the Shire hall & put in a 3'0" box culvert.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That Mr Rudkins' tender for the footbridge at the stone-crossing, Mitiamo at £17.10.- be left in the hands of the Engineer to deal with.

And the meeting closed.

Confirmed this 24 day of July, 1911

Geo Mahoney President.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

July 19th 1911.

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

Thos. E. Morcom
Secretary.

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

July 26th 1911.

Adjourned Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

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

Carey, McCrea, Coutts, Ettershank, Shaw.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence. I. From the Public Works Department with Claim for £50 for Serpentine Creek bridge. Received.

2. From the same with Claim for £50 for roads leading to Railway Stations. Received.

3. From the same with Claim for £75 half vote for Turner's Crossing. Received.

4. From the Railway Department declining to contribute to gravelling at Prairie as it is outside Railway boundaries. Received.

5. From the same that it has decided to put a culvert under the line at Prairie. Received.

6. From the Municipal Association with Inspection of Scaffolding & Private Hospitals Bills. Received.

7. From Hon. T. Langdon M.L.A. that he will be pleased to co-operate in any way re applications for Special Grants but suggesting that detail particulars be submitted to him before a deputation is sent down. To stand over.

8. From the President that he could not go as a deputy before this meeting. Received.

9. From the Shire of Benalla with particulars as to the appeal case pending & with plan. That £250 have been subscribed but £500 may be required. Received.

10. From the Shire of Huntley declining to assist in making the Tandarra Road. Received.

11. From Cr Coutts as to bridge over the Loddon at Hurstwood but thinks that the Railway to Janklan would be a great help to settlers.

12. From Cr Ettershank on the same subject & expressing the opinion that the bridge will interfere with the chance of getting the Railway. Received.

13. From Cr Keogh that he had let Contract 171 which was tendered for I.

Contd. at the last meeting at £12.10.- to Mr G.H. Burke at £7.10.- the

Engineer's estimate. To stand over.

14. From D. Hopkins asking for a formation on the Prairie Road at Adams'.
The Engineer was instructed to confer with Mr Hopkins.

15. From G.W. Knight offering 40 Grevilleas at 1/3 each. Received.

16. From Cr McCrea complaining of the non-execution of Contract 154 Prairie Road & suggesting that it be cancelled & the deposit forfeited.

22 From Mr Hamilton explaining that he could not perform the Contract owing to the side cuttings being full of water & moreover that he had been ill.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That Mr Hamilton be asked to fill up the bad places & make the road passable. Carried.

23. 17. From Boort Agricultural Society asking for a subscription.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the usual subscription of £1.1.- be passed. Carried.

18. From the Bendigo Agricultural Society asking for subscription.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the usual subscription of £5.5.- be passed. Carried.

19. From the State Rivers Commissioners with pamphlets on Irrigation. Received with thanks.

20. From Louis Rankini applying for the use of the Shire Hall for Bioscope Show.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

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

21. From D. Rankin reporting appointment of Messrs Crs Coulter & Carey as Trustees of the Dingee Recreation Reserve vice Messrs D.W. Coulter & W. Thomas retired. Received.

23. From B.W. Herous asking for certain repairs of boundary road. To stand over for the present but Engineer to survey.

24. From the Department of Public Works with Circular re Quarries. Received as there are none in the Shire.

Meeting adjourned for

Revision Court.

The Secretary presented the Voters' Lists & Separate Voters' Lists for the several Ridings & reported that no Claims or Object-

ions had been received. The Lists having been examined & settled:-

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

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

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

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

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

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

The Lists having been duly signed the Court closed.

General business resumed.

Reports.

Treasurer. Receipts £352.11.2. Payments £350.6.2. Cr balance £81. 4.10. Received.

Rate Collector. Rates current £21.10.--. Interest £-.9.11. Dogs £3. 5.-- Received.

Health Officer, Dr Adams. that owing to a severe outbreak of measles

he had visited Serpentine & examined the school children & with the exception of one had allowed them to go back to school.

That the head teacher was correct in his action. That the parents were liable to pay a fee for the examination but he had examined them free of charge.

Expressing regret at not reporting at last meeting but he had been in Melbourne, sick. Received.

Inspector of Nuisances, Johnson that he had made an inspection of the N. & S. Ridings & found them free from any nuisance.

That he thinks there are persons slaughtering in unlicensed houses & if they do not apply for licences he will take proceedings. Received.

Inspector of Dairies, O'Neill. that dairying has commenced & he will start registering at the beginning of next month. Received.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

2 P.M.

Business resumed the same Crs present:-

Secretary & Engineer.

- I. On progress of works retarded by excessive wet. Approved.
2. As to Mr Hamilton's Contract for Prairie Road. Already dealt with.
3. That Contract I70 had, at last meeting been thrown out being deemed too high. He had got the Contractor, Mr Cobb to reduce his price to £14.10.-- & accepted this.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Engineer's action be confirmed. Carried.

4. That he had had trouble with the waterworks at Prairie but they

Seoy & Eng'r were now rectified except that the tank leaks.
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The tank to be emptied & repaired at once.

5. That he had inspected the whole of the Dingee Road but did not see how it could be repaired at present. To stand over.

6. That he had again inspected the bridge on the Dingee road but found it rotten & unless a new bridge is put up the road may have to be closed. To stand over till larger Contract is let.

7. That he had enquired into Mr Frank Doody's complaint but thought there was no necessity to enlarge the culvert as the flooding complained of was due to the abnormal rain.

8. He had inspected the Church of England at Janiember East & passed it subject to the fulfilment of 3 of the requisitions which the Guardians promised to have attended to. He submitted Certificate for the President's signature.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Certificate be issued. Carried.

9. That the Coronation Ceremonies had been successfully carried out. About 1,000 people had been entertained & the cost to the Council was £44. 8.4.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That a hearty vote of thanks be passed to the Secretary for the way in which he organized the ceremonies. Carried.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That a hearty vote of thanks be passed to Miss White & all the ladies who assisted in the entertainments. Carried.

10. That he had settled the Voters' Lists & Separate Voters Lists. That during the last 6 years the ratepayers had increased by 72 & the population by about 360. Approved.

- II. Recommending that application be made for a share in Special Grants & that the President should be asked to go to town as a Deputy.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the President be appointed the Delegate. Carried.

12. That he had drafted an amending clause for submission to the Municipal Association for the exclusion of excessive loads from the Shire. After considerable deliberation the clause was only received being deemed unnecessary.

Secy & Engr's Report contd. 13. He had also drawn Cr Bissett's motion re the Thistle Act. To stand over till next meeting.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

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

Committee's Report on bridge over the Loddon at Hurstwood.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Report be received & a vote of thanks passed to the Committee. Carried.

Petition from J. Wirth & others, for repair of roads in parish of Tandarra.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the prayer of the Petition will be attended to when funds are available. Carried.

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Contract No. 126. The Engineer reported that this work, (formation at Terricks West), had been advertised twice without eliciting any tender. He had asked Mr Cobb for one & he had submitted one at £33.11.7 & he, the Engineer, recommended its acceptance.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the tender be accepted. Carried.

Petition from W. J. Clark & others asking for the improvement of the road leading to the Trucking Yards at Mitiamo. The Railway Commissioners propose to remove the yards to a more suitable site but expect the Council to make the road.

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

That he, the mover & the Engineer inspect & report on the matter. Carried.

Finance Committee. reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £192.9.7 & recommending their payment:-

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

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

Secretary's Finance Report. shewing that under present conditions the Shire account would on 30 September be overdrawn about £1,000. Recommending that the valuation of the Shire should be raised to a uniform basis of £3 per acre. Recommending the floating of a Loan of £5,000 or £7,000 & giving the different costs of the same.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Secretary's recommendation as to a uniform rate valuation of £3 per acre be adopted. Carried.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That a Loan of £5,000 for 15 years be floated.

For the President & Crs Keogh, Bissett, Carey, McCrea, Coulter.
Against, Crs Ettershank, Coutts, Shaw.

Motion carried.

Notice of Motion given by the President.

That this Council do float a Loan of £5,000 in 50 debentures of £100 each bearing interest at the rate of £4 per cent per annum & repayable at the Bank of Victoria, Inglewood in 15 years.

Meetings. The Secretary was instructed to call the following meetings to ascertain the wishes of the ratepayers on the subject of the Loan.

Shire Hall, Serpentine, Saturday 5th August at 3 P.M.
Hall, Calivil, Monday 7th August at 7 P.M.
Hall, Mitiamo, Tuesday 8th August at 3 P.M.
Hall, Tandarra, Wednesday, 9th August at 3 P.M.
Four-Posts Hotel, Jarklan, Monday 14th August at 8 P.M.

Notice of Motion by Cr Coutts Shaw:-

That tenders be called for about 5 chains of formation on the E & W road at Tripconey's & on the parish boundary road at Holt's with loaming.

Instruction to Engineer by Cr Bissett to put in a small culvert at Lovell's & McNamara's, Serpentine.
And the meeting closed.

Signed 16 August 1911
George Gahony
President

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

August 16th 1911.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President, (Cr Mahoney), & Crs Bissett, Coutts, Carey,

Ettershank, McCrea, Shaw, Keogh.

The minutes of the last meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence.

1. From the Government Statist with forms to be filled up of all roads in the Shire & with plan for so doing.

To be supplied.

2. From Hon. Thomas Langdon M.L.A. that he had made appointment to receive deputation re Special Grants. Received.

3. From the Closer Settlement Board that they are prepared to contribute half the cost of erecting bridge over the Loddon at Hurstwood provided the Shires of East Loddon & Kerang find the other half of the £1,200 required & further that they will give favorable consideration for any proposals for road improvements in accordance with the recommendation of the Engineer to the Public Works Department.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That having regard to the fact that there is a bridge 205 chains North of the parish boundary road & 230 from the other site proposed & further that the Council are considerably overdrawn in their accounts, they cannot comply with the request to subscribe to another bridge. Carried.

The Secretary was further instructed to ask the Board whether they would unite with the Council in approaching the Minister with the view to obtaining a Railway from Bridgewater to Jarklan which they consider would be of far greater benefit to the new settlers than the bridge.

4. From the State Rivers that the deviations of roads referred to in the Shire Engineer's application would receive early attention Received.

5. From the Public Works Department, that the amount of £175.15.-

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Unused Roads rents would be shortly allotted. Received.

6. From Tatchell, Dunlop & Co. that the Tramways Act is still in operation & with particulars as to its state. Received with thanks.

7. From Dr Ridley, Health Officer, condemning the present teacher's quarters at Mitiamo & asking that new ones be constructed.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That copies of the Report be sent to the Education & Public Health Departments. Carried.

8. From the Shire of Tambo suggesting that a Deputation be organized with the view to abolishing the principle of "Loading the Land" in Railway construction.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That co-operation be granted but no deputation be sent. Carried.

9. From Dr Ridley that he had sold his practice at Pyramid Hill to Dr Merrilies of Kerang, & resigning his office of Health Officer.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That the resignation be accepted with regret & the thanks of the Council passed for his services. Carried.

10. From Dr Merrilies applying for the position.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That Dr Merrilies be appointed Health Officer for the East Riding of the Shire on the usual conditions. Carried.

11. From the Golden City Implement Co. that they are sending a man to Prairie to overhaul the wind-mill & plant & repair the tank.

Received.

12. From R.J. Phillips complaining of a nuisance at Mitiamo.

Held over for Health Officer's Report.

13. From Pyramid Hill Agricultural Society for subscription.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That £1.1.- be passed & the usual holiday. Carried.

14. From Mr J. Kett that he had made temporary repairs at Prairie & as the roads were drying up he would be shortly proceeding with his Contracts. Received.

15. From the Serpentine Football Club applying for use of the hall on 23rd Inst on the usual terms.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the request be granted. Carried.

16. From W.B. Hamilton that he had secured labor & would be starting his Contract next week. Received.

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Adjourned till 2 P.M.

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

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts £7.7.6:- Payments £195.1.4:- Over-draft £106.10.-
Received.

Rate-Collector. Rates current £3.13.-:- interest 1/6:- Dogs 10/-
Total £4.4.6. Received.

Health Officer, Dr Ridley:- on the state of Mr McIntyre's premises
at Mitiamo & that he is slaughtering on the town. Recommending proceedings unless he effect improvements & cease slaughtering.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Report be sent to the Inspector of Nuisances with instructions to have the recommendations carried out or take proceedings. Carried.

Weigher, E. Old, that bridge is working satisfactorily:- that he had weigher 3,513 bags of wheat & collected £3.1.8 in fees which he enclosed:- that he had weighed 58,330 bags of wheat & collected £44.4.10. Received.

Secretary & Engineer's read:-

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Report be received. Carried.

Clause I. Very little progress with works but expects much by next meeting. Approved.

2. That he had inspected the whole of the Prairie Road to the Piccaninny Creek & met Mr Hamilton at the station & arranged with him to make up the very bad places & cart the gravel. Approved.

3. That much damage had been done to the tramway by excessive traffic & wet weather. That he proposed to get Mr Kett to roll in the ruts & fill up with gravel. That the tramway is too light & narrow

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the recommendation be approved & adopted. Carried.

4. That the gravelled section on the West was in perfect order. Approved.

5. That he had surveyed for formations at Tripcony's & Holt's & on the Prairie Road at Adams' & invited tenders. Also for sale of waste timber. Approved.

6. As to the Loan Meetings. Received.

7. That he had conducted the whole of the elections & the retiring Councillors had all been returned unopposed. Received.

8. That the outstanding rates amount to £83.19.1 but he hopes to get them in before 30th September. Received.

9. That the Cash-book shewed an overdraft of £106.10.-
£102.14.3 & the pay-
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sheet that day £102.14.3. but he would endeavor to draw on the Unused Roads Account shortly to keep it down. Approved.

Deputation. The President reported having been introduced by Mr Langdon to the Minister of Public Works on 8th Inst when he had been favorably received. He asked for a grant of £500 in aid of gravelled roads & £250 for making roads leading to Railway Stations. The Minister intimated at once that the grant would not in any case exceed £500 but the application would be duly considered when allotting the money at his disposal.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That a hearty vote of thanks be passed to the President for his services in the matter. Carried.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That a hearty vote of thanks be passed to Mr Langdon for the way in which he has assisted the Council in all similar applications & that he be invited to lunch at the next meeting. Carried.

Loan.

The President remarked that in the matter of the Loan great apathy had been shewn by the rate-payers in not attending the 5 meetings that had been called & he thought that action should be delayed until such time as they thought fit to take more interest in the road question. He therefore moved & was seconded by Cr Carey:-

That the question lie in abeyance for the present. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the President be appointed to write up any corrections in the Rate-book. Carried.

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

On resuming the Committee reported having opened tenders & recommended the following for acceptance.

Contract No. 174.	John Crapper	£32.13.-
..	No. 175. Doody Bros	27.15.4.
..	Nos 176, 177. too low:-no tender to be accepted.	

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Keogh that:-

That the report be received & adopted but the loaming specified be 6" deep instead of 4". Carried.
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Finance.

The Committee reported having examined accounts amounting to £102.14.3 & recommended their passing.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

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

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That the Engineer inspect, survey & call tenders for drainage works at Calivil North S.S. Carried.

Instructions to officers.

By Cr Ettershank:-That the Engineer call the attention of the Inspector of Nuisances to wandering cattle &c in the townships of Serpentine & Mitiamo.

Notice of Motion. By the President:-

That the Council do strike a rate of 12d in the £ on all the ratable property in the Shire for the period 1st October 1911 & ending 30th September 1912 & that Henry Tresise, the Rate-Collector be authorized to demand & collect the same.
And the meeting closed.

Confirmed this 21st day of September 1911

J. C. McCrear

President.

Annual Elections 24 August 1911.North Riding.

Timothy James Keogh of Fairview, Jarklan 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.

George H. Ahmy
Returning Officer.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

August 24th 1911.

South Riding.

James Alfred Shaw of Yarrayne Estate, Tandarra, having been the only Candidate nominated to fill the vacancy caused by his

retirement by effluxion of time I Do hereby declare him to be duly elected a Councillor of this Shire for the South Riding.

W. Bissett

Returning Officer.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

August 24th 1911.

East Riding.

Sidney Oswald McCrea of Oswaldene, Mitiamo, 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 East Riding.

J. H. Cullin
Returning Officer.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

August 24th 1911.

Declarations.

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

SON 25th Declared at Serpentine this
day of September 1911
Before me, *J. C. McCrear* *T. J. Keogh*

Councillor.

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

SON 25th Declared at Serpentine this
day of September 1911
Before me, *J. C. McCrear* *J. A. Shaw*

Councillor.

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

S. O. McCrea

Declared at Serpentine this
day of September 1911
Before me,

Chas. E. Coulter

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 a 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.

Chas. E. Albrecht

Declared at Serpentine in the
State of Victoria, this 21 day
of September 1911

Before me,

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

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

September 20th 1911.

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.

Chas. E. Albrecht

Secretary.

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Shire Hall, Serpentine,

September 21st 1911.

Adjourned Ordinary & Special Meetings held this day:-

Present Crs Mahoney, McCrea, Coulter, Bissett, *Carey*

Special Meeting.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That Cr Mahoney take the Chair pro tem. Carried.

The Secretary read the result of the Annual Elections that the retiring Councillors had been re-elected in each case & the returns had been signed by the Returning Officers. Cr McCrea, the only newly elected Councillor present made his declaration & took his seat.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the President's allowance for the ensuing year be £65. Carried.

Moved by the Chairman 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That Cr McCrea be elected President for the ensuing year. Carried unanimously.
The President was conducted to the Chair & returned thanks.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the retiring President, Cr Mahoney, for the able manner in which he had carried out his duties & special thanks from the Members of the South Riding for undertaking the position last year. Carried.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by the President:-

That the whole Council be appointed a Finance & Tenders Committee, any 3 to form a quorum. Carried

& the Special Meeting closed.

Special Meeting to strike Rate.

The Secretary presented the Statement of the Rate & a special Report thereon. These having been examined:-

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Report be received & adopted. Carried.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That this Council Do now adopt & confirm the estimate for the year 1911-12 shewing as detailed therein that the sum of £3,562.1.- is required for the several items of expen-
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diture detailed therein & that the sum of £1383.18.- is available but the sum of £2178.3.- is further required. Carried.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That to raise the sum required viz:-£2178.3.- this Council Do make & levy a Rate of 12d in the £. upon the net annual value of the ratable property within the Shire of East Loddon for the period commencing 1st October 1911 & ending 30th September 1912. & that Henry Tresise, the Rate-Collector, be authorized to demand & collect the same. Carried.

Notice of Motion by Cr Carey:-

That the Rate this day struck be confirmed.

And the special meeting closed, the Rate having been duly signed & sealed.

Council adjourned till 2.30 P.M.

Ordinary Business. 2.30 P.M.

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

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence. 1. From the Under Secretary that a holiday has been proclaimed in the North & East Ridings for Pyramid Hill Show. Received.

2. From the Education Department as to Teacher's quarters at Mitiamo that the Public Works Department have been asked to furnish Report. Received.
3. From Public Health Department acknowledging receipt of last letter. Received.
4. From the Public Works Department that the sum of £175.14.- had been placed to the credit of the Shire for Unused Roads Rents. Recd.
5. From the Public Health Department as to the Church of England at Janiember East acknowledging receipt of the Engineer's Report & forwarding the Board's formal approval.

The Engineer reported that as this was a Church & not a public hall where night entertainments took place he had forwarded the certificate to the Guardians. Action approved.

6. From the same asking for inspection & report on additions to the Public Hall at Mitiamo. The President explained that the additions had not yet been started. Received & to be attended to in due course.
7. From the same asking for samples of food. The Secretary explained that he had written for information. Received.

Corr.contd. 8. From the same as to quarters at S.S. Mitiamo that the Education Department had been written to on the subject. Received.

9. From the Railway Department that the question of the Trucking yards at Mitiamo has been referred for report. Received.
10. From the same notifying the sale to W.B. Shaw, Propriety, Lim. of 3.1.16. in the parish of Yallook. Received.
11. From the Closer Settlement Board that they will take no further action with reference to the bridge over the Loddon at Hurstwood. Received.
12. From Hon. T. Langdon M.L.A. with thanks for vote of thanks & accepting invitation to lunch this-da yesterday.
13. From the same that in consequence of the adjournment of the meeting to today, he will be unable to attend owing to other engagement. Received.
14. From the same with copy of the Workers' Compensation Bill. Recd.
15. From the same with copy of the Municipal Rating Bill. Recd.
16. From the Williamstown Fires Relief Committee with balance sheet. Received.
17. From Cohen, Kirby & Woodward that the exchange of roads at Yarra-^{is} ~~berb-are~~ not yet completed but they hope will be shortly.
18. From the same forwarding title to the new road but asking for the return of it for submission to the Public Works Department for gazettal. Received.
19. From the Bendigo Agricultural Society asking for the proclamation of holidays on 11th & 12th October, their Show week.
The Secretary reported that he had consulted the President who had authorized him to make the application which he had done.
President's action approved.
20. From the Municipal Association with notification of the Annual Session on 18th & 19th October. Received.
21. From the Society for the Protection of Animals for subscription. Received.
22. From Dr Summons of Eaglehawk notifying a case of tuberculosis in Yallook. Received.
23. From Mr E. Lyndon Smith complaining of injury to his motor-car on the Six-Mile road. The engineer explained that he had inspected & replied to the letter. Received.
24. From Hyman Herman offering to send a crushing plant into the Shire for metalling roads. The Engineer had replied. Received.

Corr.contd. As to No.20. Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Carey
That the President attend the Annual Session of the Municipal Association. Carried.

25. From Riegel Bros of Mitiamo asking for a licence to travel a Traction Engine in the Shire & with fee.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the application stand over till next meeting. Carried.

26. From Smith & McEacharn asking what further action the Council intend taking re Bevor L.Hall's rates. Received.

27. Wire from Cr Keogh that he will endeavor to be present & with congratulations to the newly elected President. Received.

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

29. From Hon.T.Langdon with copy of the Charities Bill. Received.
Secretary to look through.

30. From Lands Department with conditions as to Pound site at Munica.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Secretary apply to the State Rivers for compensation for the site & will have nothing to do with the proposed new site on the terms stated by the Lands Department. Carried.

31. From Hon.T.Langdon that he had presented the application re deviation of road at Serpentine.

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

That the matter be left in the Secretary's hands to deal with. Carried.

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts £78.10.--Payments £102.14.3 Overdraft £130.14.3. Received.

Rate-Collector. Rates current, £61.16.--Rates arrears £1.--Interest £5.19.2:-Dogs £2.15.--total £71.10.2. Received.

Dairy Inspector that he had registered 41 dairies & received £9.3.6 in fees. That he had found them satisfactory. Received.

Inspector of Nuisances Brown that with regard to McIntyre's pigsty the site had been sold & the sty removed, & the nuisance has ceased to exist. That there were never fewer wandering stock in Mitiamo. Received.

Secretary & Engineer's Report.

1. On progress of works & delay owing to recent rain.
2. That he had completed the formations & culverts at the Shire Hall & Mr Lovell's by Boyd.
3. That he had revised the valuation, prepared the heavy returns for the Government Statist of all the roads in the Shire which

Secy & Engr's Report contd. he submitted for approval, & that he had also supplied the

Public Works Department with a return of all the closed roads in the East Loddon Estate.

4. That he had by correspondence made a successful collection of outstanding rates amounting to £75.1.11 & that there now remain only £10.17.2 for current rates & a small amount of arrears.

5. That the overdraft at the bank is £130.14.5 & the paymentsheet today is £209.5.10 making together £340.--.1. Against that he had about £400 to credit of Unused Roads a/c which he would endeavor to get in before 30th Inst.

6. That the principle of Loading the Land for railway construction was about to be abolished & recommending that fresh efforts be now made to get the railway from Bridgewater to Jarklan.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Secretary & Engineer's Report as read be received & adopted. Received.

The returns of roads in the Shire & closed roads in East Loddon Estate were received & adopted.

Petition. Cr Mahoney presented a Petition from N.Kirwan & others asking for the construction of a Sheep-Dip in the North Riding of the Shire for the benefit of ratepayers. He introduced Mr Kirwan who advanced to the table & explained the necessity for the Dip asked for.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by the President:-

That tenders be called for a Dip in the North Riding within 14 days. Carried.

Mr D.C.Laird who was present offered to give an acre or half an acre if required for the purpose, & was thanked by the Council.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by the President:-

That the Members of the North Riding & any other Members & ratepayers meet at Laird's Dam, at Calivil South on Saturday 23rd Inst at 3 P.M. to select a site. Carried.

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

On resuming the Committee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £209.5.10 & recommending their passing.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

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

The Engineer reported as to Contract No.176,(waste timber at Myer's Creek that tenders had been invited but the highest received was £15 & this was refused.He had gone carefully into the matter & made an estimate amounting to £24.16.9 & Mr J.A.Shaw had offered to take the same at such valuation.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That Mr Shaw's tender be accepted. Carried.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Secretary write to Mr E.L.Smith & ask that he get the channels in the Shire cleaned out. Carried.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Engineer survey for formations on the Dingee Road from the N.W. of Mr Lakey's allotments in Pompapier to within a mile of Dingee & report by next meeting. Carried.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Engineer inspect & report on the East & West road at McCauley's. Carried.

Notice of Motion by Cr Coulter:-

That tenders be invited for the formations on the Dingee Road in accordance with the action taken by the Council on the report just ordered.

The Secretary was instructed to adjourn the next ordinary meeting to Wednesday,25th October as the President would be at the Annual Session of the Municipal Association on the 18th.

The Secretary was requested to be in readiness for the meetings at 11 A.M. & the meeting closed.

Confirmed this 25th day of October 1911

L. O. McFreen

President.

Shire Hall, September
Oct. 18. 1911

There being no Councillors present at the meeting to have been held this evening I do adjourn the same to Wednesday 25th Inst. at 11 AM.

Chas. E. Stewart
Secretary

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

October 25th 1911.

Adjourned Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President, (Cr McCrae), & Crs Keogh, Shaw, Bissett,

Mahoney, Ettershank, Carey, Coutts.

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

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence. I. From the Closer Settlement Board urging the construction of the bridge over the Loddon at Hurstwood, & offering terms.

2. From the same drawing attention to sec. 66 of the Closer Settlement Act throwing the onus on the Shire.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That the matter stand over till next meeting. Carried.

3. From the Under Secretary with signs suggested by the Automobile Club for regulating Motor traffic & asking the number required.

4. From the Public Works Department with gazettal of the exchanged road through Yarraberb.

Received.

5. From Messrs Cohen, Kirby & Woodward with transfer of the old road for execution by the Council & undertaking to pay £29 therefor.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by the President:-

That the transfer be signed & sealed.

Carried.

Transfer signed & sealed accordingly.

6. From the Public Works Department asking consent to the leasing by Mrs Margaret Cheyne of a water-frontage to Serpentine Creek.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That the Council offer no objection.

Carried.

7. Adjourned till 2 P.M.

2 P.M.

Business resumed.

7. From the same with notification of appointment of Mr C. Rennick as Government Auditor.

Received.

8. From Mr Rennick in reply to Secretary's letter that he cannot at present fix an appointment.

Received.

- 10 8. From the State Rivers & W.S. that it cannot undertake any application for compensation for the Pound Site at Munica.

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Corr. contd. 10. From the Lands Department enquiring what conditions are deemed objectionable in their proposed permissive occupancy of a site for a Pound.

The President reported having interviewed the Secretary for Lands on the subject when attending the Municipal Conference who promised to look into the matter & send a reply later.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the matter be left in the hands of the Secretary to settle.

Carried.

11. From the Public Works Department refusing to pass accounts for £ 341.16.- submitted by the Secretary out of Unused Roads Account.

The Secretary explained that on getting this refusal he had sent the whole of the papers to Mr Langdon for re-consideration. His action was approved.

12. From the Railway Commissioners in reply to the Secretary's complaint about the trucking of metal for Shire roads that it had been referred for report.

Received.

13. From the Public Health Department with regulations as to Bioscope Entertainments.

Received.

14. From the Shire of Benalla's Solicitors that the appeal had been allowed but the costs do not amount to the sum subscribed & proposing to hand the balance to the Plaintiff in the case. The Secretary read his reply which was approved.

15. From John McKay & Co complaining of the state of the approaches to the trucking yards at Mitiamo, & asking for their repair.

The Engineer explained that he had asked the Departmental Engineer to meet him on the ground but had hitherto received no reply. He would however visit it shortly.

16. From Humme & Iser in reply to complaint by the Engineer of the daily increase of the cost of red-gum that it is owing to the increased cost of wages & royalty.

Received.

17. From the Royal Life Saving Society asking for subscription.

To stand over for Charities' Vote.

18. From the Salvation Army the like. To stand over as above.

19. From the Shire of Tambo asking co-operation in getting the cost of land compensation in the case of railway construction removed from the districts concerned.

Received.

20. From the Decentralization United Country Movement asking appro-

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Comm. contd. val of their resolutions.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by the President:-

That co-operation be granted.

Carried.

21. From the Federal Sheep-Shearing Co Lim. offering sheep-dip. Received.
22. From Mr Palmer with his speech as appearing in "Hansard". Read.
23. From Hon. T. Langdon that he had lodged the claim returned with the Public Works Department:- that the special grant has not yet been allocated:- & that he would assist the President in any way he can. Received with thanks to Mr Langdon.
24. From the same that he will be again a Candidate for the district of Korong & soliciting support. Received.
25. From Smith & McEacharn that they will proceed re B.L. Hall's rates. Received.
26. From Mr Donald Clark resigning his office of Analyst to the Shire & suggesting the appointment of Mr Anderson, Director of the School of Mines, Bendigo, & with thanks.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That the resignation be accepted.

Carried.

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts £20.17.11:- Payments £209. 5.11:- net overdraft £319.7.3. Received.

Rate Collector. Rates current, £1.14.- Arrears 10/- Interest 9/8. Received.

Arrears. £1.5.- Interest 1/11. Received.

Dairy Inspector that he had registered 21 dairies & received £4.11.- in fees. The dairies were satisfactory. Read.

Secretary & Engineer.

- I. As to preparation of plans for Sheep-Dip. Approved.
2. That he had visited the Prairie Road & arranged with Hamilton to make the bad places passable. That Hamilton had started the formation & he, the Engineer had resurveyed & pegged out the whole section. Approved.
3. That Kett had completed the formation at the Prairie Railway Station & the gravelling which he, the Engineer, had asked the President to authorize. The work should be extended Northwards but the Railway Department refuse to assist & he therefore recommends that it stand over. Approved.
4. That Mr Kett had repaired the Tennyson Road tramway & the foot-bridge at the stone-crossing & he would submit the account to the Shire of Rochester to subscribe to. Approved.
5. That the Railway Department had put the culvert under the line 3.

Secy & Eng's & this in conjunction with those he had put in he was con-
Report contd.

fident there would be no more flooding. Approved.

6. That Mr Kett had started his Contract on the Dingee Road to the East. He had instructed him to put 3 inches more of loam on the section done by Casey near the town. It was only 4" & too weak. He went as far East as the Piccaninny Creek & found Hamilton's formations, done some years ago, in good order & ready for metalling. Approved.
7. That Mr Crapper had nearly completed the formations, stone-crossing & on the Ist E & W road North of Dingee, at Hiatt's. As the works re expensive, extensive & intricate he had put Mr H. Smith on as Clerk of Works, for a few days. Cr Carey questioned the propriety of putting a Clerk of Works on on the score of economy & considerable discussion ensued. Ultimately:-
Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Carey:-
That the Engineer's action be approved. Carried.
8. Mr Bourke reported last night completion of his clearing Contract & he would inspect it shortly.
- 8^a. That he had not had time to survey the Dingee Road but would do so shortly. It will cost between £600 & £700. He recommended banks 18'0" wide & heavier than hitherto. Received.
9. That he had furnished the President with numerous instructions for the benefit of the Shire at the Municipal Conference. Sent in claim for £341 out of the Unused Roads as appeared by the correspondence. Approved.
10. That he had written up all the books & prepared the balance sheet & invited Mr Rennick to audit them. Approved.
11. That he had had the new rate nearly written up & would hand it to the Rate-Collector by the end of the month. Approved.
12. Financial position of the Shire. Overdraft £325.8.3. Received.
Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

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

Report by President of the Municipal Conference.

That the motion to allow ratepayers in arrears to go the roll was lost.

That the Treasurer declined to make alterations in allocating special grants.

That it was decided to bring the question of rating the Closer Settlement lands under notice of the Minister.

President's Report contd. That he had interviewed the Railway Commissioners but they declined to subsidise works outside their territory.

That he had interviewed the Minister of Lands on the subject of the pound site & he said that a charge would have to be made. Also the Department of Health who desired samples of no imported articles but only those prepared in the State.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That a hearty vote of thanks be passed to the President for the trouble he had taken on behalf of the Council. Carried.

Petition. Cr Bissett presented a Petition from White Bros & others asking for the formation of the Dingee Road.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Members for the South & East Ridings & the Engineer inspect the road on Wednesday next meeting at Bullock Creek Bridge at 10 A.M. Carried.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by the President:-

That £1.3.- of rate No. 248 be abandoned. Carried.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Rate struck on 21 September last be confirmed. Carried.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That a Licence for a traction engine be granted to Riedel Bros of Mitiambo. Carried.

Notice of Motion by Cr Coulter as to forming the Dingee Road ordered to stand over till next meeting.

Moved into Committee to open tenders & deal with Finance.

On resuming the Committee reported that they had opened the following tenders for Contract No. 177, the Sheep-Dip.

T. Butler, £243.12.2:- M. Kett £248.15.- & deemed them too high.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That this Contract stand over till the February meeting tenders to be called at the March meeting. Carried.

The Committee reported having examined accounts amounting to. £441.4.4. & recommended their passing:-

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

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

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Engineer be allowed £2.2.- for travelling expenses in connection with the Sheep-Dip. Carried.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by the President:-

That £6.5.- be passed to Mr Jas. Cheyne for his work in connection with the repair of the Prairie Road. Carried.

The Engineer was instructed to write to Mr Kett as to the displacements of the pitchers at Myers' Creek crossing.

Instruction by Cr Ettershank to make low formation & put in log culvert in gully at Adam's block. Logs to be obtainable from adjacent paddocks.

Instruction by Cr Carey:-

To get Kett to make small piece of formation on N & S road from Dingee road to Wilkinson's Swamp.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That the Engineer post notices at the Post Offices that owing to the impossibility to get the Sheep-Dip done in time the Contract is postponed till the March meeting. Carried.

Instruction by the President that the Engineer have a truck of metal put in at the stone-crossing near Wood's.

And the meeting closed.

Confirmed 15 Nov 1911

J. C. M. Grea President

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

November 15th 1911.

Ordinary & Special Meetings held this day:-

Present the President, Cr McCrea, & Crs Bissett, Ettershank, Shaw,
Coulter, Mahoney, Coutts, Carey.

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

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence. I. From the Public Works Department that the plans &c

submitted by Mr Langdon for works under Unused Roads Rent A/c
will be approved provided the Minimum Wage Clause be inserted
in the Contracts. That tenders may be invited & the lowest accep-
ted by the Council. The Secretary explained what he had done.

Received, Secy's action approved.

2. From Mr Meaden in reply to the Secretary's letter that the para-
graphs to which he had taken exception were, by an oversight of
a junior clerk, improperly inserted in the letter. That the De-
partment does not require the works to be re-advertised nor the
insertion of the Minimum Wage clause. That clause need not be
inserted in Contracts under the Unused Roads A/c. That on return
of the vouchers the account will be passed.

Received.

3. From the Public Works Department referring to the recent in-
terview with the President:- on the question of the deviation
of the road to the Serpentine Creek bridge at Serpentine & the
site for a Pound at Munica, in the former case the papers were
with the Railway Department for report & as to the latter the
Department are awaiting the reply as to which conditions excep-
tion is taken. The Secretary read his replies which were approved.

4. From the Lands Department as to alteration of road at Serpentine
that the Railway Department, on being consulted, intimate its
objection to the sale of allotments 49 & 66 or any portion of
them being used for road purposes. The Secretary read his reply
which was approved.

5. From the Public Works Department with claims amounting to
£341.16.- out of the Unused Roads A/c for signature. The Secre-
tary reported having filled them up & sent them to the Presi-
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dent for signature.

Approved.

6. From the same returning all the vouchers duly marked. Received.
7. From Mr J.H. Beer with account for repair of Major's Line Bridge.

The Engineer complained that according to Mr Beer's account the deck
was still in a bad state & that he thought Mr Beer should
have made the repairs complete. After deliberation :-

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the repairs made by Mr Beer be deemed satisfactory at
present & that the a/c be passed.

Carried.

8. From Martin Mitchell asking for repair of road at the N.E. corner
of the Tang. Referred to the Engineer.

9. From Dr Catford of Eaglehawk reporting a case of Diphtheria at
Tandarra. Received.

10. From the same reporting a case of Tuberculosis at Tandarra. Received. Since fatal.

11. From Mrs Munce, Hon. Secretary of a Meeting held in the North
Melbourne Town Hall, asking co-operation in establishing a Conva-
lescent Home for the Blind at Brighton Beach & with subscription
Cards. To stand over for Charity Vote.

The Secretary handed the letter & some of the Cards to the
President for his wife to consider.

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts:-£10.19.-:- Payments £441.4.4:-
Overdraft, £749.10.7. Received.

Dairy Inspector. That he had registered 48 dairies & col-
lected fees amounting to £8.4.-. That he had fin-
ished the registration for this season & collected
£21.18.6. Received.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

2 P.M.

Business resumed the same Crs present:-

Secretary & Engineer's Report:-read.

- I. On general state of Contracts. Received.
2. On inspection of Dingee Road with Committee & recommending Contra-
that Contracts stand over till the February meeting. Approved.
3. That he had inspected the road in front of the Calivil N.S.S.
& recommending treatment. Approved, -to be treated as boundary work.
4. That he had inspected the Hall at Mitiamo & conferred with the
Committee on the subject. That he will submit his views to the
Public Health Department.

Approved.

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Secy & Engr's Report contd.

5. That he had made a thorough survey of the Mitiamo-Pyramid Road extending for 65.65 chains & explaining his proposals for treatment. & that the Shire of Gordon be asked to subscribe towards the cost.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Engineer specify for the whole formation but for loaming only as far as the Trucking Yards & that the Shire of Gordon be asked to contribute. -Carried.-

Amendment by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Contract be only to the yards.

For amendment Crs Coulter, Shaw, Carey Ettershank:-
against the rest of the Council.
President gave his casting vote against the amendment which was lost.
Motion put & carried.

6. That Mr Hamilton is making good progress with the formation of the Prairie Road & expects to finish before Xmas. That then it might be advisable to cancel the Contract & call fresh tenders for the gravelling. Mr Hamilton was agreeable to this.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by the President:-

That Hamilton be asked to complete his Contract by gravel-ling in February or March. Carried.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That Mr Kett be asked to make the formation at Tandarra but let the gravelling stand over till January. Carried.

7. That while at Mitiamo he had got Tresise to purchase samples of foods from McKay's store & he proposed to send them to the School of Mines at Bendigo for analysis. Approved.

8. Statement of financial position. Received.

9. That he had put the Audit through & the accounts are before the Council for passing. Approved.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

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

Annual Meeting.

The Secretary presented the audited Statement & Balance sheets

& the Auditor's Report. These having been examined:-

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Statement & Balance sheets having been examined & found just & true be allowed & certified to. Carried.
The sheets were signed accordingly & the Annual Meeting closed.

General business continued.

Cr Coulter requested the Engineer to repair the stone-crossing at the Council Dam at Harney's by Mr Kett & to write Mr Chris. Moore at Drumartin that he was doing so.

As to the bridge over the Loddon at Hurstwood, considerable discussion ensued when it was

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the question lie in abeyance in view of the financial position of the Shire. Carried.

The Council then went into Committee to deal with Finance. On resuming the Committee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £269.11.9 & recommended their passing.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

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

Instructions to officers. Cr Mahoney reported that planks were broken in 2 culverts on the Mitiamo Road near Mr McCrea's.

That the Engineer send 2/6 to Master Martin of Pompa-piel for cutting up a fallen tree.

By Cr Bissett:- that the Secretary write the Town Clerk, Melbourne & enquire the price of the waggons used by the Council for carting gravel & the capacity of them.

By Cr Carey:- That the Engineer have the spoil deposited on the West at Myer's Creek crossing shifted.

Railway from Bridgewater to Jarklan:-

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That meetings be invited at Serpentine on Saturday 16th December & at Jarklan on Saturday 30th at 8 P.M. to consider the Railway question. Carried.

Instructions contd. By Cr Carey: that the Engineer inspect the stone-crossing at Carin's & the Kamarooka Road from the Tandarra Woolshed as it was in a very bad state.

To urge Crapper to proceed with his Contract at Wilkinson's Swamp.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Engineer survey & call tenders for repair of the Dingee Road by next meeting. Carried.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That tenders be called for repair of the Dingee Road from the Raywood Road to the Bullock Creek bridge & reconstruction of the bridge. Carried

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by the President:-

That a vote of thanks be passed to the Committee for the trouble they had taken in inspecting & reporting on the Dingee Road. Carried.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the next meeting be held on 20th December but the January meeting be allowed to lapse. Carried.

Thistles.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by the President:-

That Constable Brown for the East Riding & Constable Johnson for the N & S Ridings be asked to accept the appointment of Thistle Inspectors at a salary of £1 per annum each & an allowance of £2 per week while in the field for 8 weeks. Carried.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by the President:-

That the Secretary ask Mr Meaden whether the Council have power to enforce the Acts with regard to Bathurst Burr, Star thistle & Stink-wort only & whether notice can be served by post. Carried.

Notice of Motion by Cr Coutts:-

That the bonus on fox-skins be discontinued. And the Meeting closed.

Confirmed this 20th day of December 1911.

J. B. McCrea

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

December 20th 1911.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

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

Bissett, Shaw, Coutts.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the same be confirmed. Carried.

Correspondence. I. From State Rivers & W.S. enquiring if there is any objection on water supply grounds to the application of H. Phillips for an allotment in parish of Mitiamo.

To stand over for enquiry.

2. From the Lands Department as to objection of the Railway Department to sale of allotments in Serpentine that contents have been noted. Received.

3. From the same that Crown lands cannot legally be reserved for a Pound site at Munica.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by the President:-

That a lease be accepted at a rental of 5/- per annum. Carried.

4. From the Commissioners of Railways that they had decided to renew the stock-yards at Mitiamo & improve the approach thereto. Recd.

5. From the same to the like effect:- that better arrangements will be made as to the trucking of metal.-The question of road deviation at Serpentine, stamping of letters &c will be further dealt with. Received.

6. From the same with apology for posting unstamped documents & that road deviation at Serpentine is still under enquiry. Received.

7. From the same with lease of site at Prairie for waterworks for execution & asking for fee of 5/- for copy. Received, fee to be paid. Lease to be signed on motion of President 2nd by Cr Carey & carrd.

8. From Public Health Department as to Engineer's report on Hall at Mitiamo. Received.

9. From the same with poster on the "House Fly" & asking how many the Council require. The Secretary explained that he had ordered 450 & got Mr Tresise to include them when sending out rate notices. Action approved.

10. From the caretaker of the waterworks at Prairie reporting leakage of tank. The Engineer reported that he had written the Golden City Co. on the subject.

II. From the Golden City Implement Co that they had sent a man up to enquire. Since that they had effected repairs & strengthened the I.

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Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by the President:-

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8. From Public Health Department as to Engineer's report on Hall at Mitiamo. Received.

9. From the same with poster on the "House Fly" & asking how many the Council require. The Secretary explained that he had ordered 450 & got Mr Tresise to include them when sending out rate notices. Action approved.

10. From the caretaker of the waterworks at Prairie reporting leakage of tank. The Engineer reported that he had written the Golden City Co. on the subject.

II. From the Golden City Implement Co that they had sent a man up to enquire. Since that they had effected repairs & strengthened the

Corr.contd. foundation.

Received.

13. From J.R.V. Anderson, Director of the School of Mines applying for the appointment as Analyst to the Shire on the usual terms.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by the President:-

That Mr Anderson be appointed Analyst.

Carried.

- 14.15. From Constables Brown & Johnson accepting the offices of Thistle Inspectors but suggesting that they be appointed for the whole Shire & not for the Ridings & they would work in unison.

The Secretary explained the position & submitted the appointments he had drawn & these & the Secretary's action were approved.

16. From Cohen, Kirby & Woodward as to the exchange of roads through Yarraberb, asking the Council to sign an authority to the Chief Draughtsman of the Titles Office to make technical amendments in the description of the old road.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the document be signed & sealed.

Carried.

17. From Messrs Tatchell, Dunlop & Co with explanation as to Mr B.L. Hall's rates. The Secretary had replied & but received no answer.

Ordered to stand over till after lunch.

18. From C.H. Meaden with replies as to the Thistle Act. The Secretary explained the action he had taken & this was approved.

19. From the same with copies of the Annual Session which the Secretary laid on the table for Crs. Also that the question of unexpended special grants was referred to on p.p. 13, 74. Received.

20. From D.J. McClelland offering 80 cub. yds of metal lying in the Station ground at Dingee for £10. The Engineer explained that on receipt of this he had wired to Cr Carey who had consulted Cr Coulter authorizing acceptance. He had done so.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Engineer's action be approved.

Carried.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

2 P.M.

Business resumed the same Crs present.

22. From Cohen, Kirby & Woodward as to exchange of roads at Yarraberb, that the consideration mentioned in the conveyance, £29, had been paid to the Public Works Department 12 months back & they hold receipt. The Secretary explained that as the amount appeared in the transfer he thought it his duty to collect it. At the same time he

Corr.contd. did not think it belonged to the Council. He had however submitted the question to the Shire Solicitors.

To stand over for Shire Solicitors reply.

23. From Mr A.C. Knapp that he would be only too pleased to act as Caretaker of the waterworks at Prairie but as he was liable to removal he thought it would be better to appoint an outsider & he had consulted Mr N. Tonkin, the storekeeper who had expressed his willingness to accept the appointment.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by the President:-

That Mr N. Tonkin be appointed Caretaker on the usual terms.

Carried.

24. From W.H. Hardy that as the State Rivers have now inserted a large pipe in the channel bank he would like the Council to put a similar pipe through the formation at Mr O'Neill's.

Referred to the Engineer with power to insert pipe if he think necessary.

- 25, 26. Shires of Gordon & Rochester with copies Balance sheets. Recd.
27. From Mr T.S. Old offering the water plant at Yallock to the Council for £31. Received.

28. From Cr Keogh with apology for inability to attend the meeting on account of being laid up & with Compts of the Season.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Secretary send a letter of sympathy to Cr Keogh & the expression of a hope that he will speedily recover.

Carried.

29. From J.D. McClelland with thanks for purchasing the metal & that he had used similar metal in the streets of Kerang with success. Received.

30. From the Engineer to the Shire of Rochester as to the account for repair of the Tennyson Road. The Engineer explained that he had sent in an application which would be probably dealt with at the meeting of the Rochester Shire on 23rd. Approved.

17. This letter was received.

Reports. Treasurer. Receipt £348.-.6:- Payments £369.11.9.- Overdraft £675.8.6. Received.

Rate-Collector. Rates nil. Dogs £1. Received.

Analyst that all samples submitted were up to standard. & with a/c. Recd. a/c passed.

Weigher Old. with return of fees collected £4.19.6 Received.

Secretary & Engineer.

- Clause I. On progress of works. Approved.
2. On completion & progress of Contracts. Approved.

Secy & Engr's Report contd. 3. That here seems to be a desire to put in a stone-crossing at the peg 7810 on the Prairie Road where there is only a 3'0" culvert & asking instructions.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by the President:-

That a 9'0" culvert be put in. Carried.

4. That on the Terricks Road he had pointed out to the Contractor, Joseph Kett, the formations that required to be made up amounting to from 50 to 60 chains. He had instructed him to do these without topping in the interim. Approved.

5. That he had close surveyed the Dingee Road from the Raywood Road to the timber this side of Dingee so that there are only 2 miles to finish. He had plotted & calculated the whole section in the South Riding. Approved.

6. That he had put in the application to the Gordon Shire for assistance in forming the Mitiamo-Pyramid road but did not know whether that Council would sit this year. Approved.

7. That he had put in the application to the Rochester Shire for contribution of £56.7.4 towards repairing the Tennyson Road. Approved.

8. That with the assistance of Mr Gladman he had revised the whole valuation of the Shire & showing the improvement. Asking for allowance in respect of the work involved. Received.

9. That he had drawn all appointments which he laid on the table. Approved.

10. That the correspondence would shew what he had done with reference to the Thistle Notices. Approved.

II. Recommending the revision of the scales of charges for Dairies & weigh-bridge fees. That he saw no reason for working any branch at a loss.

Notice of Motion by Cr Ettershank to increase the dairy fees by 25%.

By Cr Shaw:- To increase the fees for weighing to a minimum of 6d & revise the scale generally & the percentage to the weigher.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

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

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Secretary & Engineer receive a bonus of £25 for the extra work during the past year. Carried.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by the President:-

That the Secretary write Mr Meaden to ask the Railway Commissioners to send up a fair amount of trucks to clear away the wheat from all the stations in the Shire as they are blocked already. Carried.

The Secretary was further instructed to wire the Commissioners that Mitiamo, Tandarra & Dingee stations were already blocked.

The Council then moved into Committee to deal with finance. On resuming the Committee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £511.6.2 & recommending their passing.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

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

The Engineer was requested to urge on the completion of Cobb's Contract East of Terricks home-station.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the bonus on Fox-skins be discontinued as from 1st February next:-

Amendment by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the present system be retained.

For amendment Crs Bissett & Mahoney.

Against the rest of the Council.

Amendment lost:- motion put & carried.

Notice of Motion by Cr Mahoney:-

That about 50 chains of loaming be done on the Mitiamo Road between Kirwan Bros & H. Elliot's & about 40 chains between S.O. McCrea's & Dr Atkinson's.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Secretary & Engineer be granted a month's leave of absence. Carried & the

meeting adjourned. *Concluded this 21 July 1912.*

S. O. McCrea

Shire Hall, Serpentine, Jan'y 12th 1912.

Committee Meeting held this day:-

Present Crs Coutts, Bissett, Ettershank.

Cr Bissett in the Chair:-

The Committee examined accounts amounting to £57.18.10 & recommended their payment. And the Meeting closed.

S. O. McCrea

President.

July 21st 1912.