Shire Hall, SERPENTINE.

January 23rd.1914.

Committee Meeting held this day:-

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

Correspondence:-

1. From the Under Secretary that the re-opening of the Office of the Registrar of Births & Deaths at Serpentine is not considered necessary on account of small number of registrations. Sec.to apply again for re-opening.

2. From Mr. V. Fattorini, of the local State School Committee asking for use of ~~the~~ Shire Hall for school purposes during repairs to the School building.

To be recommended to the Council to grant the use of the Hall on payment of £1. -. - per week rental, & on the Education Department guaranteeing to make good all damages.

3. From the Shire of Tambo asking for the appointment of a Delegate to wait on the Minister of Railways relative to the abolition of the Loading of Land.

Received.

4. From Thistle Inspector Fattorini tendering his resignation as Thistle Inspector, & asking that permission be applied for for him to be allowed to continue his office till the end of the Season.

Stand over for Corr.5.

5. From the Superintendent of Police, Bendigo, notifying that Constable Fattorini has been called upon to resign his Office as Thistle Inspector, & asking for the date of his resignation.

Notice of Motion by Cr.Ettershank:-

That Constable Fattorini's resignation be accepted, & that Mr. Eric Owen be appointed for the whole Shire at a retaining Fee of £5.-.- per annum, & expenses.

Finance.

Accounts amounting to £168. 4. - were examined & recommended for payment.

Roller.

After examining tenders & Catalogues it was:-

Moved by the President, 2nd.by Cr.Ettershank:-

That the choice of Roller from one of the firms of Mitchell's, Braid's or the second hand one of Mr. J.Julien be left to Cr.Coutts, with power to purchase.

Grader.

Carried.

After examining correspondence relative to the road Grader, the choice was narrowed down to one of Messrs LePlastrier's or the New Century, & on the Motion of the President, 2nd.by

(1).

Cr Ettershank, it was decided that Cr.Coutts was also to be asked to make the final choice of the grader.

The Secretary was instructed to make an appointment with Mr. J.Julien to meet Crs. Coutts & Ettershank at Carlyon's Melbourne Hotel at 11 a.m. on Thursday 29th.inst. relative to the second hand roller, for purposes of inspection.

AND THE MEETING CLOSED.

Confirmed this 18th day of February 1914.

W. Bissett

President.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

February 18th 1914.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present President, (Cr Bissett) & Crs Tonkin, Coulter, Carey, Mahoney

The minutes of the Meeting in December were read:-

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the same be confirmed, Carried.

The Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 23rd January were read:-

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That the same be confirmed. Carried.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

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

Correspondence. 1. From the Treasury with Claim for Endowment £550. Recd.

2. From Public Works Department with Claim for £75.2.-. balance of Unused Roads Rents. Received.

3. From Law Department that the application re Careless Use of Fire will be considered when fresh legislation is being introduced. Received.

4. From the Public Works Department with gazettal of Width of Tires Provisions. Received.

5. From Hon. T. Langdon as to Bridgewater-Durham-Ox Railway. Recd.

6. From the same on the Wheat Commission Report.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the matter stand over till next meeting. Carried.

7. From the Municipal Association with copy of the Thistle Amendment Bill & the commentaries of the Association on it.

The Secretary read the letter addressed to Mr Langdon on 2.2.14 approving of clauses 1-8 but asking him to endeavor to have clause 9 struck out unless the Government will recognize their duty & take over the eradication of thistles from Crown Lands. Letter approved.

8. From the Shire of Tambo with appointment for Deputation re repeal of the Land Acquisition Act. The Committee deemed it advisable to take no action while the Durham-Ox Railway was under consideration & merely received the letter. Approved.

9. From Mrs Sargood with thanks for vote of condolence. Recd.

10. From Dr Lewers reporting a case of Typhoid at Hayanmi. Recd.

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I1. From Denis Hardiman applying for a slaughtering licence in Hayanmi. The Secretary reported that he had refferred the matter to the Inspector of Slaughter Yards & on receiving his satisfactory report had issued the licence. Action approved.

I2. From Joseph Dee asking for an allowance for hauling the roller under Contract 212 as he had omitted the item from his tender. The question having been fully debated & the Engineer consulted:- Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Contractor be allowed £4. Carried.

I3. From T.L. Tripps & others asking for a small extension of formation between Thomas' & Grogan's (late Wight Bros), about 6 or 7 chains East of Mr Thomas' gate.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Petition be granted with a stone crossing or culvert & tenders called. Carried.

I4. From Cr Coutts with regard to the culvert on Potter's road lately removed that he will give it a year's trial before putting in another. Received & approved.

I5. From Henry Smith for permission to shoot birds on his premises engaging to take every care.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That permission be granted. Carried.

I6. From the Sutherland Homes for subscription.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That £1.1.- be voted. Carried.

I7. From Dr Bernardo's Homes the like.

Moved by Cr ~~Mahoney~~ Carey 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That £1.1.- be voted. Carried.

I8. From the Eye & Ear Hospital the like. Already provided.

I9. From the Deaf & Dumb Institute the like. Already provided.

Corr. of 23.2.14. read as per minutes of the Committee meeting & action approved.

Inspector of Thistles. Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the resignation of Constable Fattorini as Inspector of Thistles be accepted. Carried.

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts £403.16.8:-Payments £409.11.-
Net overdraft, £1309.14.7. Received.

Rate-Collector. Rates current £341.15.-:-Arrears £5.13.9:-
Interst 14/9:-Dogs £1.total £349. 3.6.Recd.

Weigher, Dingee. Report No.3.-£10:- No.4.-£10.9.-. Recd.

Sanitary Contractor. That he had finished fencing in depot.
That he had attended to Concrete drain.
That there were 37 pans being served. Received.

Inspector Brown. That he had done his best as Thistle Inspector but, owing to large amount of duty, was unable to pay proper attention t distant parts of his district. Regrets having to tender his resignation at the end of his term.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the resignation be accepted at the end of this month. Carried.

Poundkeeper. Dec.to Jany Receipts £3.15.9
Jany to date £1. 5.-. Received.

Secretary & Engineer.

1. That he had returned from holiday & with thanks. Comments on roads. Received.

2. That during his absence Mr Owen had done excellent work in the field & he had embodied 18 of his surveys in 4 Contracts & invited tenders for them that day. The Government estimates had only just been passed instead of in November as usual. The overdraft was therefore high but would soon come down. Approved.

3. That the Major's Line bridge requires reconstructing & suggesting a conference with the Engineer of the Shire of Korong & Cr Coutts on the return of that gentleman. Approved.

4. With regard to the repair of the stone-crossing at McMahon's Swamp recommending the taking out of the metal & substitution of a formation & 30'0" or 20'0" bridge.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Crs for the East Riding, Cr Shaw & the Engineer meet on the ground & confer. Carried.

5. That he had had an interview with Cr Coutts on various subjects. First he had purchased a second-hand roller for £20.
Second. That he had arranged for a week's trial of a Russel Grader the Council to pay freight. Price £25.
He had embodied the use of the grader in the new Contracts. Approved.

Sec & Engr's Report contd.

7. That on looking through the Report of the last session of the Municipal Association he saw that a ruling had been given ~~th~~ that all roads & the material thereon is still vested in the crown to wit, trees, loam, gravel &c & advising that the L.G.Act be amended in that direction. That it may be advisble to draw a circular to the Shires to co-operate.

Left in the hands of the Secretary.

8. That he had succeeded in getting the balance of the Unused Road Rents. The overdraft was £I309.I4.7 but would be soon lowered.

Received.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

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

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

Tenders. On resuming the Committee reported that they had opened tenders for the following Contracts & recommended that the following, being the lowest be accepted:-

Contract	No.2I9.W.G.Ball	£90.-.-
,,	No.220.A.Price,	£49.I6.9
,,	No.22I.W.G.Ball,	£5I.I2.8
,,	No.222.W.G.Ball,	£85.I5 I0

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Report be received & adopted. Carried.

Finance. The Committee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £I99.6.6 & recommended their passing.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

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

Thistle Inspector. Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That Mr Eric Owen be appointed Thistle Inspector for the whole Shire at a salary of £50 per annum as from Ist March next. Carried.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That the Mover be authorized to get a formation made on the Boundary Road at John Cheyne's for £4. Carried.

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Instructions to Engineer to urge Mr Crapper to get the road at Wilkinson's Swamp completed.

By Cr Carey:- To invite tenders for formation on Terricks Road South of Prairie.

Survey for about half a mile of formation on the same road North of Forsyth's Contract.

By Cr Coulter:- To ask the Railway Commissioners to open up the channel-way at the culvert they have put in at Tandarra.

Maintenance-men. Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That applications be invited for maintenance-men for the North & East Ridings at £3/6 per day each the applicants to find horses, harness & drays & to reside in the Ridings.
Carried.

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Shire of Rochester be asked to contribute towards repairing the Piccaninny Creek bridge on the Tennyson Road. Carried.

By Cr Coulter:- That the Engineer inspect the N. & S. Road at Jackman's as far as the Waranga channel & report on its repair by next meeting.

By Cr Mahoney:- To ask the State Rivers to fill the dams North of the Waranga Channel on the same terms as before. That there are about 40 of them. People carting.

Notice of Motion. By the President that By-Law No. 6. be repealed & re-enacted so as to apply to the Police Offences Act 1912.

And the meeting closed.

Confirmed this 18th day of March 1914.

W. Bissett

President.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

March 18th 1914.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

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

Death of the Treasurer, Mr W.F.Lovell. The President drew the attention of the Crs to the fearful & untimely death of Mr W.F.Lovell & invited Crs to speak on the matter:-he himself expressed great regret at the loss the district had sustained.

Cr Ettershank said he was deeply touched at the accident as he was a spectator of the whole thing. The district had lost a very fine man & his family their breadwinner:-

He moved & was seconded by Cr Shaw:-

That a letter of condolence be forwwrded to Mrs Lovell.
Carried unanimously.

General business. The Minutes of the last meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the same be confirmed. Carried.

Correspondence. 1. From the Public Works Department announcing a re-vote of the unexpended balance of last year's Special Grant & a new vote of £100 the Council to expend the like sum. Received.

2. From Hon.Thos.Langdon to the same effect. Received.

3. From the Under Secretary with regard to the closing of the office of Registrar of Births & Deaths that the small number of registrations do not justify the re-opening. That parents can register by proxy.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the matter stand over for six months. Carried.

4. From the State Rivers & W.S. that steps will be taken to fill the tanks in Calivil conditionally on £2 per tank being paid in advance to cover the expense involved.

5. The Secretary read the reply that he had sent demurring to the charge being doubled after the Commissioners had agreed last year to doing the pumping at £1 each.

6. From the State Rivers in reply that the matter will be further

Corr.contd. considered when the cost of filling has been ascertained. Re

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Secretary's action be approved but the Council think it very unfair & unreasonable to charge while rate-payers have had no water & the channels have not been cleaned out as they should have been. Carried.

7. From the Railway Commissioners that they will write further as to the channel at Tandarra & the culvert at Prairie. Received.

8. From the Department of Public Health acknowledging receipt of the Annual Report for I913. Received.

9. From the same Circular as to cleanliness in bars & refreshment rooms. Received.

10. From the same acknowledging receipt of Annual Report by Health Officer, Dr Merrillees. Received.

11. From the same Circular as to the wholesomeness of fish supllied Received.

12. From Leplastrier's agents that the road-grader will arrive in a about 3 weeks. Received.

13. From the same that it will arrive in I4 days from 6th March. Received.

14. From J.S.Carruthers complaining of the size of the culvert in the formation adjacent to his place. The Engineer explained that the I2" culvert was only designed to fill a dam & he did not think another was necessary in such a short formation.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That a 3'0" culvert be substituted for the I2". Carried.

I5. From William Thomas that he does not think a crossing is necessary in the proposed extension of formation at his place but he will consult Messrs Dripps & Wight. Received.

16. From Mr T.Keeley that the fence at the Rubbish-depot at Mitiamo is satisfactory. Received.

17. From the Shire of Rochester asking further information as to the repairs to the Piccaninny Creek bridge on Tennyson Road & estimate of cost. Received.

I8. From Robertson & Co, soliciting order for policy under the Workers' Compensation Act now become law. Received.

Corr.Contd. 19. From the National Insurance Co,the like. Received.

20. From D.W.Coulter inviting the Pre ident & Engineer to a conference at Tandarra as to excision from Loddon United Trust Area. Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the President & Secretary be asked to attend the Conference. Carried.

21. From the State Rivers & W.S. acknowledging receipt of Return of householders at Dingee & that the Water Supply there will receive attention. Received.

22. From the Municipal Association with Minutes on recent Legislation. Received.

23. From Mr W.Thomas confirming his former expression of opinion. Already dealt with.

24. From the Shire Solicitors that the transfer of site for Rubbish Dépôt at Mitiamo has been registered. Received.

25. From Dingee Progress Association asking for drainage at Dingee. To stand over for Report.

26. Cr Carey presented a Petition from P.O'Donohue & others asking for reduction of the weighbridge fees at Dingee.To stand over.

27. From W.J.Eddy,for leave to conduct a shooting gallery at Bear's Lagoon Bazaar in aid of the Mechanics Institute there on 25th Inst.Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by the President:-

That permission be granted but the Constable be asked to inspect the arrangements for the shooting. Carried.

28. From S.J.Burge that the roller will be ready on 20th Inst.Recd.

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts.£956.-.I0:-Payments £I95. 5.6.net overdraft £552.I8.I. Received.

Rate-Collector. Rates current £3I2.I5.- Arrears,4/6:-Dog 5/-. Received.

Thistle Inspector Brown.that he had been attending to his duties as far as possible lately& have caused a considerable quantity of burrs to be cut. Received.

Thistle Inspector Owen.That he had commenced duty on Ist Inst. That there were a large number of Bathurst Burrs & stinkwort more especially along the channels. That he had notified 22 persons to cut them. Recd.

Health Officer,Dr Deravin,with Annual Report for I9I3. That the health of the Shire had been excellent & no cases of Infectious Disease reported.He had inspected the outbuildings at the S.S. Serpentine which should be rebuilt.(since done). Received.

Health Officer,Dr Merrillees Annual Reprt for I9I3.That no actin

Reports contd. action had been taken with regard to the spread of disease. The season had been mild with regard to epidemics & no action had been required. Nuisances had been abated as soon as pointed out. He had inspected the hotel at Dingee which was awkwardly situated for drainage but the Lessee was doing his best. No legal proceedings had been taken. The general sanitary state of the district was good & steadily improving. This was owing to the general increase of knowledge in the individual householder. Suggesting that the Inspector of Nuisances should give attention where many flies were in evidence.
Only one case of Infectious disease was recorded, Diphtheria, at Prairie. Calling attention to the increase of summer diarrhea & suggesting that besides educating the mother, in the means of prevention, proper inspection should be made of all places selling milk & that they be licensed. Received.

Dingee Weighbridge Keeper. with return of fees collected. £5.6.- Received.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

Committee. at 2. P.M. the same Crs present.

The Committee opened applications for Maintenance-men,- & tenders. They also examined the accounts.

Open Council. Assistant Engineer. (1). He had had the 2 stone-crossings at Priestley's & ~~Mr Boyd had arranged with Mr Boyd for repaired & the gravel-beams raised~~ Priestley's & Rogers' roads repaired & the gravel-beams raised & arranged with Mr Boyd to repair & top-deck 3 culverts on the Dingee Road. Approved.

2. That Mr Albrecht had surveyed for formations on the Terricks Road & Thomas's road.
3. That he had inspected the Piccaninny Creek bridge on the Tennyson Road The bridge requires a new lower & an upper deck. His estimate for the work is from £90 to £100. Mr Albrecht proposes to cover the deck with tarred metal.

   Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

   That the estimate be sent to the Shire of Rochester for their approval & co-operation. Carried.

4. That he had inspected Jackman's Road & his estimates were as follows:- (1). From the culvert S. of Jackman's house N. to the Ist E. & W. road, £30. (2). From this road N. to the next formation £21. (3). Topping up & loaming formation through to the next E. & W. road £55. For the whole work £106. (1). Is bad in winter. (2). requires doing badly. (3). might stand over at present. Tenders to be called for (2).
5. He had inspected the N. & S. road at Mr J.H. Coulter's gate. Making a channell to drain it would cost £26. He did not know until he had taken the levels whether such drain would be efficacious

   Moved by Ct Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

   That the Secretary write to the State Rivers & ask them to make the drain on the West side of the road. Carried.

6. That he & the Crs for the Riding had inspected the stone-crossing at McMahon's Swamp & recommended that the metal be taken out the excavation be filled in with rough metal from the Kamarooka Hills & covered with the excavated metal raising the crossing 15" inches, & inserting a box culvert to equalize the

water. About 100 cub.yds would be required.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the work be carried out, omitting the culvert & raising the crossing 12" instead of 15". Carried.

7. That the Committee then visited a piece of road between Cooper's & Watson's where about 7 chains of formation are required which would cost about £5.10.-

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That the clause be approved & the work done. Carried.

8. That he & the Committee visited Wilkinson's Swamp road & recommended that the formation be raised, the waterway in the bridge being sufficient, & loamed. That the bank be widened & the dam fenced off. Recommended that tenders be called in a fortnight. Mr Albrecht differs from the treatment of the road at McMahon's but concurs in this.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the clause be approved & the work carried out. Carried.

9. Drawing attention to persons cutting down braches of trees for the purpose of getting bee-hives leaving such branches on the road & suggesting that the Inspector of Nuisances give attention with a view to prosecuting offenders Approved.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

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

Secretary & Engineer's Report.

1. On progress of works, surveys &c & recommending that the penalty for overtime should be enforced. Approved.

2. That the balance of last year's special grant had been re-voted & claim will be sent in. That only £100 had been voted as a special grant for this year & only £25,000 for the whole State. That all the Municipalities should unite & press on the Govt the necessity of the Country Districts for more assistance towards opening up the daily increasing miles of road. Proposing to submit the Contracts let at the last meeting amounting to £191. 9.5 for approval under the Grant. These are in the N. Riding. Approved.

3. Reporting the death of the nephew of Cr Coutts & also of Mr W.E. Lovell, the Shire Treasurer & the necessity of appointing another.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That Mr C.E. Albrecht be appointed Treasurer at a salary of £10 per annum. Carried.

4. That when surveying for a crossing at the Public Hall at Dingee he had cut part of a future drain along the allotment but it had been filled up

Secy & Engr's Report contd.

The Progress Committee are now complaining of the want of drainage.He had written to enquire.

Cr Coulter admitted that he had had the drain filled.The Engineer was requested to have the drainage asked for done by the maintenance-man.

5. That the fence at Donnellan's dam is out of repair.He will attend to it. Approved.

6. Mr Owen reports that a ~~drain~~ cutting on the Prairie Road in Mr Gittins' Irrigation scheme is too near the formation & is dangerous.He the Engineer,will look into the matter & get it amended. Approvd.

7. Asking that if maintenance-men be appointed today,they be asked to commence duty at once.Appointments to date from Ist April.

8. Asking for 2- new 1000 gallon tanks at the Shire Hall as the present ones are worn out.They would cost from £5 to £6 apiece. Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the tanks be ordered & the old ones disposed of, Osborne of Bendigo to be asked for a price. Carried.

9. In view of recent fire at Serpentine asking for Ajax Chemical Fire-engines for the townships. Tostand over.

10. Financial position.Overdraft reduced to £552.18.1. Received.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

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

Return of Householders in Dingee for State Rivers &c Received.

Sanitary Service,Mitiamo. 39 pans out.Another required in a week Railway Station & S.S.expected to come in. Received.

Petition presented by Cr Shaw:-from W.B.Gittins & others asking for an additional J.P for Pompapiel & recommending that the name of Mr Phillip McGrath.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Petition be forwarded to the Law Department with the request that the prayer be granted. Carried.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by the President:-
That the name of Mr A.Ettershank be also submitted for the Commission of the Peace. Carried.

Petition presented by Cr Coulter from P.O'Donohue & others asking for the reduction of the Weighbridge scale of charges to that prior to August I9I2. Received.

Tenders. The Committee reported that they had opened tenders for the Contracts advertised & made the following recommendations for acceptance:-

Contract No.223.	John Collins	£I4.II.6
,, No.224.	Doody Bros.	48. 7.IO
,, No.225.	,, ,,	23.I2.-

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That the Report be received & adopted. Carried.

The Committee reported that they had opened numerous appliactions for the position of Maintenance-men IO in number for each Riding Ballots were taken with the following result.

For the North:-W.J.Lea. ~~F.Hester~~- 7. F.Hester I.

For the ~~South~~-East:-Chas.E.Truel 6.:-F.Hester I.-A.C.Miller I.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That W.J.Lea be appointed Maintenance-man for the North Riding in the terms of the specification of duties & amended as hereinafter mentioned as from Ist April. Carried.

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That Chas.E.Truel be similarly appointed for the East Riding. Carried.

Finance. The Finance Committee reported having examined accounts amounting to £2IO.I2.6 & recommending their payment.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

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

By-Law No.6. Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That ByLaw No.~~6~~. 6. be repealed & re-enacted as By-Law No.9.for extending the provisions of the first part of the Police Offences Act I9I2 to the Shire. Carried.

Petition. Cr Coulter presented a Petition from F.Murray & others asking as future Ratepayers for certain formations in Talambe where they have just settled.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Petition be received but consideration of it stand over until funds are available. Carried.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That tenders be called by next meeting for reforming about 30 chains of formation & repairing stone-crossing at Wood's on Prairie Road. & reforming & loaming about 30 chains of formation on the Mitiamo Road at Gray's. Carried.

Instructions to Officers.

By Cr Carey:- To make about 2 or 3 chains of formation near the channel at Farrell's.

By Cr McCrea:- That Mr Owen set out the work on the Echuca Road that he was authorized to get done some time ago & have the same done by Contractor Bell.

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That application be made to the Shire of Rochester to contribute towards gravelling the last made formations on the Pine-Grove Road. Carried.

By Cr Coulter to ask Mr Corcoran for a price for the surplus metal he has near Eeles'.

Notices of Motion. By the President:- To confirm By-Law No.9.

By Cr Coulter:- That the scale of charges of the Dingee Weigh-bridge be revised & adjusted & if necessary By-Law No.8 be repealed.

And the meeting closed.

Confirmed this I5th day of April I9I4

W. Bissett

President.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

April 15th 1914.

There being no Councillors present at the meeting to have been held this day, I do adjourn the same till Wednesday, 22nd Instant at 11 A.M.

Chas. Abrecht

Secretary.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

April 22nd 1914.

Adjourned Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President, (Cr Bissett), & Crs Ettershank, Coutts, ~~Car~~ Carey, Shaw, Coulter, Mahoney. There being no quorum at 11 a.m. Cr. Ettershank withdrew.

W.H.

The minutes of the meeting on I8 March & the adjounrment on I5th April were read:-

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the same be confirmed. Carried.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

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

Correspondence: I. From the Public Works Department with claim for £I08.-.9 part of re-vote of last year's Special Grant. Received.

2. From the Hon.T.Langdon that he will support application for the appointment of Messrs Ettershank & McGrath as J.Ps. Recd.

3. From the same with letter from the Law Department that the application made some time ago & the latest one will receive attention. Received.

4. From the Law Department to the like effect. Received.

5. From the Treasury with Claim for £93, Licences Equivalent. Recd

6. From the Hon. John Gray, M.L.A. that he will support the Petition re the Loddon U.W.W.Trust, ~~& that he will~~ Received.

7. From the Hon. ~~L.Gray~~ Thos. Langdon, the like & that he will present it. Recd.

8. From the Secretary to the Shire of Gordon that his Council will not meet till 7th prox. but Councillors he has spoken to are favorably impressed but suggesting certain alterations in the Petition & that a Conference of the Shires be convened. To stand over till later.

9. From the Municipal Association inviting Motions for the Annual Session. The Secretary suggested an amendment of the act so as to give Councils the absolute property in the roads. & was authorized to submit it.

I0. From the Shire of Korong with their Engineer's Report on the repairs to the Major's Line Bridge & that they will join in the expense but asking you to carry them out. To stand over.

II. From Woodcock & McCormick that their graders will not arrive

till the end of May & asking you to wait for them.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by the President:-

That Woodcock & McCormick be informed that the Council will take the machine on trial at the beginning of September. Carried.

Through keeping the machine back the suitable weather has passed.

11. From the Dingee Mechanics' Institute in explanation as to the filling up of the drain cut by the Council. Received.

12. From the Public Health Department asking for Food samples. To be attended to by the Secretary.

13. From the Secretary of the Mitiamo Progress Association asking £ for 3 more lamps, authority to remove & re-erect one, -for the supply of oil & the appointment of a lamp-lighter. Also that the Council urge the Education & Railway Departments to come under the sanitary service.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the matter of lamps stand over for further consideration. Carried.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Secretary write & ask the Association why their engagement to maintain the lamps was not kept. Carried.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Secretary write the Health Department on the subject of the sanitary service. Carried.

15. From Mitchell & Co. offering a second-hand grader at £70. Recd.

16. From the United Shire of Beechworth with invitation to a conference re St John's Wort. Already past. Received.

17. From Shire of Korong that they will support the Petition re Loddon United W.W.Trust. Received.

18. From the State Rivers that they have reduced the charge of for filling dams from £2 to £1. Received.

19. From J.Carter asking that a stone-crossing be put in Myers Creek on the first road North of Dingee.

20. From Harry Bros. the like.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Engineer survey & report on the cost. Carrd.

21. From H.Jackman asking to have a drain cut on the N. & S. road East of his house.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That no action be taken. Carried.

Reports. Treasurer. Receopts £1799.13 1:-Payments £210.12.6:- Cr balance £1029.10.6. Received.

Rate-Collector. Rates current, £1642. - 3:- Arrears £9.15.4:- Interest £1.10.7:- Dogs £4. Total £1657. 6.2. Recd.

Sanitary Contractor, Mitiamo. That he had collected £15. 7.8 in rates:-That there are 40 pans in use. Enquiring as to continuing to clean out concrete drain.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the cleaning out of the drain be continued. Carrd. Report received.

Weigher Old. That he had collected £11. 6.- in fees.& weighings were active. Received.

Assistant Engineer Owen.

1. That Mr Lea had commenced duty on Ist Inst. Mr Truel would commence this day. Approved.
2. He had put a man on at the drains at Dingee & Tandarra. Approved.
3. As to the drainage at Vogele's, Dingee the Railway Department have been requested to clean out their drain but our culvert at the weigh-bridge must be lowered. Approved.
4. All works ordered at last meeting have been surveyed but that on the Prairie road was not ready for tender. At Gray's om the Mitiamo road, Cr McCrea had arranged to pay a royalty for loam of 3d per c.yd. Loam will also have to be purchased for the work on the Prairie Road. Approved.
5. He had surveyed for formations at the corner at Harry's Dingee but does not recommend the 2nd piece at present. Received.
6. He had had a broken girder in the bridge at Jarklan Hall replaced. Approved.
7. He proposes to have 2 bridges & one culvert near Terricks W. home-station reconstructed by the maintenance man. Approved.
8. On progress of works let. Received.
9. That he had issued 20 more thistle notices. Nearly all land-holders had cut the thistles but some will have to be interviewed.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Inspector inform any persons having burrs that they must stack & burn them. Carried.

10. Drawing attention to 2 Contractors who have not yet commenced their Contracts. Received.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

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

Joint Report Major's Line Bridge.

That the Engineer's of your Shire & that of Korong had in company with Crs Couuts, Andrews & Johnson had overhaule the bridge & found the main piles in fair condition but the alings & braces completed rotted away & must be replaced. That in the opinion of Mr Albrecht the Eastern pier is in a dangerous condition. His colleagues did not concur. The works required viz: a new 4" deck with battened joints an asphalte covering with new wing-sheeting will cost about £337. A false pier at the East end would cost about £43. It would be useless to apply for Government assistance. Recommending that first attention be given to the substructure & if our estimate is beyond your means this year you merely repair the deck & treat the substructure & renew the handrailing & do the re-decking next year. That it would be better to do the whole at once if possible. A Clerk of works would be required.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Report be received & adopted & tenders called by next meeting. Carried.

Secretary & Engineer's Report.

1. That Mr Owen had reported on surveys made. That he had inspected Kelsh's Lagoon Bridge & recommended that the abutment sheeting be taken out & applied to putting an extra-sp span at each end. He does nt think this would be expensive but Cr Coutts thinks it unnecessary. The alternative is to drive short vertical sheeting at the abutments but awaiting instructions.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the vertical sheeting alone be adopted. Carried.

2. As to the Major's Line bridge. Already dealt with.

3. That thee State Rivers had agreed to reduce the price of filling dams to £I each thus saving about £40. Approved.

4. Reporting exceptionally good collection of rates. & with statement of financial position. Recommending caution in expenditure. Approved.

5. That the Telegraph Department are erecting a telephone service from Tandarra to Pompapiel & asking that the same might be extended to Serpentine.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Secretary apply for the extension. Carried.

6. Petition re Loddon United W.W.Trust that owing to distances he did not think a conference would be responded to. Asking approval of the Petition & his action in the matter.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Petition & the action of the Secretary be approved. Carried.

7. That Mr Dcody had called upon him & given him the assurance that he would start his Contracts at once & push them through. Received.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

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

Tenders. The Council then moved into Committee. On resuming the Committee reported that hey had opemed the tenders & made the following rec immendations, for acceptance.

Contract No.226	J.Crapper	£T66.10.-
No.227.	J.Crapper.	82.13.7
No.228.	Doody Bros	35. 7.5.
No.229.	Jas.Forsyth,	23. 4.-
No.230.	J.Collins	48. 2.6
No.233.	no tender	
No.232.	J.Collins	17.19.4

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Report be recived & adopted. Carried.

Finance. The Committee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £211.11.- & recommending their payment.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

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

Appointments. Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Secretary & Engineer & the Assistant Engineer be permantly re-appointed to thoseoffices in the terms temporally agreed upon at the December meeting but subject to the usual condition as to terminating the appointments.

Carried.

By-Law No.9. Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That By-Law No.9. be confirmed. Carried.

Dingee Weigh-bridge. Move by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the following variation be made in the scale of charges for weighing:-

Not exceeding 2 tons	6d.
Exceeding 2 toms & not exceeding 3 tons	9d
Thence 3d per ton up to 10 tons.	Carried.

Petition. Cr Coulter presented a Petition from David Rankin & others asking for the closing of a road through allotments 139 parish of Dingee closed. He also presented a Petition from Mrs A.M. Richards objecting to such closing.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Petitions lie on the table for a month.
Carried.

Loddon Waters. Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Secretary write to the Shires interested, Marong, Korong & Gordon, asking them to consider the regulation of the Loddon Waters so as to secure a summer supply & that the matter be considered at the Conference to be held on 20th May with a view to saving the water in the Laneecoorie Weir. Carried.

Instructions to Officers.

By Cr Shaw:- That the Assistant Engineer meet him & Cr Coulter at an early date as to the wash-outs on Cable's road.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the next meeting be started punctually at IO A.M.
Carried.

Empire Day. Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the usual votes to Schools of £I each be passed.
Carried.

And the Meeting closed.

Confirmed this day of May 1914.

W. Binnett
President.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

May 20th 1914.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

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

The Minutes of the last meeting read:-

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the same be confirmed. Carried.

Correspondence. 1. From the Law Department intimating that at the meeting of the Executive Council Mr D.W.Coutts had been appointed to keep the Peace in the Midland Bailiwick. Received.

Telegrams. From Cr Coutts that he was confined to bed & unable to be present.

From Mr H.Angus that he was unable to attend.

From Secretary to Shire of Korong that Mr Johnson, the delegate to the Conference was unable to attend.

2. From S.Sampson M.P. forwarding notification from the Deputy P.M.G. that the request for extension of the telephone line fr from Pompapiel to Serpentine would be fully considered. Recd.

3. From Hon.T.Langdon forwarding letter from the Law Department re Cr Coutts' appointment as J.P. but saying nothing as to the other names submitted. The Secretary explained that he had written Mr Langdon drawing attention to the overlooking of the other names submitted. Received.

4. From the Director of Education expressing satisfaction with the arrangements made re Empire Day. Received.

5. From C.A.Menzies H.T.S.S. Tandarra with thanks for the Council's vote & that the celebrations promise to be satisfactory. Received.

6. From the Public Health Department circular as to pastry exposed. Received.

7. From the State Rivers Commission that they will contribute £12.10.- towards cutting the drain on Jackman's road. on condition that the Council undertake the work. Recd with thanks.

The President left the Chair for a short time to attend the

Corr.contd. Court of Petty Sessions Cr Shaw being appointed during the interval but resumed shortly afterwards.

8. From Messrs Tatchell,Dunlop & Co with advice as to the Petition,& amendments thereof. To stand over.

9. From the Shire of Marong approving of the Petition as drafted by Mr Albrecht:-that the Representatives in both Houses of Parliament be asked to support the same:- that Crs Bailey & Johnson be appointed the delegates to attend the conference. Received.

10. From S.LeCocq,Secretary to the Shire of Charlton that the President (Cr C.W.Hindson), & Cr Wm.Williams had been appointed delegates to the Conference. Received.

11. From Henry Angus,M.L.A. that he will have pleasure in assisting Mr Langdon in any way that he can to get relief from the liability. Received.

12. From Mr Langdon that he will,with pleasure,endeavor to be at the Conference. Received.

13. From the Secretary to the Shire of Korong that Cr Johnston has been appointed to attend the Conference. Received.

14. From the Secretary to the Shire of Gordon that the President Cr.Ottrey & Crs Jones,Cable & R.Coutts were appointed to attend the Conference & that he also had been asked to attend. To stand over.

15. From the Shire of Rochester that the consideration of the gravelling on the Pine-Grove road had been deferred till the 28th Instant.That the Council cannot see its way to contribute to the re-decking of the Piccaninny Creek bridge on the Prairie-Tennyson road. Received.

16. From Woodcock & McCormick with explanations as to the grader which will arrive on 25th of this month. Received.

17. From the Shire of Newham & Woodend asking for the appointment of a delegate to a conference to be held on the question of the Country Roads Board. Received.

18. From Stokes & Sons drawing attention to the Jubilee Year of the Shire & offering commemorative medals. To stand over.

19. From D.Hopkins asking for 20 chains of formation on the Prairie Road about 1 mile East of the Telegraph Road.

Min.contd. Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Engineer survey & call for tenders by next meeting. Carried.

20. From Dr Bernardo's Homes, London with thanks for subscription. Received.

21. From Mitiamo Progress Association asking for

(1). Construction of a footpath from the turnstile to the Methodist Church.

(2). Gravelling on Pine-Grove road.

(3). To discontinue removing earth from 3 ch.road.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That No.1. will be considered when funds available.
That as to No.2. awaiting reply from the Shire of Rochester.
" No.3 be received. Carried.

22. From the Secretary to a meeting held in Serpentine asking for the enlargement of the Shire Hall.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by the President:-

That the Engineer frame an estimate for enlarging the Hall by about 20 feet. Carried.

23. From the Hon.F.G.Clarke re the Petition & with advice as to treatment. To stand over.

24. From the Secretary to the Hon.W.L.Baillieu that he was away from the State & would not return for another week. Received.

25. From W.J.Eddy, H.T.S.S. ~~Serpentine~~ Bears Lagoon with thanks for Council's subscription. Received.

Reports. Treasurer Receipts £291. 8.5:-Payments £211.18.11:- Cr balance £1106. 4.7. Received.

Rate-Collector. Rates current £113. 8.3:-Interest £2. 6.8. Total £115.14.11. Received.

Inspector of Nuisances Brown.

That he had recently inspected all slaughter-yards, street drains &c & found everything satisfactory except that street drains & gutters under carriage crossings are silted up.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That the maintenance-man be instructed to clean out the drains. Carried.

Mitiamo Sanitary Contractor that there are 41 pans being serve Received.

Assisrant Engineer.

1. That Mr Treuel commenced duty on 27th April. That he had filled in along the concrete drain at Mitiamo & removed the bridge on the Mitiamo road.

2. That Collins had applied for extension of time for his Contract at Prairie but I refused his request. He is on the Contract now. Approved.

3. That Contracts 220, 222 & 224 are finished satisfactorily. Received.

4. He had visited Myer's Creek on the first road N. of Dingee. It would require a 4 chain stone-crossing & would cost about £88. The persons who would use the road are Messrs Harry Bros & J. Carter & probaby 2 or 3 settlers to the North A small piece of formation is also required further East. Received.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-
That the works stand over for the present. Carried.

5. That in company with Cr Shaw he had inspected the road at Tandarra & decided to insert a stone-crossing & cut a drain further North.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coulter:-
That the clause be approved. Carried.

6. That in company with Cr Coulter he had inspected the Tandarra township that the sides of the road & make 5 or 6 chains of formation near the Hall.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-
That the work be carried out in front of the Hall & P.O. by levelling up. Carried.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-
That the report as read & dealt with be received & adopted. Carried.

By-Law No.10. Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Carey:-
That By-Law No.10 be confirmed. Carried.

Lamps at Mitiamo. Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr McCrea:-
That the Council find the kerosene & the Association be asked to get someone to light the lamps at 30/- per annum. Carried.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Coulter:-
That permission be given to the Association to remove the lamp at McIntyre's & re-erect the same at the place desired. Carried.

The supply of extra lamps to stand over.

titionsof D.Rankin Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Shaw:-
s Richards

That the Petition be received. Carried.

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the prayer of Rankin's petition cannot be granted.
Carried

r's Lagoon
ound. The Secretary reported that the Pound-keeper, Mr Cobb was ill & in Hospital & that he had recommended that Mr John White junr be appointed acting Poundkeeper & the President & Cr Ettershank had signed the appointment.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the appointment be confirmed. Carried.

Retirement of Crs. Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the order of retirement of Councillors for the several Ridings be as stated in the Municipal Directory.Carrd.

Ploughs. Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That the Engineer purchase 2 ploughs for the maintenance men. Carried.

Finance. The Finance Committee reported having examined accounts amounting to £305. 7.11 & recommended their payment.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

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

Tenders. The Tenders Committee reported having opened tenders for the various Contracts & made the following recommendations:-

Contract	231.	with timber culvert, Doody Bros.	£107. 8.-
,,	233.	Holland & Sons,	27.10.-
,,	234.	No tender accep[t]ed.	
,,	235.	Doody Bros.	16.12.-
236 ,,	Too high:-fresh tenders.		
,,	237.	No tender. To be done by maintce-man.	
,,	238.	Jas.Forsyth,	111.19.6
,,	239.	Jas.Holland & Sons,	54.10.-

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Report be received & adopted. Carried.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That tenders be called by next meeting for putting in a stone-crossing on the Bullock Creek on the parish boundary road. Carried.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Engineer inspect & report on clearing the stumps on the E. & W. road South of the Cemetery. Carried.

Instruction. That the drainage works on Jackman's road be let as soon as possible.

Meeting closed.

Confirmed this 17th day of June 1914.

W. Bissett

President.

C O N F E R E N C E . at 2 P.M.

Present the same Councillors & Crs Bailey & Johnson from Marong:- President Ottrey & Crs Jones & Cable & Engineer Graham for Gordon:-Mr C.E.Albrecht,Engineer.

President Bissett (in the Chair),introduced the subject of the Conference & suggested that the preliminary discussion be carried on in Committee.

Moved by Cr Jones 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the discussion be carried on in Committee. Carrd.

Committee.

Correspondence. The Secretary Read the following correspondence.

From Cr Coutts,wire that he was unable to attend. Wire.
" Henry Angus the like. "
" Charlton Delegate the like. "

Letter from Henry Angus that he will be happy to assist Mr Langdon in any way he can.
From Hon.T.Langdon. that he will try & attend Conference.
From the Shire of Marong approving of Petition & that representatives of both Houses be asked to support it.That Crs Bailey & Johnson had been appointed delegates.
From the Shire of Korong that Cr Johnston had been appointed delegate.
From the Shire of Gordon with suggestions for modification of the Petition & that the President,Cr Ottrey & Crs Jones,Cable & R.Coutts & their Engineer had been appointed the delegates.
From Hon.F.G.Clarke recognizing the importance of the Petition but regretting his inability to be present. Advising a totally different course.
From the Shire Solicitors with revision of the Petition.

Cr Bailey asked what was the original liabilty.

Mr Albrecht replied that in 1899 the debt stood as follows:-

Capital £21,671:-written off £1717:- Reduced in 1912 to £18142.
Interest 9,245:- " " £8846

In Tragowel Plains Trust.

Capital £158,418:- written off £123,418:-
Interest 80,141:- " " £80,141.

Cr Mahoney thought that any reference to the Statute of Limitations should be eliminated. At the same time it is hard on ~~pe~~ people to be called upon to pay rates when there is no chance of their getting any water. Even when they had got their Dams filled from the Waranga Channel they had been charged extra besides the rate. He thought Mr Albrecht had shewn great interest in the matter.

Cr Bailey was very pleased to be present & with the movement though a bit late. Six or seven Years ago a deputation waited on the Commissioners in Melbourne when Mr Drake assured them that in 5 or 6 years the debt would be wiped out & the area handed back to the Shires. but instead of being wiped off it is increasing in Marong. Bridgewater was the first ~~work~~ starting ~~po~~ point of the scheme when the weir there was construted & it was hard that the people in Marong should be burdened by having to pay for what was necessary for serving the people lower down. The Laanecoorie weir was gradually silting up & it was useless to have channels if there were no storage of water.

Charlton Delegates

entered. the President (Cr W. Hindson), & Cr Williams. They had been delayed on the road. Mr S. Le Cocq, the Secretary also accompanied.

Mr Graham said his Council were in favor of excision. They were not antagonistic to the Conference but thought that those on the creeks & channels should pay. Gordon Shire was the hardest hit. They knew that East Loddon had expended some £4,000 of rate money on the channels. In the West Riding of his Shire they had taken over some tanks from the old Shire of Swan Hill & by so doing had become liable for the debt. At a conference in Jarklan some years ago they had asked for the excision of 118 miles of territory ~~had been~~ & the wiping off of £1912. He did not think there was any course open but to go to Parliament & then they would have to fight the State Rivers Commissioners.

Cr Mahoney stated that Mr Mead said he had spent £900 at Ferni

hurst.

Mr Graham continuing said they were not getting any money spent. They had had better treatment since. Channels had been cleaned out by Mr Drake.He did not think Gordon Shire would take over the management again.He thought the Conference would have a better chance if they went in for excision only.

Cr Johnson ~~thought~~ also favored excision.He could understand paying for water if you can get it. Did not think the proposal in the Petition would be entertained. Thought it unreasonable to ask of Parliament.

Charlton Delegates thought we should go for the whole wiping off Did not think anything of departmental promises. Excision would suit Charlton very well but they should consider the other Shires also. The Conference today should support the Petition .Boldness may result in success.Believed the tate Rivers would be opposed to it.He would support wiping off the whole liabilty.

Cr Carey said there were 2 courses open,(1) to write off the debt

(2). Excision. The latter had already been tried in this Shire & they had been offered it on paying off the proportion capitalised.He would go for the whole.

Cr Jones,(Gordon),thought that East Loddon & Gordon were both burdened.The excision referred to by Cr Carey was asked for of the State Rivers. but this was through Parliament. He favored excision of territory & the liability attaching to it.Thought it impossible to get the House to accede to the Petition.

Cr Bailey,(Marong),thought it useless to ask for entire writing off.He favored excision.

Cr McCrea thought the Petition rather a large order. People would be willing to pay if the water were supplied. How would the rest of the Shires fare if excisions were made?He favored excision.

Cr Mahoney thought it was impossible to go for the whole.but if possible,go for it.If excisions are made see that the rest is properly served.

Cr Ettershank would go for the whole. Every channel in the East Loddon Shire was constructed out of ratepayers money.Our position is different from that of Gordon. No harm could be done.

Cr Bailey (Marong), suggested that the Petition be altered to ask the House to grant excisions of all areas that could not be served with water & the writing off of the liability attaching to such excisions. If He thought the question would be referred to the State Rivers.

Cr Ettershank:- That would be treading on dangerous ground. The reply would be:-excise the territory & put the liability on the rest of the area.

Charlton. Will not the State Rivers be also consulted as to excisions? It will be the same. Go for the whole & help the other Shires.

Cr Carey. concurred.

Mr Albrecht asked leave to respond. He thanked the Delegates for attending to consult as to the Petition he had drawn & in spite of diversity of opinion hoped, when he sat down that they would pass a unanimous vote in favor of it. He had been in the Shire 9 years that day, & had always felt the injustice under which they had suffered with regard to the old debt of so many years ago. It was a scandalous shame that when a rate was levied it should be applied not to keeping the channels in a serviceable condition, but towards paying interest & sinking fund on this moribund debt. It would be useless to go for excision as the East Loddon & Gordon Shires in particular would be in a worse position than before. The State Rivers had really nothing to do with it, & it is a wonder why this Trust should be picked out specially for inclusion in the Water Act 1905. Mr Mead had been invited to visit the district but had declined to do so. The reference to the Statute of Limitations had been eliminated though he held a different view on the subject than even the Shire Solicitors. He would be happy to amend the Petition in any reasonable way but would like the main feature to remain or withdraw any further action.

Mr Graham (Gordon), thought that clause 3 should be amended by striking out "East Loddon" & inserting "the whole Shires" Accepted

Mr Le Cocq suggested that the amendments be withdrawn.

Moved by Cr Hindson 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Petition be accepted.

A division was called for when there wre 11 for & 3 against.

The President declared the motion carried.

The doors were then thrown open & the result declared.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Williams:-

That Mr Albrecht be appointed to attend in town when the Petition comes before the House. Carried.

Cr Bailey moved a vote of thanks to the President for calling the Confrerence ,presiding at it & entertaining the delegates. Seconded & carried & the conference closed.

Confirmed this 17th day of June 1914.

W. Albrecht

Chairman.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

June 17th 1914.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

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

Death of Mr Langdon. Before commencing ordinary business the Secretary drew attention to the death of Mr T. Langdon, M.L.A the Member for Korong, which occurred on 27th May. The President expressed great regret & said that they had lost a very good friend & Member who had always attended manfully & well to his constituancy no matter how trivial the matter. Cr Couttssaid he had always found Mr Langdon a man who had paid the utmost attention to the business of his Electorate. He had noticed the great number of condolences that had been sent & this alone proved in how large an area he had been known. Cr McCrea endorsed the expressions of the previous speakers. His death was a matter for great regret & he felt he was expressing the opinion of the people when he said so. It was the duty of the Council to express their appreciation of his services by sending a letter of condolence to the widow & family. Other Crs also spoke in the same strain. Mr C.E. Albrecht, the Secretary, said that he knew the deceased better than any Councillor present having known him for 40 years when he was a Councillor at Kerang in the old Shire of Swan Hill since altered to the Shire of Kerang. & had known him ever since & always found him a perfect gentleman. Mr Langdon had died in harness at the age of 82. He had entered public life as a Shire Councillor where he had, like many other public men, served his apprenticeship. He was Chairman of the Agricultural College Council, a Member of the Railways Standing Committee. Some people may have complained latterly that he was too old, but no man was too old when he had the experience & spirit of Mr Langdon. He had risen from a sick bed to attend to business but had had to return thither for the last time. When he, the Secretary, had heard of his death he had wired to his friend Mr John Gray Member for Swan Hill to procure a

wreath on behalf of the Council & though there was very little time to do so,he had succeeded & he had received Mrs Langdon's acknowledgment of it.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Carey:-

"That a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs Langdon & "family & that the Council stand adjourned for 10 minutes "out of respect to the Hon.Thomas Langdon".

Cr C rey in seconding the motion stated that he had known Mr Langdon all his life. Carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the same be confirmed. Carried.

Correspondence. 1.From the State Rivers with plan of the Loddon United W.W. Trust District for view of the Ratepayers. Received.

2 & 3. From the Railway Commissioners as to the sanitary service at Mitiamo & that they will write shortly. Received.

4. From the Public Health Department on the same subject & that they will write shortly. Received.

5. From the Law Department that Cr Ettershank had been appointed a J.P. Received.

6.& 7.From the same that a Potestatum Dedimus had been issued.Recd.

8. From Mrs Langdon & family with thanks for the wreath. Recd.

9. From the Shire of Rochester that they will contribute half the cost £85. of carrying out the gravelling the Pine-Grove Road. Received with thanks.

10. From the Shire of Oxley asking co-operation re Dredging in Rivers & Streams.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That co-operation be accorded. Carried.

11. From Dr Lewers of Bendigo reporting a case of Diphtheria at Tandarra. Received.

12. From Mr C.A.Menzies of Tandarra,asking for leave to take 20 yds

cr.contd. of loam for their Tennis Court.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That the request be granted under the direction of Mr Owen, the Assistant Engineer. Carried.

13. From W.J.Eddy, Secretary of the Bear's Lagoon Mechanics Institute asking leave to take loam off the road to put round the Hall.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the request be granted under the direction of the Engineer. Carried.

14. From the same asking for the erection of a lamp in front of the Hall.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That an endeavor will be made to comply with the request & the Engineer secure 6 if possible. Carried.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

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

~~Cr.cont~~d. The Council moved into Committee to deal with Tenders & Finance.

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

Contract	240.	J.T.O'Shannessy,	£8. -.-
,,	241.	J.Crapper	£30. 2.6.
,,	242.	J.Forsyth	£24. 1.-
,,	243.	J.T.O'Shannessy,	~~£42.16.11~~ £31.17.-
,,	244.	J.T.O'Shannessy,	£42.16.11
,,	~~245~~ 236	Jas.Forsyth, subject to submitting detail quantities making up the amount otherwise W.B.Hamilton at £366.2.6	£351. -.-

W.B.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That the Report be received & adopted. Carried.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That Mr H.Smith be appointed Clerk of the Works when required at 10/- per day. Carried.

Finance. The Finance Committee reported having examined accounts amounting to £433. -.11 & recommending their payment.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

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

Corr.contd.15. From Mr Henry Jackman complaining of running drain on West in stead of East side of the road on North of Waranga Channel. Received.

16. From W.B.Hamilton as to tender for Major's Line bridge. Withdrawn in view of fresh tender.

17. From Hon.W.L.Bailleau,M.L.C. with reply to the Petition by Mr Commissioner Catanach that he was not in favor of any further wiping off of waterworks debt. To stand over.

18. From Hon.John Gray that he had great difficulty in securing the wreath for Mr Langdon's funeral but had done so & with a/c. Received with thanks & a/c passed.

19. From Hon.F.G.Clark.M.L.C. that he will do his best the Petition has a good hearing. Received.

20. From the Surveyor of the City of Melbourne offering second-hand road-metal waggons.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Engineer enquire the price of them. Carried.

21. From W.H.Phillips asking for a crossing over the Myers' Creek 2 miles North of the Dingee Road.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That the Engineer frame an estimate for a crossing about 1 chain long & report by next meeting. Carried.

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts £193.10.2:-Payments £355. 7.11:- Cr balance ££944. 5.4:- Received.

Rate-Collector. Rates current £161. 6.1:- Interest £6.12.6 Dogs 15/- Total £I6 .13.7. Received.

Rates outstanding on TOth June:- £267. 8.6.- Interest ,£I4.19.8:- No.100. Received.

Weigher Old, Dingee Weigh-bridge. Fees collected £8.4.3. Also that the bridge requires repairing & should be tested.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That the Engineer inspect as to repairs with power to arrange for testing if necessary. Carried.

Sanitary Contractor Mitiamo that there are 42 pans out & nearly all the rates are collected. That an officer from the Public Health Department had visited & requires a trough in which to wash the pans & larger

~~water supply. That he had had the tank fitted~~

water supply.That he had had the tank filled at a cost of 12/-

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That the Engineer provide a trough. Carried.

The Engineer to consider the advisability of enlarging the catchment area of the shed roof. Report received.

Assistant Engineer Owen.

1. That he has had the culvert at the Dingee weighbridge lowered but it does not clear the water from the centre of the road.It has been greatly improved but requires more earth which he will get Treuel to put in. Approved.
2. That the ploughs for the maintenance-men had arrived. Approved.
3. On progress of different Contracts. Received.
4. He had only served one star-thistle notice this month. Received.

Movedby Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Carey:-

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

Secretary & Engineer.

1. That he had settled the Petition & had it engrossed & reprinted & sent copies to every Member of both Houses of Parliament. He had forwarded the engrossment for signing & sealing by the several Shires.In consequence of the death of Mr Langdon he had asked Mr Henry Angus,the Member for Gunbower to take charge of & present it & this he has promised to do. Received.
2. That Mr Cobb is not returning to his old home & Mr White cannot continue to act as Poundkeeper.It will be necessary to invite applications for position of Pound-keeper.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by the President:-

That the Secretary enquire of Mr Cobb & if necessary invite applications. Carried.

3. That Mr Gilbert,the Inspector of accounts had been through the books & was satisfied.The collection of rates to 10th June had been fair.Mr Tresise had prepared a list of outstanding rates but he,the Secretary asked a little latitude in preparing the Voters' Lists. Approved.
4. Asking for the adjournment of the next meeting till July 22nd:-the fixing of the Revision Court for that day:-to ap-

Secy.& Engr's Report contd.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the next ordinary meeting be adjourned to the 22nd July & that that day be appointed for the Revision Court & that the arrangements for the Annual Elections be approved. Carried.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the following Crs be appointed returning officers Cr Mahoney for the North Riding:-Cr Ettershank for the South:- & Cr Coulter for the East. Carried.

5. That as to the application for a stone-crossing on the Bullock Creek on the Black-Gate Road he did not think it suitable & recommending a bridge.He had been over the ground again with Cr Ettershank.He would however design one if the Council wished it Crs thought a crossing would do for the present & it was

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by the President:-

That the Engineer design a short crossing & invite tenders in September. Carried.

6. As to extending the Shire Hall he submitted proposals at an estimated cost of from £350-£400.

Moved by ~~the-Pre~~ Cr Ettershank 2nd by the President:-

That this Council grant £150 when required,towards the extension of the Shire Hall the same to be only asked for on plans being submitted & approved. Carried.

7. That he had sent in plans,specifications &c for approval under the special grants to the value of £400 but had not yet received a reply. Approved.

8. Financial position shewing credit balance of £944. Received.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Carey:-

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

Dog-Inspector. A letter was handed in from Mr H.Tresise that he wished to resign his office as Dog Inspector.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the resignation be accepted. Carried.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That during the winter months the Council meetings be held in the Water-Trust room. Carried.

Instructions to Officers.

By Cr Ettershank That the Engineer inspect & report on the cost of forming & gravelling about ½ mile of road about 2 miles East of Cobb's.

By Cr Carey. That the Engineer get a small piece of the Terricks road 1 mile South of Dingee & about 2 chains in length formed.

And the Meeting closed.

Confirmed this 22nd day of July 1914.

W. Bluett

President.

Shire Hall, Serpentine

July 15th 1914.

There being no Councillors present at the meeting to have been held this day I do adjourn the same to Wednesday 22nd Inst at 11 A.M.

Chas E. Abbott

Secretary.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

July 22nd 1914.

Adjourned Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President (Cr Bissett), & all Councillors, except Cr Shaw.
The Minutes of the last meeting & the adjournment thereof were read:-

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the same be confirmed. Carried.

Correspondence. 1. From the Public Works Department with claim form for £102. 6.10 out of special Grant. Signed & returned. Recd.

2. From the same approving of Contracts submitted subject to Contractors making declarations that they had paid the Minimum wage. The Engineer complained about this as it had not previously been required & the Department waived it in this instance but insisted upon it in future Contracts. Engineer's action approved.

3. From the same with Claim form for £26.15.2 balance of the Special Grant. Signed & returned. Form of clauses attached.

4. From Victorian Railways asking you to arrange for the sanitary service at Mitiamo at their expense. Received.

5. From the same that the water-channels at Tandarra have been cleaned out & a culvert provided at the entrance to the trucking yards at ~~Mi~~ Prairie. Received.

6. From the Public Health Department that the sanitary service at Mitiamo will receive attention. Received.

7. From the Post-Master General that an officer will inspect the route of the telephone extension from Pompapiel to Serpentine & call upon the Shire Engineer. He had since done so. Received.

8. From Mr S.Sampson, M.H.R. to the same effect. Received.

9. From Hon.W.L.Russell Clarke's office that he is at present in England but Hon.W.C.Angliss will attend to his parliamentary duties. Received.

10. From ~~Hon~~.D.Smith M.L.A. that he would give the Petition attention. Received.

11. From Hon.R.B.Rees M.L.C. that he would have pleasure in sup-

porting the Petition when it comes before the Council. Recd.

12. From T.Tunnicliffe,M.L.A. that he has carefully read the prayer of the Petition & is in heartiest accord & would be glad to render any assistance in his power. Received.

13. From Henry Angus,M.L.A. that he would be happy to take charge of the Petition. Received.

14. From Hon.Mr Adamson's office that he is away in Queensland but would return at the end of the month. Received.

15. From Hon.F.Hagelthorne,M.L.C. that he will bear the representations in the Petition in mind when it comes before the Legislative Assembly. Received.

16. From Hon.F.G.Clarke,M.L.C. re the Dredging Board that he would use every endeavor to support the action as requested. Received.

19. From the State Forests Department that they intend fencing the Pompapiel Reserve & asking leave to remove any trees in line with the fence.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the request be granted. Carried.

20. From the Commonwealth Bank offering loans on easy terms. Recd.

21. From the Murray Waterway Vigilance Committee at Echuca asking for information & to join in a conference to be held in Corowa on a date to be fixed.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Council give their co-operation.

That the information asked for be forwarded.

That no delegate be sent. Carried.

22. From the same with further explanations. Received.

23. From the Borough of Eaglehawk asking the Council's views as to the proposed scheme for reclaiming the Bendigo Creek.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the letter lie on the table for a month. Carried.

Cr Shaw entered.

24. From the City Surveyor,Melbourne,as to the waggons that they are offered at £13 apiece.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That one of the waggons be purchased. Carried.

25. From the C.E.Immigration Officer offering the services of farm lad laboreres at 10/- per week.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That this Council give sympathy & support. Carried.

26. From the Secretary to Mr A.Gray's Committee asking the charge for use of the Shire Hall. The Secretary explained that he had made no charge for use of the Hall in the daytime but 5/- at night & 10/- for elections taking the whole day & part of the night. Secretary's action approved.

27. From the Pompapiel State School Committee asking leave to lop some gum-trees. Secretary had given permission.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by the President:-

That leave be granted but suggesting that the trees be W.B ring-barked only. on fence not fence. Carried.

28. From Mrs Donnellan that she thinks the Council should repair the fence round the dam at her place.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Council repair half the fence. Carried.

29. From the Bendigo Agricultural Society for subscription.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the usual donation of £2.2.- be made. Carried.

30. From the Pyramid Agricultural Society for subscription.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the usual donation of £I.I.- be voted. Carried.

31. From Dr Barnardo's Homes for Birthday Gift.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That £I.I.- be forwarded. Carried.

32. From J.McKay of Pyramid Hill that Mr Sampson wishes to speak at Serpentine on Tuesday,28th at noon & asking for assistance in making arrangements.Received.Secretary instructed to inform Mr McKay that Cr Ettershank will convey Mr Sampson to Calivil in his car & the President will take the Chair.

33. From Woodcock & McCormack offering grader at £65.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That no further action be taken with that firm. Carried.

34. From Robert Cobb resigning his position as Keeper of the Bear's Lagoon Pound as from 30th June on account of ill-health & having sold his residence.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That the resignation be accepted with regret. Carried.

35. From the Bear's Lagoon Mechanics' Institute that if the Council provide them with a lamp in front of the Hall, they will attend to & keep it in repair. Received.

36. From W.C.Reeves offering road graders again. To stand over .

37. From Mr A.Gray that he has forwarded the Secretary's letter re appointment of J.P.s to the Law Department & will communicate as soon as he gets a reply. Received.

38. From Robert Stephens of Prairie urging on the forming of a small piece of road with culvert near his place.

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Engineer inspect & report by next meeting. Carrd

39. From Frederick Woods complaining of being rated for 2 houses.

Cr McCrea explained that 2 houses had been occupied for years.

40. From the Shire of ~~Eaglehawk~~ urging standard valuations. No action. Received.

41. From the Town Clerk Eaglehawk that the lanters cost 30/- & that Mr L.C.Cox will put the lanters in repair for £3.10.-.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the E matter be left in the hands of the Engineer. Carrd.

The Engineer was further instructed to enquire at what price the Borough of Eaglehawk would sell their roller.

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts £179.12.5:-payments £439.12.10:- Interest on overdraft £16.1.6:-Cheque book £4.7.11. Recd.

Rate-Collector. Rates current £36.16.3:- Interest £3.2.1:-Dogs 15/-.Total £40.13.4. Received.

Sanitary Service Mitiamo. That he has supplied the Railway Station with 6 pans making 48 in all. The repairers are expected to come in shortly & number 4. Asking instructions. The Secretary reported that he had given the necessary instructions. Received.

Reports contd. Assistant Engineer.

1. Mr Lea has made a good job of the Kelsh's Lagoon Bridge. Approved.

2. He had had an unused culvert near Gittin's removed & will insert it on Cobb's road. Approved.

3. Mr Lea has purchased a small scoop at about £2 & recommending the purchase of similar ones for the other Ridings.
Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-
That scoops be purchased for the East & South Ridings at about 35/- each. Carried.

4. That in company with Cr Carey he had surveyed for a stone-crossing on Myers' Creek on the 2nd road North of Dingee & framed an estimate at about £43. Received & tenders to be invited.

5. He had surveyed Cobb's road about 2 miles East of the telegraph road & the works were estimated to cost in plain formation £55.5.-:- with loam £70.15.6:- gravelled £159.6.9.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by the President:-
That tenders be called for the works with gravel by next meeting. Carried.

6. On the state of the Contracts:- That Mr Crapper has not commenced his Contract No.226 at Wilkinson's Swamp:-or started Contract 241 at Mr Coulter's:-Mr Collins has not yet commenced his Contract 232, Coulter's & Bunnuning's.
Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coulter:-
That Contractors in arrear be given 14 days in which to start their Contracts failing which, they will be cancelled & the deposits forfeited.
Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coulter:-
That the Report as read & dealt with be received & adopted. Carried.
Adjourned till 2 P.M.

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

Corr. No. 36. Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coutts:-
That the purchase of a Grader be left over till the next financial year. Carried.

Secretary requested to inform the several agents viz: Reeves & Mitchell & Co.

Petition. Petition from W. Davidson & others, presented by Cr Shaw, ~~asking~~ protesting against the Council expending any of the funds of the South Riding on extending the Shire Hall for entertainments. The petition bore 55 signatures.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-
That the Petition be received. Carried.

B. B. A large number of rate-payers were in attendance & some of them spoke in support of the Petition. Cr Ettershank spoke against it & the President explained the action taken & promised to give notice of motion to rescind the resolution for extending the Hall. The Deputation thanked the President & withdrew.

Petition. Cr Shaw presented a Petition from P.McGrath & others praying for the gravelling of the Dingee Road formations.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That the Engineer bring up an estimate of the cost of gravelling by next meeting. Carried.

Petition. Cr Shaw presented a Petition from John Rodgers & Sons & others praying for the construction of a Sheep-Dip on the Water Reserve on the East of the Bullock Creek on the Dingee Road.

Cr Shaw stated that the Petitioners would do the carting of the requisite material & work the dip themselves.He also promised to supply the Engineer with a sketch of the design.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Petition be received & the Dip & Yards erected at a cost not exceeding £30. Carried.

Petition. Cr Coutts presented a Petition from C.Bailey & others,asking the Council,in view of the rejection of the Railway,to re-open the question of erecting a bridge over the Loddon at Mr Potter's on the former terms.

Mr Potter appeared on behalf of the Petitioners but the Engineer explained that the Railway Leagues were negotiating to have the Report of the Railways Standing Committee revised & the construction of the line urged on.On this understanding Mr Potter consented to an adjournment of the Petition & it was

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Petition be received but held over for 3 months. Carried.

Mr Potter & his colleagues thanked the Council & withdrew.

Report. Secretary & Engineer's Report.

1. On progress of Contracts.That he had secured all the re-vote & special Grant except £23 odd which he expects to be paid shortly. Approved.

2. That Mr Owen has made a collection of samples for last & this year which he,the Secretary,will submit for analysis at once.

3. Asking instructions as to starting dairy ~~registered~~. registration & Dipping. He had not yet inspected the Dingee weighbridge but would see that it was in proper order in time for trucking. To stand over till next meeting.

4. He had surveyed for the crossing over the Bullock Creek on the Black-Gate Road & describing his treatment of it. Approved.

5. Asking that the Petition for the Bridge over the Loddon on Potter's road stand over till the Railway is decided on. Already dealt with.

Engr's Report contd.

6. Financial position of the Shire shewing a credit balance that day of £663.13.6 but finally only £51.3.4. Received.

7. That from above we shall be working on overdraft at 6% & again suggesting that rate-payers who pay by 31st December be allowed discount at 2½%. To be considered at next meeting.

8. That application should be made for a substantial Special Grant in aid of the great mileage of roads to be treated & closed roads being opened which are not main roads.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That application be made for a special grant of £500. Carried.

9. Enquiring as to alterations in polling places.
Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That application be made for the establishment of a Polling Place for the South Riding in the S.S.Yallook. Carried.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

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

The Council then went into Committee to deal with Tenders & Finance.

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

Contract 245. Pine-Grove Road, Doody Bros. £132.15.-

246. Filling-up at Tandarra &c.
Jas Forsyth 36.13 3
subject to his reducing the price for loam to 1/- or fresh tenders.

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Shaw:-
That the Report be received & adopted & the tenders accepted on those terms. Carried.

Finance. The Finance Committee reported that they had examined ~~tender~~ accounts amounting to £605.1515 & recommending their passing.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

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

Rents of Hall. The Secretary reported that he had charged 5/- for use of the Hall in the evening for Election addresses & 10/- for the Election day which was from 7.30 A.M. to about 9 P.M.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd byCr Shaw:-

That the action of the Secretary be approved. Carried.

P.O. Janiember East. Complaint having been made of the way business is

conducted at this P.O.:-

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Secretary write the P.M.General & Mr Sampson, M.H.R. explaining the position & asking that it be remedied. Carried.

Complaint having been made of dangerous scoopings across the road made by Harry Bros

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Secretary write Messrs Harry Bros & point out that the construction of drains cannot be allowed without permission of the Council & making proper provision by culverts. Carried.

Cr McCrea brought under consideration of the Council the desirabilty of Crs making tours of inspection in their Ridings & thought it was a good suggestion & might be adopted in August. & the meeting closed.

REVISION COURT.

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

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

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

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

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

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

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

The lists were then duly signed & the Revision Court closed.

Notice of Motion. By the President 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the resolution agreeing to the enlargement of the Shire Hall at the meeting held on 17th June be rescinded.

Confirmed this 19 day of August 1914.

W. Bissett

President

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

August 19th 1914.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

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

The Minutes of the last meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the same be confirmed. Carried.

Correspondence. 1. From the Law Department through Mr A.Gray, that the appointment of Messrs Mahoney, McCrea, McGrath & Shaw as J.Ps is not required. The Secretary read his reply. Crs Mahoney & McCrea stated that they had no desire to be placed in the Commission of the Peace. Ultimately it was resolved:-

That the Secretary's reply be approved but no further action be taken.

2. From the State Rivers & W.S.Commissioners with plan of the Dingee Irrigation District for view of rate-payers. Received.

3. From the Public Health Department with notification of case of Tuberculosis at Mitiamo. Received.

4. From the Minister for Public Works that application for special Grant of £500 had been scheduled for consideration in the event of further funds being voted by Parliament for allocation to Municipalities for roads & bridges. Received.

5. The Sewerage Districts Bill. Received.

6. From Mr J.R.Phillips for leave to cut trees off a road.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That the application be refused. Carried.

7. From Mr Anderson, Analyst, that samples have been received & Reports will follow. Received.

8. From Ocean Accident & Guarantee Co, with terms. Received.

9. From John Crapper that he was commencing his Contract 241 & had timber & iron & would start on 10th without fail. Received.

From the Sutherland Homes for subscription. To stand over for Charity vote.

From Constable Fattorini that he is being removed to Bendigo

contd. & will have to resign his position of Inspector of Nuisances.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the resignation be accepted. Carried.

12. From Mr E.Lyndon Smith with thanks for permission to close during the reconstruction of the channel bridge the N.& S.road at Gill's:-that he will give attention to the channel bridge on the Swan Hill road:-that he does not think they have money to concrete the channel in Serpentine. Received.

13. From Cr Ettershank resigning his office of Councillors as soon as convenient.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the resignation be accepted with regret as from the 3Ist Inst.

The President & all Crs present expressed great regret at Cr Ettershanks resignation & their high appreciation of his past services at the Council table. Carried.

14. From the Municipal Association with a/c for Guarantee policy premiums & expaining that they were now enabled to reduce the same from £8.3.- to £3.8.6. Received with thanks.

15. From the Shire of Fern Tree Gully with circular re Rabbit Destruction. To stand over.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

.M. Business resumed,the same Crs present.

rts. Tresurer. Receipts £66.18.5:-Payments £605.15.5:- Cr.balance £130.1.10.

Rate Collector. Rates current £27.12.7:- Interest £1.12.8:- Dogs £1. Total £30.5.3. Received.

Sanitary Contractor,Mitiamo.

That 3 pans had been sent to the S.S. & one to Mr Sims' making 52 in all. Received.

Weigher Old. with cheque for 16/9. Received.

Inspector of Dairies asking instructions as to commencing registering.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That Mr O'Neill start at once. Carried.

Assistant Engineer.

1. That he had inspected the piece of formation asked for by Mr R.Stephens & estimated the work with stone-crossing at £25. Suggesting that it stand over till the annual tour.

2. Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by the President:-

That the Rate-payers be notified by advertisement

to send in applications for any works they require ~~wi~~ Engr's t contd to the Councillors for their Ridings within a fortnight. Carrd.

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the annual tour for the North Riding start at Jarklan at 9.A.M ~~Tandarra~~ on 18th Sept:-for the South Riding at the Shire Hall on 3rd Sept.at 9 A.M:-& for the East at Tandarra on 8th September at 9 A.M. Carried.

3. On the state of Contracts. Received.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

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

ry & r's 1. That the retiring Councillors have been returned unopposed & congratulating them. Received.

2. That Contracts 245 & 246 were at your last meeting let to Doody Bros & Jas.Forsyth conditionally on the latter reducing his price for loam & this he has done. Doody Bros were misled as to the price for gravel & found themselves unable to go on with the Contract.He,the Engineer had therefore let the Contract to the next lowest tenderer,Jas.Forsyth at an advance of £I5.5.- & returned Doody Bros deposit & asking for confirmation of his action.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That the Engineer's action be approved. Carried.

That he had again inspected the Major's Line bridge & ordered some new gravel-beams,the sheeting up of the 1st pier at the East end & filling in of bad wash-out.These additions are approved of by the Engineer to the Shire of Korong.The bridge is open to the public & will be finished this week.That he had withdrawn Mr Smith the Clerk of Works who had done good work & disposed of the waste timber at satisfactory prices. He had had a lot of sound timber brought in for storage.Approvd

That he had designed for the stone-crossing on the Black-Gate Road.When in Bendigo he had consulted with Mr H.Casey,as to the stone required,& obtained prices from him delivered at Dingee.He thought it advisable to get it on the ground at once. His estimate for Casey's supplies was £23.6.3.He also proposed to make a light formation at each end of the crossing.The es-

Engr's timate for the whole work was £66.7.9. Approved but no for-
contd. mation to be made metal only being used. Casey's offer accepted.

5. That he had gone over the plans of the works done on the Dingee Road & also over the road. The formations were 5,6 chains in length of which 193 were already loamed. Recomending gravel instead of metal. Estimate for the unloamed portion £ 2357.13.
" " " whole road £ 3688.11.-
It is clear that the work cannot be done out of the rates & recommending that application be made to the Country Roads Board for a loan. Other roads require treating similarly in the Shire.
Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Secretary enquire of the Country Roads Board whether they can have the loan & whether the works can be carried out by the Shire Engineer. Carried.

6. He had set out the site for the Dip in Pompapiel but was waiting replies from the Lands & State Rivers Departments. He would then complete the plans. Cr Shaw will secure the workmen you paying the wages, get the carting done free & if possible get the assistance of the maintenance-men. Approved.

7. He had inspected the weigh-bridge & instructed Mr Old to re-dekk it & test it carefully. Approved.

8. That the State Rivers are about to clean out the channels running through the town & he had asked Mr E.L. Smith to concrete it when I would ask you to kerb it. That the cleaning out would be useless without. The Council did not cocur & the clause was only received.

9. He had seen the waggnn that had been purchased but it was not in a very good condition. It was however cheap at the money. Received.

10. Details as to the new rate that it must still be 15d in the £. Urging on the discount suggested. Notice of Motion for the rate was given but the discount system was not agreed with.

As to the sanitary rate he could not make out a balance sheet till after the Audit. Recommending the same rate for next year to be afterwards lowered if possible. Asking instructions as to the house-holders providing the pans. That he had ordered the tr trough from Connelly & Co of Bendigo at £11 & a length of hose.

Eng's contd. Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the clause be adopted. Carried.

12. As to the Janiember P.O. he had heard the day after last meeting that the P.O had been removed to Bear's Lagoon & a postmaster appointed so he had taken no action. Approved.

13. Financial position. Cr balace £130. 1.10. Received.

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

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

nning Letter No.23 July meeting. Received.
o Creek.

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

That dipping at Calivil Dip commence on Ist November for 3 weeks at 1d per sheep:-after that for 1 week at 1½d per sheep. Carried.

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

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rs. On resuming the Committee reported that they had opened tenders & recommended that the following be accepted.

Contract No.247.	W.G.Ball.	£III.3.4.
,, No.248.	Doody Bros.	37.13.8

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Report be received & adopted. Carried.

e. The Finance Committee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £717.18.4 & recommended their payment.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

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

tor of Dogs. There were 2 applicants.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That Lionel Smith be appointed. Carried.

eeper There was only one applicant:-
Lagoon.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by the President:-

That Mr E.S.Weeks be appointed Pound-keeper at Bear's Lagoon. Carried.

16. Letter from the Town-Clerk Eaglehawk that Mr Cox is repairing

the 6 lamps which will look well when completed & with a/c.
Received.

.17. A letter was read from the same that they have a road roller for sale,& the Council will decide on the price at their meeting on 2Ist Inst.& he will let you know. Received.

.18. A letter was read from A.E.Hocking asking the Council to deepen the drain from the Railway Bridge to the swamp on his land. Cr Coulter explained that it was only a small work & he could get it done.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That it be left in the hands of Cr Coulter with power to get it done. Carried.

ion. Cr Tonkin presented a petition from J.H.Lethlean & others asking for the sinking of a new well near Mr Thomas's in the parish of Dingee the old one being too small & unfit for repair.

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the prayer of the Petition be granted & the well sunk at once. Carried.

otic Fund. Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That £I0.I0.- be voted to the Lady Mayoress's Fund & the Secretary prepare collection lists for each of the Gouncillors. Carried unanimously.

es of Motion. By the President:-To strike General Rate of 15d in £.

By Cr Tonkin:- To make a Sanitary Charge of 28/6 per pan per annum for fortnightly service.

And the Meeting closed.

Confirmed this 16th day of September 1914.

J H Coulter
President

SHIRE OF EAST LODDON.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS 1914.

North Riding.

Sydney Oswald McCrea of "Oswaldene" Mitiamo, having been the only Candidate nominated, I do hereby declare him duly elected a Councillor of this Shire for the North Riding.

George Mahoney

ShireHall, SERPENTINE. Returning Officer.

August 27th.1914.

South Riding.

James Alfred Shaw of "Yarrayne Estate" Tandara, having been the only Candidate nominated, I do hereby declare him to be duly elected a Councillor of this Shire for the South Riding.

A. Ettershank

Shire Hall, SERPENTINE. Returning Officer.

27th.August 1914.

East Riding.

Nicholas Terese Tonkin of Prairie, having been the only Candidate nominated, I do hereby declare him to be duly elected a Councillor of this Shire for the East Riding.

J H. Boulton

Shire Hall, SERPENTINE. Returning Officer.

27th.August 1914.

D E C L A R A T I O N S .

I, the undersigned, Sydney Oswald McCrea, Do hereby declare that I will faithfully & impartially 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.

S. O. McCrea

Declared at Serpentine this
16th day of Sept 1914.
before me,

George Mahoney
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.

James A Shaw

Declared at Serpentine this
28th day of October 1914,
before me,

J. H. Cullen J.P
Councillor.

I, the undersigned, Nicholas Terese Tonkin, 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.

N. T. Tonkin

Declared at Serpentine this
16 day of Sep 1914.
before me, J. H. Cullen

Councillor.

SHIRE OF EAST LODDON.

DECLARATTON BY VALUER.

I, CHARLES EDMUND ALBRECHT, of Serpentine, Valuer, Do solemnly & sincerely declare that I will, impartially & truly, according to the best of my judgment, make the Valuation & Return of Ratable Property situated 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 27th. day of August
1914, before me,

W. Binnett J.P.

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

Shire Hall, Serpentine, August 31st 1914.

There being no Councillors present at the meeting for the Election of President to have been held this day, I do adjourn the same to Wednesday 16th September at 11 A.M. being the Ordinary Meeting day.

Chas E. Albrecht

Secretary.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

September [redacted] 2nd 1914.

Extraordinary Vacancy.

Councillor Ettershank having on 31st August resigned his office as Councillor for the South Riding, I do hereby appoint Monday 21st Inst as election day, Friday IIth Inst as Nomination Day & Mr C.E.Albrecht, as my Deputy, to conduct such election.

W. Binnett

President & Returning Officer.

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

September 16th 1914.

S P E C I A L M E E T I N G held this day:-
Present Crs Bissett, Coulter, Tonkin, McCrea, Mahoney.

The Secretary reported that the newly elected Councillors had all been returned unopposed. Also that they had made their declarations. They were S.O.McCrea for the North Riding:- J.A. Shaw for the South Riding:- & Nicolas Terese Tonkin for the East Riding.

Moved by Cr Mahoney, 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That Cr Bissett take the Chair pro tem. Carried.

On the chairman taking his seat he welcomed the newly elected Councillors on their re-election & invited them to take their seats which they did.

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the President's allowance for the coming year be £7I. Carried.

Cr Tonkin nominated Cr J.H.Coulter for the office of President:- There being no other nominations it was:-

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by the Chairman:-

That Cr John Henry Coulter be elected President for the ensuing twelve months. Carried unanimously.

The Chairman addressed the Council on the result of the year's work & the new system of touring the Shire which had been introduced. He thanked his brother Crs for their always loyal treatment of him & the general assistance they had given him. He then conducted the new President to & placed him in the Chair.

The newly elected President thanked Councillors for the honorable position in which they had placed him & assured them that he would use his best efforts to carry out the duties of his office as his honorable predecessors had done. Councillors congratulated the President & unanimously spoke of the great & uniformly kindly services that the retiring President had always

rendered during the many years that he had served the Shire whether out of or in the Chair & expressed the opinion that these were fully recognized by all Councillors & they were grateful for them.Cr Bissett returned thanks.

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the whole Council be appointed Committees of Tenders & Finance,any three to form a quorum. Carried.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That a hearty vote of thanks be passed to the retiring President for the able manner in which he had carried out his duties. Carried unanimously.

And the Special Meeting closed.

O R D I N A R Y M E E T I N G .

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

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the same beconfirmed. Carried.

Correspondence. 1.2.3. From A.A.G. Colonel Hawker inviting co-operation in getting volunteers for the Australian Imperial (Expeditionary) Force.& with full instructions on the matter.The Secretary had replied on behalf of the late President,that he would do his best. Two volunteers had alrady been sent to Health Officer,Dr Deravin. Received & action approved.

5. From Lady Stanley asking co-operation in forming a Branch of the British Red Cross Society.The Secretary reported that the Ladies had held a meeting,organized a Branch & arranged for a Ball to raise funds,to be held on I8th Inst.Miss K.Bissett was the Hon. Secretary. Action approved.

6. From the Chairman of a meeting at Mitiamo objecting to a proposal that was on foot to ask the Council to strike a special rate for raising a Patriotic Fund but suggesting that a weekly subscription be established as had been done at the meeting.

To stand over.

7. From Pyramid Hill Advertiser that he had given 2 insertions of the Secretary's advertisement on the subject free. Reced with thanks.

contd. 8. From the Country Roads Board that they were unable to grant the requests contained in the Secretary's application for a Loan for the Dingee & other roads until they had been proclaimed & gazetted as Main Roads.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That application be made for the proclamation as Main Roads of the four East & West Roads viz:-Tandarra, Dingee, Prairie & Mitiamo. & their gazettal. Carried.

9. From the Lands Department as to the Dip at Pompapiel that they were consulting the State Rivers & would then send reply. Received.

10. From the State Rivers that they had no objection subject to not fouling the water in the channel. Received. Secretary to write Cr Shaw on the subject.

11. From the same offering no objection to taking more gravel from their pit in Pompapiel subject to certain conditions. Recd.

12. ~~13.~~ From the Shire of Newham & Woodend with appointment of the Conference on the Country Roads Board Act at ~~10.~~ 30 A.M. on Tuesday 22nd September in the Municipal Association Chambers & giving grounds of the meeting. Also Day Paper.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That Cr Tonkin be asked to attend as delegate. Carried.

13 &14. From the Municipal Association with notice of the Annual Session, Day-Paper, railway pass & asking name of delegate.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the President be appointed delegate. Carried.

15. From the same with legal opinions on the "Workers Compensation Act. The Secretary was instructed to take out a policy on the basis of wages paid in the Shire.

16. From the same with "Thistle Amendment Act". Received.

17. From the same with Local Government Bill. Received.

18. From the Shire of Marong for half cost of boundary work £22.-.6

To be paid.

19. From W.G.Henderson asking leave to cut a channel across a

17.Contd. road at his place in the parish of Pompapeal,temporarily

Movedby Cr Bissett 2nd by the President:-

That permission be granted on the terms stated. Carrd.

20. From Leplastrier & Co,inviting inspection of their road machinery stalls at the Show. Received.

21. From the Melbourne Fire Office Co. as to Workers Compensation Act. Received.

22. From Boort Agricultural Society for subscription to Prize Fd.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the usual donation of £I.I.- be voted. Carried.

23. From the Bendigo Agricultural Society asking for the proclamation of public holidays on 14th & 15th Oct.Show Days.

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the request be granted. Carried.

24. From the Public Health Department acknowledging receipt ofv Analyst's Report on samples. Received.

25. From Dr Douglas of Bendigo Hospital reporting 3 cases of Diphtheria in Dingee. Received.

26. From Mr Dredge of Dingee complaining of the non-working of the pump at the dam.Already attended to.

27. From the ~~B~~ Pyramid Hill Agricultural Society asking for proclamation of public holidays in the North & East Ridings on 21st Oct.their Show Day. This being the ordinary Council meeting day:-It was Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the request be granted & the next meeting adjourned for a week. Carried.

28. From the Secretary to the Bear's Lagoon Hall Committee asking the Council to put up a lamp in front of the Hall.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the request be complied with. Carried.

29. From the Borough of Ararat with proposals for a percentage subscription for the Patriotic Fund. To stand over.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

M. Business resumed the same Crs present & Cr Coutts.

PATRIOTIC FUND.

A lengthy discussion took place on this matter.Ultimately:-

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

That the Council vote £I50 out of Shire Funds to the Lord Mayor's Fund. Carried unanimously.

Reports.

Treasurer. Receipts £267.-.10. Payments £737.18.4:- Net overdraft £341. -.3. Received.

Rate Collector. Rates current £42. 6.8:- Interest £2.11.4. Total £44.18.-. Received.

Mitiamo Sanitary service. That there were now 53 pans in operation. Received.

Analyst. Anderson. With detailed report on the samples. Some were deficient but too late for prosecution. The vendors should be cautioned. Received.

A copy of the Report had been sent to the Department of Public Health.

Weighbridge, Dingee. That the new deck had been put in & the bridge was open for traffic. The testing was being carried out. Received.

Dairy Inspector O'Neill. That he had difficulty in getting dairymen to register as they were only milking for their own use. He had collected £4 in fees but more would come in. The Secretary was requested to look into the matter. Received.

Assistant Engineer.

1. That the well at Coutts' Prairie had been sunk. There is a good supply of water. Approved.

2. That he had inspected the roller at Eaglehawk. It will require the whole of the timber work to be renewed & the axles should be examined before purchasing. The ironwork is very good. Recommending a Committee or the Engineer to meet the Borough Council & decide on a price. To stand over. Received.

3. On state of Contracts. Received.

4. On the tours of inspection with schedule of works asked for. That very little interest was shown. Estimates of some of the works cannot be made before survey. Received.

5. Asking leave to procure boring augers to bore for gravel pits. Boring rods to be purchased. Received.

Schedule of works. Received.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

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

Cr Coutts asked leave to retire & withdrew.

Secretary & Engineer's Report.

1. That he had inspected & passed the Major's Line Bridge which had been faithfully carried out by Jas. Forsyth. The extras amount to £16.12.4 & the Council of the Shire of Korong have paid their half viz:- £I82. 9.8 after crediting half of old timber sold. Received.

2. That in company with Mr Owen he had inspected McMahon's Swamp c crossing which was almost finished & would prove a fine one. Received.

t: contd.

3. That by an accidental error in the quantities for repair of Bullock Creek bridge by Messrs Holland they had been overpaid £15.10.-.He had asked for a refund but received no reply. He asked leave to take steps to recover it.Left in Engineer's hands.

4. The weighbridge at Dingee as per Report by E.Old. Received.

5. That Mr Weeks had not yet taken up his appointment as Pound-ke keeper though he had written to him. Received.

6. He had let the Black-Gate stone crossing to Joseph Baker & would lay a statement of the whole account before the Council. Received

7. Re Patriotic Fund. Already dealt with.

8. That he had seen Mr A.Gray at Wedderburn & conferred with him on the Petition.He led him to believe that the Ministry were not in favor of writing off any more but that a deputation might do good.I thought that that would be a useless expense & urged him to present the Petition to Parliament.He also urged on the Railway question & he,Mr Gray thought they would refer it back to the Standing Committee.Asking advice.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Secretary write Mr Angus to present the Petition at once. Carried.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Secretary press on the construction of the Railway to relieve un-employment. Carried.

9. Suggesting altering the meeting days from Wednesday to Tuesday or Thursday, as the Court sits on the Wednesday & most functions take place on the Wednesday. Councillors raised no objection but Cr Bissett thought Notice of Motion must be given & gave such.

10. That the Bank dr.balance was ££341.-.3 & the pay-sheet £438.15.10. Received.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Carey:-

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

No.30. From the Society for Protection of animals for subscription. Received.

31. From Mr A.Tayson,Inglewood Advertiser offering to publish all advertisements desired by the Secretary in connection with the Patriotic Fund free of cost. Received with thanks.

nce Committee. The Finance Committee reported having examined accounts amounting to £588.15.10. & recommending their passing.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

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

Dipping. In consequence of the season it was moved by Cr Mahoney

2nd & Previous 6.

That dipping at the Calivil Dip commence on 15th October instead of 1st November as previously agreed upon. Carrd.

at Coutts'. Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That a 12'0" trough be obtained for & erected at the well & that it be sent to Prairie. Carried

Ordinary Meeting closed.

S P E C I A L M E E T I N G S . to strike Rates.

The Secretary laid on the table the Statement of the Rate & his report regretting the largeness of the overdraft & the reduction of rates received & dairy & dog fees.

These having been examined:-

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That this Council do now adopt & confirm the estimate for the year 1914-15 shewing as detailed therein that the sum of ~~£~~£4167. 1.9 is required for the several items of expenditure detailed therein & that the sum of £1335. 9.6 is available but the sum of £2831.12.3.is further required. Carried.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That to raise the sum required viz:-£2831.12.3 this Council Do make & levy a Rate of 15d in the £.upon the net annual value of the ratable property within the Shire of East Loddon for the period commencing 1st Oct.1914 & ending 30th Sept. 1915 & that Henry Tresise,the rate-collector,be authorised to demand & collect the same. Carried.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the President be empowered to write off all abandoned rates& initial corrections in the Rate-book. Carried.

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That this Council Do make a Pan-charge of £I.8.6 per pan for a fortnightly service on all house-holders at Mitiamo within a radius of 30 chains of the Post Office the charge to be payable half yearly on 1st January & 1st July in every year & to be for the year 1st Oct.1914- 30th Sept. 1915. Carried.

Notices of Motion.

By Cr Bissett, 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

To confirm the General Rate that day made.

By Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Carey:-

To confirm the Pan-charge for Mitiamo that day made.

By Cr Bissett,

That the Ordinary Meeting Day be altered from the third Wednesday in the month to the 3rd Thursday.

Meeting closed.

Confirmed this 28 day of October 1914.

J H. Cullen
President.

D E C L A R A T I O N O F P O L L .

SHIRE OF EAST LODDON.

South Riding.
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Declaration of result of Poll at Extraordinary Election, 21.9.14.

I hereby give notice that at a Poll held before me this 21st. day of September 1914 for the Election of ONE COUNCILLOR for the South Riding of the Shire of East Loddon, the following votes were recorded, viz.:-

	Votes.
Alfred ETTERSHANK	139.
Phillip McGRATH	65.
Majority for ETTERSHANK.	74

I therefore declare the said ALFRED ETTERSHANK DULY ELECTED as COUNCILLOR for the South Riding of the Shire of East Loddon.

Dated this 21st.day of September 1914.

W. Bissett J.P.

Returning Officer for
South Riding of Shire
of East Loddon.

Declaration.

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

Declared at Serpentine this
28 day of October 1914
before me, W. Bissett J.P.

Alfd Ettershank

Councillor.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

October 21st 1914.

There being no Councillors present at the meeting to have been held this day I do adjourn the same to Wednesday, 28th Inst at 11 A.M.

Chas. L. Albrecht

Secretary.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

October 28th 1914.

Adjourned Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

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

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

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the same be confirmed. Carried.

1. From the Country Roads Board with copies of their first Report & card of acknowledgment of application for proclamation of Main Roads in the Shire. Received.

2. From Colonel Hawker that only British subjects substantially of European origin will be accepted for service in the A.I.F. Received.

3. From the same that youths under 21 are not to be enlisted without written consent of parent, guardian &c. Received.

4. From the Public Health Department that the Board's formal approval of the opening of the Bear's Lagoon Mechanics' Institute has been sent to the Secretary. Received.

5. From the same with Circular as to Private Hospitals for guidance of Health Officers. To be distributed.

6. From the Law Department that Potestatum Dedimus has been issued for swearing in the President. He was sworn in that day.

7. From Hon. John Gray that the Speaker had ruled the Petition re Loddon United W.W. Trust out of Order. The Secretary read his correspondence on the matter claiming that the ruling was ultra vires but ~~wexpressed~~ the opinion that nothing further could be done till after the elections. Approved.

8. From Mr A. Gray to the like effect. Received.

9. From the Minister for Railways as to the Railway that he thinks it would be idle to re-submit it to the Railways S.C. for re-consideration. The Secretary read his correspondence on the matter which was approved.

10. From Mr Henry Angus that he will confer with Mr J. Gray & see what can be done in the matter. Received.

11. From the same to the like effect. Received.

Correspondence continued.

12. From Mr A.Gray's Secretary that that gentleman is still laid up. Received.

13. From Hon.J.Gray with copy of Standing Orders. Received.

14. From T.Tunnicliffe,M.L.A. re the same. Received.

15. From Hon.J.Gray ~ the like. Received.

16. From the Public Works Department with appointment of Mr F.G.T. Nicholas as Auditor at a fee of £7.7.- with allowances. Recd.

17. From the Inspectors of Municipal Accounts as to treating advances from the Country Roads Board. Received.

18. From the Under Secretary with proclamation of holidays. Recd.

19. From the Lands Department as to site for Dip,Pompapiel,that the State Rivers had not yet intimated their decision in the matter. Received.

20. From the same that the papers have been sent to the Crown Lands Bailiff for report. Received.

21. From the same with permissive occupancy on terms stated at a rental of £I per annum. To stand over. ~~Received.~~

22. From Cr Mahoney as to the Patriotic Fund collection lists. To stand over.

23. From Cr McCrea the like. To stand over.

24. From the same asking for the filling of the Calivil Dam. The Engineer reported that he had taken immediate action & it would be filled from the Waranga Channel. Approved.

25. From the President instructing the Secretary to write to the Railway Department asking them to clean out & enlarge the Tandarra Dam. The Secretary read his application to clean out the Tandarra & Prairie Dams & this was approved.

26. From the Shire of Karkarook asking co-operation in fixing the price of fodder by the Price of Foods Board.

27. From the Shire of Dimboola the like as to Hay,Chaff,Bran & Pollard. Considerable debate ensued some Crs referring to the injustice of fixing a price for wheat only. It transpired that a price had been fixed for Bran & Pollard. Ultimately:-
It was moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by the President:-

That the letters be received. Carried.

cor.contd. 28. From Dr Merrillees resigning office as Health Officer for the East Riding as he hsd joined the Expeditionary Force, that Dr Jacobs will carry on his practice & trusting he will be continued in office.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the resignation be accepted with regret. Carrd.

29. From Dr Jacobs reporting cases of Measles at Tandarra & enquiring as to his position. The Secretary had replied that Dr Merrillees had resigned & recommended him for appointment & he had better put in an application. That he did not think it necessary to visit Tandarra for Measles but left it to his judgment.

30. From the same applying for the position & that he did not think it necessary to specially visit Tandarra.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That Dr Jacobs be appointed Health Officer to the Shire for the East Riding on the usual terms. Carried.

31. From Mrs Stone complaining of her impounded stock being allowed to escape from the Bear's Lagoon Pound. The Secretary had written to Mr Weeks on the subject & also replied to Mrs Stone's letter. Received.

32. From Mr Weeks in explanation. Cr Ettershank undertook to interview Mr Weeks on the subject.

33. From Mr P.McGrath asking the Council to subsidise the construction of the telephone line to Pompapiel. £49 are demanded from the residents.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That £10 be granted by the Council towards the construction of the line. Carried.

34. From the Shire of Tambo as to repealing the "Lands Acquisition Act 1893. Received.

35. From Mr J.A.Shaw offering the use of his Dip by the public this year as it is too late to construct one. Received with thanks.

36. From the State Accident Insurance Office as to the Workers'

Cr. contd. Compensation Act.

37. From the same with booklet of the Act.

38. From the New Zealand Insurance Co. the like.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

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

39. From the Railway Department as to the sanitary service at Mitiamo

To be noted by the Secretary.

40. From George Palmer applying for lease of frontage at Bear's Lagoon. That he be directed to apply to the Lands Department.

41. From the Railway Department that the question of cleaning out the Tandarra & Prairie Dams had been been referred for report.

42. Telegram from Cr Tonkin addressed to Cr McCrea asking for the cleaning out of the Prairie Dam. Already attended to. Received.

Crts. Tresurer. Receipts.-£135.2.7:-Payments £588.15.10:- Overdraft £827.3.2. Received.

Rate-Collector. Report No.12. Rates current £46.4.8:-Arrears £3.-Interest £3.5.10.-total £52.10.6. Received

Report No.1.1914-15. Arreats £9.3.9. Received.

Dairy Inspector. that he had registered dairies & collected £2.10.- in fees. Received.

Sanitary Contractor that he had collected £45.9.9 & that there are 56 pans in operation. Received.

Weighbridge keeper with 12/3 fees. Received.

Assistant Engineer.

1. That the fence round the Calivil Dam is broken down & the wires of the fence round the Yallook Dam cut. Suggesting notice in the press that persons damaging fences will be proceeded against.

2. That owners of property when taking wires out of fences leave them on the roads & should be warned against doing so. Both clauses approved of.

3. On position of contracts most of which are satisfactorily completed. Received.

4. That there is a very bad corner of the Dingee-Bendigo road where it has been washed across. There is a bridge but estimated to be too small. Suggesting a stone-crossing. To stand over.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

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

Secretary & Engineer's.

1. Reciting the work done in the office:-the preparation for the Audit:-the audit:-the entering up of the General Rate & Pan Charge:-&c. Received.

Engr's
Rpt contd.

2. That the Petition had been ruled out of Order. Received.
3. The efforts for the Railway had been flouted altogether. After the Elections he would consult the Leagues.
Approved.

4. That he had the consent of the Lands Department to putting down the Dip but on absurd conditions & subject to the payment of £I a year rent while the land was only worth £2. The permissive occupancy is too late for this season & asking instructions.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That application be made for reduction of the rent. Carrd.

5. That a trough has been supplied to the well at Prairie.
Approved.

6. That he had inspected the stone-crossing at the Black-Gate road & thought the Contractor, J. Baker, had made a good job of it.
Received.

7. That he had inspected the bridge over the Bullock Creek near Mr Shaw's & found it in a very bad state. Suggesting various ways of treating it.
New pier to be introduced & bed of creek levelled up.

8. The weigh-bridge has been re-decked & tested & is reliable.
Received.

9. That he had applied for the proclamation of the 4 E.& W. Roads as Main Roads but had only received a card acknowledgment.
Received.

10. Re the Patriotic Efforts suggesting that all the results should be sent in to him & forwarded as under the auspices of the Shire. Also describing the programme of his effort.

Moved by ~~the~~ Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Secretary proceed with his concert & be allowed to spend £5 for expenses.
Carried.

11. Financial position.
Received.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by the President:-

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

The Council then went into Committee to deal with tenders & Finance. On resuming the Tenders Committee reported that while only two Contracts were advertised there were only 2 tenders & they were for one of them. These were deemed too high

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Report be received & fresh tenders invited.
Carried.

Re Holland & Sons' overpayment the Secretary submitted an offer he had made for a settlement which had been accepted.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the settlement be approved.
Carried.

The Finance Committee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to ££642.9.2 & recommending their passing.

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

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

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by the President:-

That the General Rate of 15d in the £ made on the 16th September be confirmed. Carried.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Mitiamo Pan Charge of £I.8.6 per pan for a fortnightly service made on I6th September be confirmed. Carrd.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by the President:-

That the Meeting day be altered from the third Wednesday in the month to the third Thursday. Carried.

And the meeting closed.

Confirmed this 5th day of November 1914.

J. P. O'Connell

President.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

November 19th 1914.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President, (Cr Coulter), & Crs Coutts, Bissett, Etter-shank, Mahoney, Tonkin.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the same be confirmed. Carried.

Correspondence.

1. From the Commonwealth Military Forces, Col. Cuscaden, that men suffering from Hernia are not to be accepted as Volunteers. Recd.

2. From the Public Health Department as to licensing private hospitals. Received.

3. From the same that Dr Jacob's appointment as Health Officer for the East Riding vice Dr Merrillees, resigned, has been arrroved. Received.

4. From the Land Purchase & Management Board with reference to the forfeiture of a block on Hurstwood that they have decided ~~to~~ to make the area again available for application. Received.

5. From the Public Works Department as to keeping accounts under the Country Roads Board. Received.

McCrea entered & took his seat.

6. From Cr Tonkin with Petition for cleaning out the Prairie Dam. Dealt with at last meeting. To stand over.

7. From the same reporting on various matters viz:- The Newham & Woodend Conference;-Water Supply at Mitiamo:-cleaning out & enlarging Prairie Dam. To stand over.

8. From the Railway Commissioners that it is the duty of the Council to clean out the dams. To stand over.

9. From S.J. McKay, as hon. secretary of a proposed Urban Trust at Mitiamo asking for subsidies by the Council towards immediate operations & offering services free for the present. To stand over.

10. Wire from the State Rivers Accountant for Return of valuations of householders at Mitiamo with regard to Water Supply. Return prepared & wired the same day. Received & approved.

11. From the City of Melbourne asking the Council's co-operation in retaining the Melbourne Tramway system.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That co-operation be granted. Carried.

12. From Watson & James asking approval of subdivisional survey at Dingee. Referred to the President & Engineer to attend to.

13. From J.T.O'Shannessy applying for a further allowance of 10/- for rolling extension of 3½ chains. After hearing the Engineer's explanation:-

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the letter be received. Carried.

14. From Barnardo Homes with receipt & thanks for subscription. Received.

15. From Austin Hospital with Report. Received.

16. From Mr S.Sampson M.H.R. with correspondence as to extension of telephone service from Pompapiel to Serpentine. To stand over.

17. From H.Tresise asking leave to purchase a road between his allotments. The plan having been examined:-

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That no objection be offered. Carried.

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts. £19.9.11:-Payments £642.9.2:-overdraft £1450.-.11. Received.

Sanitory Contractor, Mitiamo.

That he had collected £4.19.2 of arrears. That he is serving 57 pans. Received.

Caretaker of Dip.

That he had finished dipping 1491 sheep & collected £6.4.2. for fees. Received.

Assistant Engineer.

1. That he had commenced looking for gravel & had found some but would have to sink in order to ascertain its depth & thickness. He had purchased an auger for 15/-. Received.
2. As to the fence round Calivil Dam that it requires renewing & suggesting various styles of doing it. Asking instructions. Referred to Cr McCrea for examination & report.
3. That maintenance-men have been doing good work & suggesting that if tenders prove too high they be put on to do the works. Approved.
4. That he had issued several notices to cut star-thistle. Approved.
5. That only Ball's & Crapper's Contracts are unfinished but will be soon. Received.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

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

Secretary & Engineer's.

1. That Mr Owen had surveyed & called tenders for cleaning out & enlarging the Prairie Dam & recommending both. To stand over.
2. That as to Tandarra Dam he had waited the reply from the Railway Department which only arrived the day before.

Mr McGr's ...ont'd. They refuse to subscribe to it but offer permissive occupancy of a site. The President expressed himself vexed that tenders had not been called as it was very urgent. Ultimately:-

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

That tenders be called for cleaning out the Dam at Tandarra within 10 days. Carried.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

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

3. That he is glad that his recommendation to the Mitiamo Progress Committee re the water supply had been approved of. That it would be a good thing to form an Urban Trust but a consultation should be held on the subject. Recommending paying for the outside stand-pipe but failing to see why the Council should be called upon to subscribe further unless temporarily. That Mr McKay's offer of services honorarily should be accepted with thanks.

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That £12 be passed for the stand-pipe & meter. Carried.

The Engineer was instructed to ascertain the cost of filling the dam.

4. Recommending that a water supply should also be established in Serpentine & a Fire-Brigade established. Received.

5. With regard to the extension of the telephone service to Serpentine was surprised at the demands of the Department of £70 for only 6 miles. If dealt with recommending the C rroposition viz:-the residents to subscribe £68. & give guarantee for it & forward 8/8.

To stand over till the February meetin

6. That the stone-crossing on the Bullock Creek on the Black-Gate road had cost £106.7.3. but included 4 chains of metalled approaches. In reply to Cr Bissett the Engineer stated that his estimate for the work made in August last was £66.7.9 but without metalled approaches. Received.

7. Financial position. Received.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

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

...rring. Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That in future the dipping at the Calivil Dip be done by the maintenance-man. Carried.

A N N U A L M E E T I N G .

The Secretary laid the audited statement & balance sheets on the table together with his report which was read:-

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the same be received & adopted. Carried.

The Auditor's Report was also read & received.

The accounts having been examined it was moved by the Presi-
dent 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That the statements of account & balance sheets having been examined & found just & true be allowed & certified to. Carried.

The statements having been signed by the Chairman the meeting closed.

Ordinary business resumed.

Tenders. The tenders Committee reported having opened the following tenders:- & the following were the lowest:-

Contract No.249. J.Crapper:- £35.1.-
250. Ernest Bailey:- 14.-.-
251. No tender.
252. Ernest Bailey:- 7.12.-

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That Contract No.249 be left in the hands of the Engineer to get done by the maintenance-men. Carried.

Also that the tenders of Mr Bailey for Contracts 250 & 252 be accepted. Carried

Finance. The Finance Committee reported having examined accounts amounting to £I40.4.2 & recommended their payment.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

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

ting days. Complaint having been made by the Press as to the difficulty they experience in reporting meetings in their first issue if the meeting is held on a Thursday.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by the President:-

That the next meeting be held on 9th December, being the 2nd instead of 3rd Wednesday in that month. Carried.

ed road. Cr Mahoney reported that the road on the West of the Pompapiel Forest Reserve had been closed & put him & others to great inconvenience in consequence. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Department & ask by whose authority it was closed.

ng Dams. The President produced a list of dams in the East Riding that can be filled from the channels & are dry. He further stated that there are 30 to 40 of them & the Secretary was instructed to write to Mr E.Lyndon Smith & ask that they be filled at once.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That Mr Boyd be instructed to gather & cart stone from Salisbury & deposit it in Serpentine. Carried.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Secretary write to the Shire of Gordon & ask them to co-operate in executing the works on the boundary road recommended by the Crs when making their tour & if they consent, tenders be invited by next meeting. Carried.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Engineer bring up an estimate of the cost of gravelling the Dingee Road East of Jager's for I½ miles by next meeting. Carried.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Engineer bring up an estimate of the cost of forming the Raywood Road from Mr Shaw's South to the boundary. Carried.

kers' Compensation 1914. Mr D.W.Coulter, the local agent of the New Zealand Agency Co. & Mr Langford & explained the particulars of taking out policies & that the premium would be about £I0.17.6.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That a policy be taken out with the said Company to cover all employees & that the Secretary furnish a list of the same, premium to be about £11. Carried.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That Constable La Roche be appointed Inspector of Slaughter Yards & Nuisances for the North & South Ridings on the usual terms. Carried.

J.H.C
ruction. to Engineer:-to get the wind-mill at Hiett's Dam ~~adjusted~~ moved & the pump put in order.

ce of Motion:-by Cr Bissett:-
To rescind the motion passed at the last meeting fixing the 3rd Thursday in the month & establishing the 2nd Wednesday instead.
And the meeting closed.
Confirmed this 9 day of December 1914.

J.H.Coulter
President.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

December 9th 1914.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

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

The Minutes of the last meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the same be confirmed. Carried.

Correspondence. 1. From the Commonwealth Military Forces as to return of Arms & equipments in the event of volunteers serving in the Citizen Forces. Received.

2. From the Lands Department as to the site for the Dip making no alterations in the conditions of permissive occupancy. Secretary reported that he had accepted the terms & forwatded his cheque for £I. Approved.

3. From the Post Master General with advice to users of Telephone Trunk lines &c. Received.

4. From the New Zealand Insurance Co, that they have issued a policy under the Workers' Compensation Act & with receipt for premium £12.2.2. Received.

4a From the State Accident Insurance Office that doubt has arisen as to the meaning of the Act & if it be decided that Councils are are not liable refunds will be made. Received.

5. From Mr E. Lyndon Smith as to the application to have dams in the East Riding filled the matter would receive immediate attention & further stating that there are no channels in existence from which it would be possible to fill them. Received.

6. From the Municipal Association with notes on new legislation. Received.

7. From the Shire of Rochester as to forming a Northern Municipal Association & proposing a Conference on the subject at BendigoTo stand over.

8. From the Shire of Warragul urging protest against alterations in the Electorates.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That co-operation be given. Carried.

9. From the Public Health Department threatening proceedings

for not sending samples of Foods. Already sent & report of Analyst acknowledged. Received.

10. From Mr C.H.Campbell of the Murray Waters Vigilance Committee proposing a Conference to consider the matter.

11. From the A.N.A. on the same subject propsing a Conference on We Wednesday I6th Dec.at the Crown Lands Department.
Both to stand over.

12. From the Bendigo Hospital with draft agreement re Infectious Diseases Hospital.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Agreement be signed. Carried.

13. From Mr William Doody asking the Council to put a small culvert in the formation opposite his dam.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That if Mr Doody is agreeable to pay half the cost the Council will put in a 12" box. Carried.

14. From Mr W.G.Ball asking for an extra allowance for shifting the gravel from the pit under Contract No.247 owing to excess of surface to be removed.

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

That £5 be granted. Carried.

15. From Mr A.E.Miles refusing to pay for the carriage crossings* at his place. To stand over.

16. From the Shire of Swan Hill with balance sheet. Recd.

17. From the Shire of Gordon the like. Received.

18. From A.Gray ,M.L.A. with thanks for support at election. Recd.

19. From J.T.Hester asking leave to cut down a tree in front of premises he is about to erect at Dingee.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Careyl-

That the request be granted. Carried.

20. From Dr Jacobs with appointment duly signed & stating that Dr Merrillees has not yet left the State. Received.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

. Business resumed the same Crs present:-

Report:-Treasurer. Receipts:-£53.16.3:-payments £I40.4.2:-
Overdraft £1536.8.10. Received.

Reports contd. Rate-Collector 11/- interest. Received.

Assistant Engineer Owen:-

1. That the Gordon Shire had not had a meeting in time to deal with boundary works so tenders could not be called. Recd.

2. That he had prepared an estimate of the works required on the Raywood-Durham-Ox road from Mr Shaw's to the South boundary

No.I. costing £I9 to be done:-No.2.to be done with stone crossing & tenders called by next meeting.

3. That he had surveyed for the work on the 1st E. & W. road S. of Dingee & tenders were invited for that day. Approved.

4. That the timber &c for the bridge at Prairie had arrived & the maintenance-men will start it on Monday. Approved.

5. That the dam at Hiatt's,Yallook is full & nothing can be done towards cleaning out the inlet pipe & as no one is using it for household purpose he has had the fence cut to allow stock & horses to water at it. Approved.

6. As to progress of Contracts. Received.

7. That the President had opened tenders for cleaning out the Tandarra dam but only one had been received,that of J.Crapper at 9¼d per yd.& this he had accepted.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That the action be confirmed. Carried.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

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

Report on Conference at Mitiamo. By Engineer.

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the cost of completing the channel along the Railway be passed & a guarantee given for one year to pay the cost of filling the dam & the water to be taken from the stand-pipe the meter to be read monthly. Carried.

No.23. A letter was read from Mr S.J.McKay on the same subject & further ~~asking~~ stating that his Committee had written to the Shire of Rochester asking them to assist in making a stone crossing in the Piccaninny Creek on the Elmore Road & asking you to put it in.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Mc Crea:-

That application be made to the Shire of Rochester to join in doing the work at a cost of about £50. Carried.

Secretary & Engineer. 1. That he & Mr Owen had surveyed for cleaning out the Tandarra dam & it had been let as before stated but the Roadmaster had stopped him & threatened proceedings.He had wired the Station Master & the President & thought all was going on satisfactorily.Approved.

That on hearing from the Department he would complete the plan of the site & send it in.

2. That he had inspected the gravel at Mr Gittins'.It was too fi fine for the Dingee road but would do for side roads.Mr Gitt- tins was willing to ~~take~~ give any found on his estate at 3d per cub.yd. Approved.

3. That he had framed an estimate for gravelling I44 chains of the Dingee Road starting at Jagers' at ££ 936 but thought application should be made to have it proclaimed a main road when you would get £I per £I free & the balnce by loan.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Country Roads Board be invited to the Shire by next meeting if possible. Carried.

It was suggested to the Engineer that he enquire of the Shires of Charlton & Wycheproof as to what they had done in the matter.

4. That when at Mitiamo last Thursday he had inspected the Depot & found it kept in excellent order. Received.

5. That he had set out the extension of the town dam at Serpentine & provided for conserving the water in it. Received.

6. That Mr Wallis's subdivisional plans at Dingee might be certified to excising Wallis Street which was occupied by an irrigation channel & therefore less than a chain in width

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the certificates asked for be granted subject to the alteration shewn thereon. Carried.

7. That the overdraft was £1546 but would soon come down when the rate-notices were issued. Received.

8. Re Patriotic Fund that he had given a lecture at Mitiamo with gratifying results & asking Crs to send in their lists & returns. This they promised to do. The total returns to dateewith the Council grants was £312.

9. As to the meetings suggesting a Committee meeting in January & the next meeting on 2nd Wednesday in February.Apprd.

10. That should you send a deputation to town on the I6th you might consider the propriety of dealing with the Petition & the railway. The suggestion was not agreed with.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the President & Engineer be appointed delegates to attend the Conference of the A.N.A on 16th Inst re the Murray Waters. Carried.

Moved by CrvBissett 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

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

The Council then went into Committee to open tenders & Finance.

On resuming the Committee reported that they had opened tenders & recommended the following, being the lowest, for acceptance:-

Contract No.254. J.Crapper £33.14.8
" No.255. Doody Bros. 55. 5.-

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the report be received & adopted. Carried.

The Finance Committee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £246.16.11 & recommended their passing.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

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

Carried.

Corr.7. Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That co-operation be granted as to the Conference in Bendigo.

Carried.

Corr.15. Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by the President :-

That the Engineer bring up a full report by next meeting.

Carried.

Pound. A letter was received from the Pound-keeper at Bear's Lagoon
Corr.2I. stating that a horse had been in the Pound for some weeks & had been put up for sale but there had been no offer. The sustenance had cost £I.I2.6 & asking instructions.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That the Poundkeeper be instructed to destry the animal & dispose of the carcase or bury it. Carried.

Corr.22. A letter was received from the same stating that owing to scarcity of work he must resign his office of Poundkeeper & go elsewhere for work.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by the President:-

That the resignation be accepted as on 31st Inst. Carrd.

Instruction to Officer by Cr Bissett:-That the Engineer in company with him & Cr Ettershank, inspect Turner's Crossing with view to making a safe crossing when the river is not in flood.

Serie Dam. In view of the State Rivers having cut a channel along the N.E. road West of the dam, Cr Tonkin asked that a connecting ~~dam~~ drain be opened up.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the cutting of the channel be left in the hands of

Cr Tonkin to get done. Carried.

evel. Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That the Engineer get bores put down in his Scrub paddock.
Carried.

truction by Cr Tonkin to get Truel fettle up about 5 chains of formation

-9/16 on the Terricks Road ¼ mile S.of Dingee.

ock Ck Bridge Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Shaw:-
haw's.

That the material for this bridge be obtained at once & the work proceeded with. Carried.

ruction by
ident. That the dams at Coffee's & Wallis's be filled at once.

ting Days. Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by the President:-

That the resolution passed at the meeting on 28th Oct altering the meeting day from the 3rd Wednesday to the 3rd Thursday be rescinded. Carried.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Council meetings be held on 2nd Wednesday in the month. Carried unanimously.

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

That a month's holiday be granted to the Secretary & to the Assistant Engineer. Carried.

And the meeting closed.

Confirmed this 10th day of February 1915.

J. H. Coulter

President.