

Shire Hall, SERPENTINE.

13th. January 1915.

Committee Meeting held this day.:-

Present:- The President (Cr. Coulter) & Crs. Bissett & Tonkin.

Correspondence:-

- 1 & 2. From the Country Roads Board stating that they would visit the Shire & inspect roads on or about Thursday 21st. inst & that they would be unable to postpone their visit till the Secretary & Engineer's return from his holidays.

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

That the Assistant Engineer make all arrangements for entertaining the Board, and notify & request all Councillors to attend, & make arrangements for conveying the Councillors on the tour of inspection" Cd.

3. From C. E. Clee asking for a slaughtering licence for his premises near Prairie, & Inspector Brown's report thereon. Licence granted & signed.

Poundkeeper.

Applications for the position of Poundkeeper were received from R. T. Rodgers & John Kerr, both of Janiember East.

Moved by Cr. Tonkin, 2nd. by Cr. Bissett:-

That Mr. John Kerr be appointed Poundkeeper as from 13th. January 1915 at a salary of £10 per annum, payable quarterly. Carried.

Finance:-

Accounts amounting to £225.2.5 were examined & recommended for payment.

The Assistant Engineer reported that Mr. Jackman wished to remove a carriage bridge over the drain on the N. & S. road near his property, in lieu of paying his half share, & that he was prepared to pay the cost of putting the bridge there & of removing it. Permission refused.

And the MEETING CLOSED.

Confirmed this 10th day of February 1915.

J. B. Coulter

President.

Shire Hall, SERPENTINE.

21st. January 1915.

Meeting of Councillors to Meet Chairman & Member McCormack of the Country Roads Board.

Present:- The President (Cr. Coulter) & Crs. Bissett, Coutts, Mahoney, McCrea, Carey. (Cr. Tonkin joined the party at Prairie & accompanied it to Mitiamo) Chairman Calder & Member McCormack of the Country Roads Board & the Assistant Engineer of the Shire, & Messrs. Brooks & McGrath.

At Shire Hall, Serpentine.

The President introduced the Members of the Country Roads Board to the Meeting, & welcomed them, & hoped that they had come to stay.

Chairman Calder thanked the President & Councillors for their warm reception, on behalf of the Board, they had been some little time getting here, but it was better late than never. They hoped to see those of the roads that the Council considered the principal traffic ones, & see what they could do with them. They had had a chat with Mr. Owen the previous afternoon & had now some clearer idea of the Councils requirements. They had been round all the adjoining Shires, but East Loddon differed from them all in not having any very defined centre. They understood that the importance of the old 3 chain stock routes had now diminished, & with the advent of the Railway, the East & West roads had become the principal traffic roads in this Shire. They had inspected the road in the Shire of Korong East from the Borong Railway Station, & the same road in the Rochester Shire from Rochester West to Banawn & Prairie, & it had been suggested that they should take over this road right through from Borong to Rochester, but they had not of course decided till they had seen it right through, & they intended to inspect the East Loddon portion that day. He said that Shires were usually a little worried over the finan-

cial side of the question. He could assure them that the conditions were very favorable to the Shires. Any criticism that had been levelled against the Board had been against their methods of Construction & not against the financial side at all. Many Shires have the view that the standard adopted by the Board is too high for the present needs of the Country, but the Board is very strongly of the opinion that work should be done properly & strongly. They would much rather do one mile & make a first class, lasting job of it than go on patching up two miles.

The Government had provided £2,000,000 of loan money, & there was every reason ^{to hope} that they would not have to curtail expenditure on roads in this time of financial stress, but hoped they would still be able to go on improving roads & thus providing a lasting benefit to the Community, & the Country people in particular. He then went on to outline the terms:-

For construction, where a road has to be made, or practically re-made, it is financed from loan money. The Board pays the whole cost for the first year, & at the end of the financial year (30th. June) the Shire would have to pay interest & sinking fund @ 6% on $\frac{1}{2}$ the cost of the work. This would have to be paid annually for $31\frac{1}{2}$ years when the debt would be wiped out.

The Board also pays the whole cost of Maintenance for the first year. The position works out this way, for every £1,000 expended in Construction the Shire Council would have to pay £30 per annum for $31\frac{1}{2}$ years. The Board this year (till 30th. June) pays all the cost of Construction & maintenance, & then after 30th. June would send Shire an account for interest & sinking Fund on $\frac{1}{2}$ cost of construction, & for $\frac{1}{2}$ cost of maintenance. As maintenance is paid for out of revenue & not loan money, the Shire would pay $\frac{1}{2}$ the cost & not interest on $\frac{1}{2}$ cost as in the case of construction works. He hoped any Councillor would ask questions if they were not quite clear, as this was the best time, & a little chat personally is worth any amount of correspondence. They would have their chat first & then go & inspect the roads, & when their tour

was completed they would return to the Office & plot on the plans the roads asked for, & apportion a fair amount of the work to be done to each Municipality. Of course it was not likely that they would be able to take over all the roads they had been asked for at once, & they did not intend to take over a road unless they thought they could do some good with it.

They had gone to Gippsland first, but as all the Councillors understood the conditions there, he was sure they would agree that they had gone to the right place first.

After the inspections they would get out plans, copies of which would be sent to the Municipalities concerned, & you would then have the opportunity of accepting or rejecting them. He didn't think, however that there was much likelihood of the Council's rejecting them, as out of 100 Shires in which they had worked, there had been only 3 appeals, & one of those was from the neighbouring Shire of Marong, & he had no doubt that the Councillors present knew the facts of this case & could judge for themselves. He pointed out that substantial advantage would have to be proved to have been gained for a Municipality before it was charged with a ^{pro}portion of the cost of work in an adjoining Shire. If this Council should be assessed with a proportion that seemed to them unfair, he hoped they would write about it & they could talk it over & perhaps come to a settlement, but even if this failed to please, there was always appeal allowed to the Minister of Public Works. In any case the work is set out & designed by your own Engineer, & he also prepares the plans, specifications & estimates, but as the Government is finding $\frac{1}{2}$ the money, it is only reasonable that they should have some supervision, & therefore the plans &c had to be inspected & passed by the Board. The Board, however did not intend to come into a Municipality & turn things all inside out at once, but would be guided by the circumstances of the case & by your own Engineer's Report. The Tenders are then called by the Municipality in the ordinary way, & sent on with the Council's recommendation to the Board. To save Office work, both to the Shire & the Board, in

the case of Maintenance work, payments should be made at the usual Meeting of the Council, & at the end of every three months, an a/c should be sent to the Board, who would send a cheque for the whole amount, & then at the end of June, the whole payments should be added up, & an account sent to the Council for $\frac{1}{2}$ the total.

Mr. Mahoney thought the explanation very satisfactory, & asked Mrs Calder whether the Korong Shire would have to pay a proportion of the cost of the proposed road to Borung.

Mr. Calder pointed out that each Municipality would have to pay an equal proportion of the interest on the cost of construction of the bridge over the Loddon, & that the Closer Settlement would also probably pay its share, but, if it were shown that the ^{Shire} East Loddon gained a substantial advantage from the road thro' ^{the East Loddon Shire} the Korong Shire, they would probably be assessed for a portion of the cost of this. The Board was very strongly in favor of building bridges in concrete at the present time, as with the deteriorating quality of timber, it was not safe to estimate the life of a bridge at more than 20 years & as it would be being built out of loan money not repayable till the end of 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ years it would be a very bad policy to build them in timber. A concrete bridge costs from 25 - 33 % more than a timber bridge in the first place, but is then there for ever practically, the only maintenance required being a little covering for the deck. Of course the road would not be constructed right through at once but a small portion of it for a start, beginning at the Railway & working gradually outwards, & doing only the ^{worst} ~~worst~~ portions the first year. He hoped the Shire would soon either itself, or perhaps with one or two ~~other~~ other adjoining Shires, be able to get a Traction plant ~~in future~~, as it was much cheaper than horse carting for long distances. The present time was opportune for doing the work near the stations as labor would be cheaper, though with the high price of feed, cartage would not be cheaper. He also thought it would be better, with the price of carting so high to go in for metal straight away & not use gravel, as the extra

cost was a great deal more than compensated for by the extra life. He also considered it better to pay perhaps 2d. per cubic yard more for metal & get it direct from Axedale, where the metal is of an excellent & uniform quality. The metal at Bridgewater is also excellent. When asked if the Board had any hard & fast rules, Mr. Calder pointed out that it was impossible to lay down any absolute standard suitable for the whole of Victoria, except perhaps as to general width & shape, as the conditions varied so much, & they were guided very largely by the opinion & report of the Shire Engineer. At the same time they did not favor any road being metalled for a less width than 12'0", but in this Shire the width would probably have to be 14'0" or 15'0" & 9" in depth.

He regretted that they had been unable to postpone their visit as requested till Mr. Albrecht's return, but the Tour including many other Shires had been arranged, & it was impossible to depart from it.

The Meeting then adjourned to the cars, in which they journeyed to Tandara, & then inspected the East & West Road from Tandara, East towards Kamarooka as far as McMahon's Swamp, & then travelled North to the Dingee - Rochester road, thence to Dingee & then inspected the Dingee - Serpentine road as far as $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile West of the Raywood - Durham Ox road, & then returned to Serpentine where the President entertained the Company to Lunch.

After Lunch the Party travelled to the site of the proposed bridge over the Loddon at Potter's which they inspected, & then travelled via the Four Posts Road to the intersection of the Prairie - Janiember East road & the Raywood - Durham Ox road, & then inspected the former road right through to the Rochester Shire Boundary, from thence North to Mitiamo by the two & three chain roads, & then inspected the Mitiamo - Jarklan road West to the two chain N. & S. road at Pickles's.

Here the Party broke up, the Members of the Board going on to Pyramid Hill, & the Councillors returning home.
 Held this 10 day of February 1915. *V. H. Boulton* Chairman.
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Shire Hall, Serpentine,

February 10th 1915.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

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

The Minutes of the Meeting on 9th December 1914:-of the Committee on 13th January 1915 & of 21st January to meet the Country Roads Board were read & the Council adjourned for lunch & till 2 P.M.

2 P.M. On resuming the same Crs present with Cr Mahoney:-

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That all the Minutes as read be confirmed. Carried.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the action of the Committee at their meeting on 13.1.15 be approved & confirmed. Carried.

Correspondence. 1. From the Public Works Department requesting assistance in alleviating distress caused by un-employment.

Department to be informed that the Council have all along done their best to carry on works although they were heavily overdrawn.

2. From the same through A. Gray, M.L.A. that £150 had been voted to the Council for expenditure on Main Roads & £47.3.9 from the Un-used Road rents. Received with thanks.

3. From the Railway Commissioners with permission to use the culvert under the line at Prairie for taking water to the Prairie Dam under conditions. Received.

4. From State Rivers & W.S. that the guarantee given by the Mitiamo Committee for the payment of £60 per annum will continue for all time until a District is constituted. Received.

5. From the same that they were unable to comply with the Council's request to run water down the Yarrayne Channel immediately until the Contractors finish ~~inish~~ their works. Cr Bissett criticized very severely the mismanagement of the Commissioners & moved:-

That a meeting be held at Calivil on a date to be fixed for the purpose of enquiring into the working of the Loddon United W.W. Trust.

Cr McCrea stated that they had held a meeting & been informed that a Commissioner could not attend the proposed meeting until

after March. Cr Carey seconded the motion which was carried.

6. From the State Forests Department as to the gate on the Western boundary of the Pomapiel Forest Reserve that Mr Mackay would be in the district that week & would examine the track before dealing definitely with the Council's letter. That the area was to be improved for tree-planting & asking the Council to agree with the Department in a reasonable way.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Department be asked to re-open the road & indicate the position of the Hall on the letter. Carried.

7. From the Public Health Department asking for a Return of the number of Cess-Pools in the Shire. The Secretary had replied setting out the sanitary systems in operation. Approved.

8. From the Shire of Bulⁿ-Buln asking co-operation in a request to the Country Roads Board that the maintenance clause of 2 months be extended to eight & that such maintenance be charged to construction account instead of maintenance.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by the President:-

That co-operation be granted. Carried.

9. From the Town of Ballarat East asking co-operation in protesting against increasing railway freights.

25. From Hon. R. B. Rees M.L.C. that he will strongly oppose the increase when Parliament meets.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That co-operation be granted. Carried.

10. From the Municipal Association that the Annual Subscription of the Shire is now £4.4.- instead of £3.3.- as hitherto. Recd.

11. From the Shire of Gordon as to application for boundary works that the Engineer had inspected them with a view to comparing their necessity as against other urgent works. The Council had agreed to contribute to the most necessary works being carried out by this Council at a cost not exceeding £100. The Engineer thought the proposed works in Bill's Swamp the least urgent.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Council of the Shire of Gordon be thanked & tenders be called for the works in the terms of their re-

commendation.

Carried.

12. From the Shire of Rochester that the works on the Prairie Road to the East of the Piccaninny Creek should lie over until the Country Roads Board had dealt with such road. That they will co-operate in putting in the stone crossing on the Piccaninny Creek on the Elmore Road. Received the Engineer to furnish estimate by next meeting.
13. From the Shire Solicitors with opinion on Pounds Act. Received.
14. From Clerk of Petty Sessions that the fixtures of the Police Magistrate, Mr Moore, cannot be altered. Received no further action to be taken.
15. From the Eye & Ear Hospital for subscription. Stand over for Charity Vote.
16. From the Deaf & Dumb Institute the same.
17. From the County Surveyor, Chicago with prices of Graders. Recd.
18. From A.H. McDonald & Co with prices of oil Motor driven tractors. Received.
19. From the Shire of Korong with Balance Sheet. Received.
20. From the Commonwealth Military Forces with instructions as to enrolling applicants for service in the Australian Imp. Force. Received.
21. From Mr C.D. Graham Secretary &c to the Shire of Gordon inviting co-operation in convening a Conference to be held in Serpentine of all the Shires interested to consider the propriety of constructing a tramway from Bridgewater or Inglewood to Durham-Ox & if possible under the Country Roads Board.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That co-operation be granted & that the Shire of Marong be included.

Carried.

22. From J. Johnson asking permission to ring certain live trees adjacent to his cultivation.

President

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

That the request be refused & all similar applications be also refused.

Carried.

23. From Ernest Old resigning his office of weigher at Dingee as he has been accepted for the Expeditionary Forces.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the resignation be accepted with regret. Carried.

21. From L. Bagnell junr, complaining of the starving of a horse while in the Bear's Lagoon Pound. asking for a refund of £1.10.--.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by the President:-

That the Secretary make enquiry & report. Carried.

Standing Orders Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-
ended.

That the Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of receiving a Deputation. Carried.

tation. Cr Mahoney introduced a deputation consisting of Messrs Hamilton Potter, Perry & others who asked that the bridge over the Loddon at Hurstwood be commenced as soon as possible so that it might be ready by next harvest. The Crs spoke in favor of doing so if the Land Purchase & Management Board were still ready to do their share, as the Country Roads Board would most probably take charge of the work & the cost to the Shires interested would thus be greatly reduced. The deputies set out their views at length.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That this Council withdraw its objection to the building of the bridge on the Loddon at Potter's. Carried.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Land Purchase & Management Board be written to & asked to renew their undertaking to bear a proportion of the cost of the bridge. Carried.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That Cr Bissett & the Assistant Engineer wait on the Worong Shire Council at their meeting tomorrow to urge their co-operation. Carried.

The President informed the deputation of the result of their deliberations who thanked the Council & withdrew.

The Council adjourned for 5 minutes & then resumed business.

23. Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That Mr F.R.W. Dredge be appointed weigher at the Dingee Weighbridge on the current terms. Carried.

Finance. The Finance Committee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £221.8.4 & recommended their passing.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by the President:- That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted & accounts passed for signature. Carried.

ers. The Tenders Committee reported that they had opened tenders for Contract No. 257 2 in number & recommended the acceptance of that of Doody Bros at £85.12.7.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Report be received & adopted.

Carried.

ts. Treasurer. Receipts £69.14.2:- Payments £472.15.5:- Net overdraft
£1961.19.7. Received.

Rate-Collector. Rates current £9.12.6:- Arrears £6.11.3:- Int 6/7.
total £19.-.4. Received.

Dog Inspector. North Riding £2. 5.-
South .. 1. -.-
£3. 2.6

Inspector of Nuisances Brown.

Received.

Submitting an a/c of 10/- for burning a horse near Jarklan P.O. which he hopes to recover from the owner.

That a lot of stock have died on the roads but he had had them removed free of cost to the Shire.

In some instances sheep & horses have died on the roads & have remained there as no word had reached him. Recd.

Sanitary Contractor, Johnson.

Enclosing cheque for charges £9.5.3. Everything satisfactory. Asking instructions as to arrears. Pans 57. Recd.

ation re Murray Waters.

The President & Secretary reported as follows:-

That they had attended the Conference held in the Board Room of the Lands Department on 16th Decr 1914. There was a very large attendance. There was a unanimous consensus of opinion that the agreement between the States affected should be carried out as soon as possible. A full report of the reply of the Premier, the Minister of Water Supply appears in the Bendigo Advertiser of 17th idem. The opinion was also expressed that the works should be treated as National Works. A Bill to carry out the scheme but had to be postponed to next Session. During the conference the enlargement of the Llanecoorie Reservoir & further water storage were also discussed.

While in town the deputies interviewed the Railway Department as to the Tandarra Dam with satisfactory results. They also conferred with the Country Roads Board as to their methods of operating.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Report be received & a hearty vote of thanks

passed to the President & Secretary.

Carried.

Assistant Engineer.

1. That bores had been put down in Cr Bissett's Scrub paddock for gravel but without success. I am informed that Mr Pola has struck a good seam at a depth of 8'0" & he intends to inspect it. The Country Roads Board had stated that if the Council wished to spend £10 in searching for gravel they would pay half. The Engineer was instructed to inspect the road at Mr Jas. Bissett's where gravel had been found.

Clause received.

2. The cost of repairing the bridge on the 1st road N. of Prairie which had been done by the maintenance-men was £30 as against the tenders by Contractors of £50.2.4:-£40-& £35.1.-Particulars are on the table.

Engr's
ort contd.

3. He had some trouble with Shaw's bridge owing to water:- having had to condemn bad timber & faults shewing when the pier was removed. but the timber work & scooping are now finished & the men are carting the stone. He thought the bridge would now last a considerable time. Received.
4. There is a very bad place on the Dingee-Bendigo road 2 miles S. of Tandarra which requires a stone-crossing & asking instructions.
Engineer to prepare an estimate of the work:-also for one about 100 yards East of the Tandarra-Kamarooka road. He was also instructed to clean out a culvert & to call upon Messrs Ludemann & Hocking to widen a check bank.
5. He had been instructed by Crs Mahoney & McCrea to invite tenders for cleaning out the Council dam on the Mitiamo Road at Day's & Elliot's. This was done & these Crs accepted the tender of Ernest Bailey at 10d per yd.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

- That the action be approved & confirmed. Carried.
6. The Report of the Meeting of Crs & the Country Roads Board appears in the Minutes. Received.
7. Ernest Bailey asks whether you require the Pompapiel Dam at Duffy's cleaned out. Robert Boyd to clean out the well & the dam to be filled.
8. As there is no water in the Dam at Serpentine asking whether the old portion should be taken down to the same depth as the extension. It would take about 277 cub. yds & cost £13.10.- including dealing with fence.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

- That the work be done. Carried.
9. Financial position of Shire. Received.
10. Mr Crapper has completed the Tandarra Dam & made a good job of it. He has commenced Contract No. 254. loaming S. of Dingee:-Doody Bros have almost completed the dam at Serpentine. Mr Bailey is getting on with No. 256, dam on Mitiamo road. & expects to finish this week. Received.
11. That Bathurst Burrs are springing up in a great many places but is getting out notices.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

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

ling Dams.

Cr Mahoney stated that a deputation was to have waited on the Council on the water question but were prevented. Ratepayers were having to pump & fill dams & pay a water bailiff at their own expense & they thought the Council should bear part of the expense. thus incurred.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Council bear a fair share & that particulars be sought from Mr D. Gow. That the Shire Dams at P~~ear~~ried, Calivil N & S. Carried.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Secretary bring up a report on the cost of advertising in the Shire. Carried.

Instructions to Officers.

By Cr Mahoney:-that 3 chains of formation be made on E & W
Road between Gow's & Lowe's.

By the President:-That Treuel remove the timber from McElwain's
corner.

The Valuer was requested to get out notices to the new settlers
near Dingee.

Re Miles's crossing Secretary to report by next meeting.

By Cr Bissett:- That the Engineer report on the cost of form-
ing and gravelling on the Echuca Road from Pola's
house to the parish boundary Road & the meeting closed

Confirmed this 10th day of March 1915.

J. H. Boulton President

Shire Hall, Serrentine,

March 10th 1915.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

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

The Minutes of the last meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned till 2 P.M.

Business resumed in Committee. The same Crs present.

Tenders Committee. Tenders opened as follows:-

Contract No. 258. the lowest. Emily Kenny	£82.8.3
.. No. 259. John Crapper	£169.16.4

Finance Committee. Accounts £243.16.9.
Committee Meetings closed.

On resuming ordinary business the Tenders Committee reported that they had opened the above tenders & it was moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the tender of John Crapper for Contract No. 259 for the spalls, Metal, guide posts & rolling be accepted at £71. 1. 3 but that Contract No. 258 be left in the hands of the President to adjust.

Carried.

The Finance Committee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £243.16.9 & recommended that they be passed for payt.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

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

Carried.

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Correspondence. I-5a From Colonel Hawker with instructions as to enlisting

Volunteers for service in the Australian Imperial Forces. Received.

5. From the Public Health Department as to forwarding swabs. To be attended to.

6. From the same with explanation as to threatening letter re Samples Received.

10. From the Country Roads Board with proposals for proclaiming East & West roads.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the proposals be agreed to except item No. 3. which should lie in abeyance for the present or that the Bridgewater Road on the East be also included in the proclamation & that this

Council make no other objection.

Carried.

Here Cr Coumts rose & expressed his regret that he had been unable to attend the last meeting but he fully concurred in all that was done thereat.

From Dr Catford reporting a case of Tuberculosis at Vallook. Recd

From the Commissioners of Railways enquiring whether the crossing over the railway line between 19 & 73 in the parish of Talambe can be closed. After deliberation it was

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by the President:-

That the road is required & the Council cannot comply with

the request of the Commissioners.

Carried.

From the State Rivers that in consequence of the recent rains the need for pumping water at Bridgewater is obviated. Received.

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

From the "Wasp" proposing to publish a Sunday paper. Received.

From the Municipal Association asking for a return of rates lost in the Shires through the action of the Closer Settlement Board & urging that they be made liable for the same.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by the President:-

That the information be supplied.

Carried.

14. From Sims Bros that they have cut all their burrs. Received. The attention of the Inspector was to be drawn to burrs inside paddocks.

15. From Denis Hardiman asking for the transfer of Den his slaughtering licence to his tenant Cyril Reed as he was going to the War. The Secretary explained that after consultation with Cr Bissett he had inscribed the transfer & his action was approved.

16. From Pound-keeper Weeks in explanation as to L. Bagnell's complaint. Denying the charges.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by the President:-

That Mr Bagnell be informed that Mr Weeks denies the charge

but any complaint he may have to make must be made to the

Pound-keeper & not the Council.

Carried.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Pound be closed for a period of 4 months but

Carried.

the services of the Pound-keeper be retained. ~~for that~~
 No. 17. From D. Gow that his party had filled the Council dams along
 the channel & the probable cost is about £33.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That £11 be voted towards the cost.

Carried.

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts £294. 6.5:- Payments £221. 8.4:- Net overdraft
 £1889.10.6. Received.

Rate-Collector. Rates current £279.18.7:- Arrears 12/6:- Interest
 I/2. Received.

Dog Inspector. That he had collected £4.10.- in fees but that
 he has met with many refusals & alleging that they will
 not pay until compelled. Asking instructions.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Report be received & the Law enforced.

Carried Crs Coutts, Ettershank & **Carey** dis-
 senting.

Return of Cattle slaughtered during the past year in Inspector

Brown's District.

Received.

Health Officer, Dr Deravin, Report for the past year that the
 health of the North & South Ridings had been exception-
 ally good. No cases of infectious diseases. There was an
 outbreak of Influenza during the winter months with
 several cases of pneumonia following & a few cases of
 Measles. Received.

Secretary & Engineer.

1. That he had returned from holiday on 12th Ultio: & thanking
 the Council. Mr Owen had left on 19th & would be back
 that week. Received.
2. That he had called on the Country Roads Board & had an
 interview with Mr McCormack as he had wired. Recd.
3. The dam on the township had been almost finished & he had
 measured it up on the Saturday & intended to treat the
 water-lifter on a different basis of his own invention
 but on the next day it was full. It forms a reservoir of
 about 4000 cub. yds.
4. He had inspected the Bullock Creek bridge near Shaw's
 & found it satisfactory. He had had a few repairs made by
 Boyd but an upper deck would lengthen the life of the bridge.
 Received. No action.
5. He had drawn a specification for the crossing over the
 Piccaninny Creek on the Elmore Road but left it to the
 Council to accept whatever parts they liked. His estimate
 was very much above the provision. Already dealt with.
6. He had surveyed for the gravelling & fettling up on the
 Echuca Road & will cost at least £380. If proclaimed
 under the Country Roads Board the cost would be half.
 Received.
7. He had got Mr H. Tresise to spend some time in the Dingee
 Irrigation area & he would now be able to complete the
 Rate-book. Received.
8. Mr Crapper reports completion of his Contract No. 254 at
 Tandarra. Received.

Inggr's
contd.

9. Re Conference as to Tramway that he had nothing about it except what had appeared in the papers. He thought another deputation should be organized to try again for the railway & settle the Lodon U.W.W. Trust debt.

Received.

10. Rates were beginning to come in the overdraft is down to £1889 but he hopes it will be considerably reduced this month.

Received.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

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

Carried.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Secretary write to the State Rivers & W.S. &

ask them to construct the mile of channelling asked for

by Messrs McCauley & others some time ago.

Carried.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by the President:-

That the State Rivers be asked to furnish a return of the Day-labor men engaged in this Shire in the L.U.W.T. area & the amount of wages paid every month under

Mr Gladman's area.

Carried.

The Engineer was instructed to attend to the Calivil South Dam water-lifter. & the meeting closed.

Confirmed this ~~14th~~ day of April 1915.

W. Bissett
Chairman.

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

April 14th 1915.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

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

Moved by Cr ~~Coutts~~ Shaw 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That Cr Bissett take the Chair.

Carried.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence. 1. From the Treasury with claim for endowment £550. Since paid. Received.

2. From the same with Licences Equivalent £93. Since paid. Recd.

3. From the Commonwealth Military Forces in reply to enquiry by the Secretary, that all enrolments are being made for general purposes only, & that vacancies in the various arms of the Force are filled by the C.Os concerned by the selection of suitable men from amongst those who are already enlisted. The Secretary reported that Mr Thomas Wickham had been accepted & was then at the camp at Broadmeadows. Received.

4. From the same that recruits are not to be passed unless they have sufficient permanent teeth. Received.

5. From the ~~Public Health~~ ^{Works} Department approving of Contract No. 258 as charge against Closed Road Rents subject to the insertion of a clause as to Minimum Wage. The Engineer had written in reply that such clause was already in. Reply approved & letter recd.

6. From the Country Roads Board that the proclamation of the Bridge water-Serpentine road will lie in abeyance. Approving of plans & specifications for alternate tenders for gravelling or metalling the Dingee Road at Jager's being prepared. Inviting the Shires of East Loddon & Korong to confer as to boring for foundations of bridge at Hurstwood & arranging as to which Shire shall take charge of the construction. Received.

7. From the same stating that in connection with works carried out under the Country Roads Board Act a clause must be inserted

in the specifications calling on Contractors to procure policies under the Workers' Compensation Act. The Engineer had replied that the clause was unworkable in this Shire & it was to be considered.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That Contractors be informed that they must produce policies of Insurance under the said Act within 7 days after the acceptance of their tenders. Carried.

8. From the same acknowledging the Engineer's letter which would receive attention. Already dealt with.

9. From the Land Purchase & Management Board that provided that the Shires of East Loddon & Morong pay one third each of the cost of putting a bridge on the Loddon at Hurstwood the Board will pay the other third.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Board be asked to adhere to their offer of half made in October 1911. Carried.

10. From the State Rivers & W.S. with plan of the L.U.W.W Trust Area for view of rate-payers. Received.

11. From the Department of Agriculture with illustrated wall-paper of a plant known as "St John's Wort" & asking that it be exhibited & for co-operation in preventing its spread. Recd. To be attended to.

12. From the Public Health Department acknowledging receipt of Return of Cess-pools. Received.

13. From the Municipal Association for any motions for the next session before 31st May. To stand over for Secretary's Report.

14. From the Australian Protectionist Association asking for action & practice on the question. Received.

15. From Mrs E. McGrath, Correspondent of the S.S. Pompiel, stating that they have purchased an Estey Organ for use of the Sunday School & Church services in the S.S. at a cost of £19 less 10% had raised £12.15.5 but were short of £3.16.7 & asking for a subscription.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by the Chairman:-

contd.

That they cannot see their way to so apply Shire funds. Carried.

16. From the Public Health Department acknowledging receipt of Dr Deravin's Report for 1914. Received.

17. From the same as to Dr Jacob's Report. Received.

18. From the Secretary to the Pyramid Hill Agricultural Society that their cheque for £1.1.- passed in August last had been lost & asking for a new one & guaranteeing to refund if accidentally presented & paid. Payment had been stopped.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That a new cheque be issued. Carried.

19. From Mr A.Gray, M.L.A. with appointment to meet Crs on 7th Inst re Water Supply. Mr Gray arrived but the Conference was held in Committee. Received.

Meeting adjourned till 2 P.M.

P.M.

Business resumed, the same Crs present & correspondence contd.

20. From Mr W.J. Lea, Maintenance-man, asking for 2 months' leave of absence on account of the enormous price of feed.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That leave be granted for 1 month. Carried.

21. From the Mornington Shire Council that the present methods of raising funds for Patriotic purposes is unsystematic & that a War League should be formed with a Central Council in Melbourne & branches throughout the State. Received.

22. From the Shire of Gordon complaining that the 12'0" bridge on the Boundary Road over the Calivil Creek is too small & asking that it be doubled. The Engineer read his correspondence in reply.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That this Council is willing to accept any responsibility for damages claimed by its rate-payers. Carried.

24. From the same as to the Tramway Conference. Received.

25. From Mr L. Byron Morris, asking if the Council are willing to take a sheet for signatures in King Albert's Birthday Book

at £1 per signature.

Received.

26. From R. Boyd, Maintenance-man offering to purchase the Council's Dray & harness & to be put on the same footing as the other men. Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That he be allowed to purchase the dray & harness for £17. in which case he be placed on the same footing as the other maintenance-men.

Carried.

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Treasurer. Receipts £2395. 18.1:- Payments £245.8.11 Cr Balance £260.18.8. Received.

Rate-Collector. Rates current £1724.17.3:- Arrears £8.13.9 Interest 17/1 Total £1734.8.1 Received.

Inspector of Dogs That he had registered dogs to the value of £5.5.- for fees & submitting list of defaulters. To stand over.

Secretary as to Rates lost through the Closer Settlement Board. Received.

.. Return on Printing & Advertising. Received.

Sanitary Contractor Mitiamo, that there are at present 7 unoccupied house in Mitiamo. That he is serving 50 pans. Recd.

Health Officer, Jacobs, for year 1914. that the health of the district has been very satisfactory & with the exception of an epidemic of Measles at Tandarra the district has been very free from illness. No infectious cases were reported for the year. Births registered at Mitiamo:- were 5:-4 males & 1 female. Deaths 3:-of which 2 were accidental. Sanitary arrangements were satisfactory but he would recommend a weekly instead of fortnightly service at Mitiamo. It was rather remarkable that there has not been any infectious disease seeing how prevalent they are in other portions of the State. He had inspected outhouses & found them satisfactory. Received.

Assistant Engineer, Owen.

1. That good progress had been made with cutting Bathurst Burr there being only one case in which he had had to put a man on to cut them. Approved
2. On state of Contracts. No. 254. finished satisfactorily by Mr Crapper. No. 259. same Contractor, he has not got on far with it & if water come down the Piccanniny Creek will not be able to do it at all. His Contract time expired on 10th Inst. Messrs Doady Bros have made a good job of their formations on the Raywood Road but they are not yet up to full height. Mrs Kenny is making good progress with Cont. 258 & will finish in about a week. fortnight. Received.

Moved by the Chairman 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

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

Carried.

Secretary & Engineer.

1. That he had visited the works on the boundary road & was

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satisfied that the bridge as designed was correct. He proposed however to pave the waterway with spalls at small cost. Approved on the motion of Crs McCrea & Coutts.

2. Arrangements with the Country Roads Board being well under-way he will proceed to draw the specification for gravelling & metalling the section at Jager's on the Dingee Road but asked advice as to making the gravel or metal 6" or 10" thick as desired by the Board.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Engineer provide for 6" only. Carried.

3. Submitting the following resolutions for the Annual Session of the Municipal Association:-

- (1). That the Secretary be allowed to attend, sit at the table join in the debate with power to vote if no other delegate be present.
- (2). That all owners of land be entitled to vote according to qualification, instead of being limited to 3 as at present.
- (3). That all timber trees & material on roads be taken from the Forests & Lands Departments & be vested in the Municipalities.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That proposition No. 1. be approved but 2 & 3 dissented from. Carried.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by *Cr Bissett*

That the following suggestion be put on the Agenda paper:-

"That the Dog Act 1890 be so amended as to allow owners of land in rabbit infested country to keep free of tax, 1 dog to each 50 acres or upwards up to 320 but any in excess of 5 to be taxed as at present". Carried.

4. Enquiring whether he is to proceed with the Dip at Pompapiel. Resolved that the Dip be proceeded with Mr J.A. Shaw undertaking to do the carting of material free.

5. On the financial position that the overdraft of £2133 has been paid off & there is a small credit balance of £260. Received.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

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

The Council then moved into Committee.

On resuming as to the Secretary's Report on Miles's crossings

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the matter stand over for the attendance of the Members for the East Riding. Carried.

As to the return of unregistered dogs it was moved by Cr Etter-

shank 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the services of the Dog Inspector be dispensed with at the expiration of his term on 19th August.
Carried.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That prosecutions under the Dog Act stand over for a month
Carried.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Report of the Committee be adopted. Carried.

Finance. The Finance Committee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £285.17.8 & recommended their payment.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

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

Supply. Cr McCrea reported that some of the North Riding rate-payers had had their dams filled by pumping from the Waranga Channel including one Shire Dam at a cost of £12 & asked for a contribution the same as had been given to the other rate-payers & moved & was 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the sum of £4 be voted.
Cheque to be sent to Mr David Bell.
Carried.

Resolution. Cr Ettershank rose & explained that at a recent meeting on the water question he had made a statement disparaging to one of the water laborers but he had since found that he was mistaken & now wished to withdraw the statement & to express his regret.

Grader. The subject of purchasing a Road Grader was made an Order of the Day for next meeting & the meeting closed.

Confirmed this 12th day of May 1915.

J. H. Coutts

President.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

May 12th 1915.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

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

The Minutes of the last meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence. 1. 3. From Colonel Hawker of the Commonwealth Military Forces

with Circulars as to Recruits & their examination. Referred to

4. From the Commonwealth Belgium Button Fund for orders. Health Officers.

Well received & 76 ordered.

5. From the Land Purchase & Management Board that they will only
subscribe one third of the cost of the Bridge over the Loddon
at Hurstwood. Received.

6. From Mr John Potter with claims for excising road through his
allotment & asking for exchange of road between his allotments.

To stand over.

7. From the Country Roads Board that workmen engaged on Shire works
must be insured with the State Insurance Office. Received.

8. From the same re the same. Received.

9. From the same asking certain particulars of road deviations.

The Engineer explained that he had written to say that the survey
could not be got out in time & suggesting that the deviation
stand in abeyance. Engineer's action approved.

10. From the same acknowledging Secretary's replies.

10. From the same asking for a statement of anticipated expenditure
up to 15th June. Secretary replied that there would be no expen-
diture up to that date. Approved.

12. From the Public Health Department asking for a report on cancer-
ous cases in Mitiamo. Referred to Inspector Brown.

14. From Mr A. Gray, M.L.A. in answer to Secretary's correspondence. Received.

14- 13. From Dr Wilkinson reporting a case of Tuberculosis. Recd.

15. From the Education Department asking for arrangements for Empire
Day.

contd. Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That £1 be voted to each School.

Carried.

16. From Victorian Railways that they cannot carry re-inforced concrete items on the same scale as road material. Received.
17. From the same as to road North of Prairie Road that the Council must either have the road fenced or they will be compelled to close the crossing. To stand over.
18. From the State Rivers & W.S. offering £35 if Messrs McCauley & others will construct the channel they desire. To stand over.
19. From the State Accident Insurance Office soliciting custom when the present policy expires. Received.
20. From Sims Bros asking for approval of premises under the Factories Act.

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That approval be granted.

Carried.

21. From the President reporting on the Conference in Bendigo re forming a branch of the Municipal Association. Received.
22. From the Secretary to the Shire of Rochester with report of the proceedings.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the President, Crs Mahoney & Tonkin be requested to attend the adjourned conference with full power to act according to their best judgment.

Carried.

-23. Adjourned till 2 P.M.

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

- 23.24. From W.J. Lea asking to be released from his office of maintenance-man on account of the high cost of fodder.
25. From Cr Courts agreeing to the termination of the appointment & suggesting that the position should not be filled at present. The Secretary reported that he had released Mr Lea & his action was approved.
26. From Cr Brown of Flinders Shire supporting the movement to repeal the Dog Act. Received.

ntd. 27. From Whitehead & Co offering Rolls of Honor for those who have left for the War. To stand over for further developments.

From the Shire of Karkarook asking co-operation in getting the price of Fodder fixed by the Price of Foods Board.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That co-operation be granted & the President appointed as Delegate. Carried.

From the Shire of Gordon postponing the Conference re the proposed Tramway until the existing Acts relating thereto are amended. Concurred in.

From the same insisting that the bridge over the Calivil Creek on the Boundary Road be doubled & offering to share the cost unless this Council undertake all responsibility.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That this Council think there is no danger to ratepayers in the Shire of Gordon & that the present guarantee should be accepted as sufficient. Carried.

31. From the Murray Waters Commission with facts & deductions. Recd.

32.33. Foodstuffs & Commodities Act & Price of Foods Act. Recd.

34. From the Post Master, Mitiamo, asking the consent of the Council to close the P.O. on Saturdays at 2 P.M. After debate:-

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the request be granted on the same terms as those of Dingee & Tandarra, viz: at 3 P.M. Carried.

35. From the Country Roads Board that the deviation of road leading to the bridge at Hurstwood be allowed to stand over. Recd.

36. Telegram from the same that the Main Roads within the Shire will be gazetted within a fortnight:- That Contract No.1. is approved subject to amendments. Received.

37. From Correspondent Calivil South S.S. asking leave to take loan off the roads to fill up round the school & buildings.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

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

contd. 38. From Mrs J.A. Shaw that Mr Shaw has gone away on urgent business & he thinks the erection of the Dip at Pompapiel had better stand over until the drought is over. Received.

39. From August Laurens :-struck out.

40. From D.J. McCauley asking the Council to supply him with quantities of a proposed channel. Cr Ettershank carried on a lengthy debate urging that the quantities be supplied. The Engineer retorted that he knew nothing about the matter & had never been asked for them It was purely a private matter & had nothing to do with the Council. Ultimately:-

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the figures be supplied.

Carried.

The Engineer protested against the motion as ultra vires.

41. From R. Eggelsmann of Dingee asking for the formation of a foot-path in front of his new boarding-house.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That the request be complied with.

Carried.

crts. Treasurer Receipts £113.4.11:- Payments £285.19.11:- Cr Balance £88. 3.8. Received.

Rate-Collector. Rates current £88.13.9:- Arrears £ -.17.6:- Int. 11/2 Total £90.2.5. Received.

Dog Inspector. That he had registered 1 dog. Received.

Sanitary Contractor, Mitiamo. That he had only served 50 pans in consequence of number of unoccupied house. That he had collected £3.6.7½ but no arrears. Received.

Inspector of Nuisances, La Roche that he had had all dead sheep removed off the roads without any expense to the Shire. Received.

Assistant Engineer.

1. Asking leave to fettle up certain roads as they would shortly be proclaimed under the Country Roads Board.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That the works be done as soon as the roads are proclaimed. Carried.

2. As to "Leahy's weed". That the weed does not come under the Thistle Act. Received.

3. That when at Rochester he had inspected the Shire Road Grader, (New Century), & gathered information. Recd.

4. As to state of Contracts.

Received.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by the President:-

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

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Shire Engineer on Country Roads Board.

That he had surveyed for the deviation road through Mr Potter's allotment & set out for the bridge over the Loddon giving detail particulars & suggesting that a Committee be appointed to confer with Mr Potter as to terms.

That he was not in a position to state whether the Board would effect an exchange for the Western end of the Prairie Road that Mr Potter wants to be conveyed to him.

That he cannot prepare a plan of the bridge until he learns whether it is to be in timber or concrete.

He had yet to get the borings taken if in concrete.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by the President:-

That Crs Coutts, Ettershank & Bissett be appointed a Committee to confer with Mr Potter. Carried.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the information desired be asked for. Carried.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That the Report be received & adopted. Carried

Secretary & Engineer.

1. That he had supplied Mr A.Gray, M.L.A. with a lot of information as to matters affecting the Shire.Recd.
2. As to Mr Lea's resignation. Already dealt with.
3. As to Empire Day asking co-operation. Received.
4. As to finances. Received.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

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

Finance Committee. That they had examined accounts amounting to £ 219. 6.9 & recommending their payment.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Carey:-

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

Miles's Crossings.

Cr Carey reported that he had interviewed Mr Miles who informed him that the crossing at the shop had been damaged by a traction engine & would cost £2 to repair. He Cr Carey asked him to make an offer with a view to settlement. Thereupon he undertook to make the repairs & pay £6.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That the offer be accepted.

Carried.

17.

Cr Carey reported that he had visited the crossing over the Railway line complained of by the Department & found it impeded on the West side by hurdles. The road to the West was fenced on the North side but not on the South. Ultimately it was:-

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That the Department be asked to complete the fences on both sides of the line putting in accommodation gates & that Mr Johnstone be asked to remove the hurdles. Carried.

Amendment of Dog Act. To stand over.

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Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That a 20th Century Grader be purchased.

Amendment by the President 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That an Austin be purchased.

Amendment put & lost.

Motion put & carried.

Instructions

Officers. By Cr Bissett:-that the Secretary write the Marong Shire &

request them to ask the Country Roads Board to

proclaim the Bridgewater Road a Main Road.

Cr Carey drew attention to the careless way in which side cuttings are made by Contractors. The Engineer promised to look into the matter & the Meeting closed.

Confirmed this 9th day of June 1915

J. H. Boulden President

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

June 9th 1915.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

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

Minutes of last meeting read:-

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Business. 1. From Colonel Hawker with instructions as to enlistment.
Received.

2. From the same as to attestation papers. Received.

3. From Dr Jacobs that papers relating to health examinations
have not been forwarded to him. The Secretary explained that he
had asked Col. Hawker to send duplicates direct to him. Recd.

4. From Col. Hawker in reply that such will be sent in future. Recd.

5. From the Public Works Department approving of Contracts 257 &
259. under the special grant. Received.

6. From the Commissioner of Railways with lease of site of the dam
at Tandarra & asking for the erection of a wind-mill, tank, &
trough & the fencing in of the site. To stand over.

7. From Dr Carty Salmon that he will place the Secretary's letter
relating to the mail service to Serpentine before the D.P.M.G.
Recd.

8. From Hon. W.L. Baillieu, M.L.C. that he will be unable to attend
on the deputation on 19th May for Fixing the Price of fodder
as he has another to attend to at the same time. Received.

9. From the Country Roads Board with amendments of Contract No. 1.
gravelling Dingee Road. To stand over.

10. From the Director of Education approving of arrangements made
for Empire Day. Received.

11. From Ernest Old applying for certain small balances of account.
The Engineer explained the claims that he had put in the accounts
& proposed to pass.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Engineer's action be approved & the a/cs passed.
Carried.

12. From Dr Barnardo's Homes with thanks for subscription. Recd.

- Contd. 13. From Dr Deravin that he has advised the H.T. of S.S. No. 2623, Pomrapiel, re the case of Measles that has occurred. Recd.
14. From Inspector Brown that he has not yet been able to gather the information re cancer that has occurred at Mitiamo. Recd.
15. From Mr Joseph Heil asking to be relieved of flood-water ly- on his land at Calivil. The Secretary read his correspondence. Cr Mahoney stated that he thought the flow of water was stop- ped by the State Rivers Channel & moved & was 2nd by Cr Carey:-
- That the Engineer inspect & report. Carried.
16. From Watson & James asking the Council to certify afresh to an amended plan of subdivision of Mr A.E. Wallis's land at Dingee. The Engineer explained the position & thought the certificate could now be given.
- Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-
- That the certificate be signed. Carried.
17. From Alexander Wallace with fee of £1 being rent for Dingee Reserve. Secretary explained that he had received it & issued receipt. Approved.
18. From Mr H.T. Downe, Secretary to the Shire of Rochester with draft Constitution of the Northern District Municipal Asso- ciation. The Secretary submitted the amendments he thought should be made in it. These were approved.
19. From Mr W.C. Reeves with price of Grader & that he will send one up. Received.
20. From Talbot Colony for Epileptics for subscription. To stand over for Charity Vote.
21. From Mr C.H. Meaden in reply to Secy's enquiries. To stand over.
22. From Mr J.C. Johnstone that he has interviewed Cr Tonkin on the subject of removing the hurdles from the closed road in Talambe at the Railway Crossing & he will explain. This Cr Ton- kin did to the effect that Mr Johnstone would remove the hurdles as soon as the Railway fence was completed. The Secre- tary to so advise the Railway Commissioners.
23. From the Country Roads Board as to allocation for Maintenance of Main Roads. Received.
24. From the same that on receipt of the borings for the Hurst-

- contd. wood Bridge the Board will decide the type of bridge to be constructed. Also that the Land Purchase & Management Board will contribute £500 towards the erection of the bridge. Received.
25. From the Board of Health as to analyses. Received.
26. From H.T.S.S.Tandarra for drainage in front of school. Referred to the Engineer.
27. From Dr Deravin by 'phone, that he has been notified of several cases of Measles at Pompapiel School & ordered that it be closed for a fortnight. Received.
- Adjourned into Committee & then to 2 P.M.

M. Business resumed the same Crs present except Cr Ettershank.

No.21. Re amendment of Dog Act. Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Bissett:

That the resolution to be submitted to the Annual Session of the Municipal Association be amended to read thus

"That any land-owner of 50 acres or more in rabbit-infested country, be allowed to keep, free of tax, one dog to every 320 acres up to a maximum of 5. Carried.

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Treasurer. Receipts, £120.13.- Payments £219.11.1:-Net O.D. £10.14.5. Received.
Rate-Collector. Rates current, £90.11.3:-Arrears £3.12.6:-Interest £2.6.5:-Total £96.10.2. Received.

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Sanitary Contractor, Mitiamo. That he was attending to 50 pans That he had received £1.8.6 current & £2.3.9 arrears. Total £3.11.3. Total for month £6.17.10. Received.

Health Officer Deravin, as already reported.

Inspector of Nuisances Brown. Submitting accounts for destroying dead beasts & that he had had several removed by owners without expense to the Council Received.

Inspector of Dogs. asking the intention of the Council with regard to persons who had refused to register.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That the matter stand over till next meeting. Carrd.

- Assistant Engineer. 1. That he had some drains cut at Bear's Lagoon Store & P.O. & arranged for a foot-bridge at the Mechanics the Trustees to pay half cost. Approved.
2. That he had arranged to have the new formations on Cobb's road rolled. Approved.
3. That Messrs Doody Bros have completed their Contract 257:-Mrs Kenny hers on the boundary road:-& Mr Crapper his on Piccaninny Creek. Recd.
4. Truel & Rumble have nearly completed fettling up the Prairie & Mitiamo Roads. Recd.

ts. contd.

5. The case where he had put a man on to cut thistles had been settled without expense to the Shire. Reced.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Report be received & adopted. Carried.

Committee's Report re Potter's Road.

That they had held a Conference with Mr Potter & come to the following resolutions:-

1. Mr Potter approves of the pl road as surveyed.
2. He agrees to an exchange of road free if given the West-ern portion of the Prairie Road the Council to fence off the new road on both sides.
3. That if the Lands Department insist on being paid for any excess, Mr Potter will pay the same not exceeding £25
4. The Council to pay all costs except those for making a title.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Report be received & adopted. Carried.

Secretary & Engineer's Report.

1. That Mr Edwardes & he had completed the survey of the deviation road through Mr Potter's, set out the bridge & had borings taken & sent all information necessary to the Country Roads Board. The roads had not yet been proclaimed so he had not recast the specification of the gravelling on the Dingee road. The Engineer explained the position & it was moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Engineer's specification for metalling be approved but the Contract divided into three. Carried.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That whether gravelled or metalled the height of the formations be not increased. Carried.

2. That the Railway Department require you to erect a wind-mill trough & fence in at Tandarra Dam. Suggesting that only 2 sides be fenced.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That an ^{Austin} 8'0" wind-mill be purchased with 4" pump 24'0" trough, a 3000 gallon tank:-to be erected on timber stage 4'0" above the ground & that the fencing be with 6 wires & a barbed wire, on the 2 sides, but the whole enclosure be wire-netted. Carried.

3. That he had revised the draft constitution of the Northern District Municipal Association. Already dealt with. Copies to be sent to the delegates.
4. 5. That a Patriotic Function to say good-bye to Mr Thomas Wickham on his joining the Commonwealth Forces was held in the Shire Hall with great success & asking whether they wished to charge anything for use of it. To be allowed free of charge.

That Empire Day came off with fairly good success & resulted in £2.15.1 being given by the school children to the Belgium & Red-Cross funds instead of being spent in prizes or toys. Approved.

ports cont'd. 6. Reporting on the minimum wage for laborers in the Shire.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the minimum wage for laborers be 8/- per day. Carried.

7. On the financial position.

Received.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by the President:-

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

Revision Court. Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the next Ordinary Meeting be adjourned to Wednesday,

21st July & the Revision Court be held on that day at
noon.

Carried.

Finance. The Finance Committee reported having examined accounts amount-
ing to £199. 8.1 & recommending their payment.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

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

Carried.

Cr Mahoney drew attention to a small piece of work asked for by
Mr Gow some time ago but which had not been done. He had let it
to Mr Gow at schedule rate. His action was approved. It transpires
that the Assistant Engineer had instructed Mr Lea, the mainte-
nance-man to do it but his appointment had been cancelled before
he had done it.

Instructions to By Cr Bissett:- That the Secretary write to Mr E.L. Smith
Esq.

asking that water be supplied to ratepayers N.W. of Mr Pola's on
the Echuca Road & also that the channels be cleaned out North of
the cemetery.

By Cr Shaw:- That the Secretary write Mr Smith for a return of
all wages paid to laborers in the Eastern area from 1st January
to 31st May last, including those paid to the acting bailiff,
Mr A.C. Gladman.

By Cr Tonkin:- That the Engineer inspect the approaches to the
new channel on the Echuca Road running to Mitiamo.

To inspect Myers Creek stone crossing on the Prairie Road as
it is too deep for sheep to cross, with a view to its improvement.

By Cr Carey:- To call on Messrs Gronow & Trimble to make good
the road at the S.E. angle of allotment 28^B in the parish of
Tandarra.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That all rate-payers having banks across roads be called upon to make them crossable with slopes of 1 in 20 or the Council will remove them at their expense. Carried.

And the meeting closed.

Confirmed this 21st day of July 1915.

J. H. Bralley

Shire Hall, Serrentine 1915.

July 14th 1915.

There being no Councillors present at the meeting to have been held this day, I do adjourn the same till Wednesday 21st Inst at 11 A.M.

Wm. E. Albrecht
Secretary.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

July 2nd 1915.

SPECIAL MEETING FOR RECRUITING.

Special Meeting held this day:-

Present the President, (Cr Coulter) & Crs Carey, Rissett, Fittershank,

Mahoney, McCrea, Tonkin. & a large number of the public.

The Secretary read the following correspondence.

1. From the State Parliament Recruiting Committee asking the President to call the special meeting, to organize recruiting Committees.
2. From the President instructing the Secretary to call the meeting. The Secretary explained that he had given all the notices he thought necessary.
3. From the Herald Office asking the Council to sign a guarantee as employers to retain the positions of their employees & that when filling up positions after the war, they intend to give preference to those who have served their country under arms.
4. From the Shire of Dunnunkle urging the setting aside of all party legislation until after the war is over.
5. From K.T. Henderson of Hawthorne, urging enlistment.
6. From the Lord Mayor of Melbourne inviting co-operation in celebrating "French Day" on 14th Inst.
7. From Cr Coutts that he will attend without fail but fears he will be in Melbourne.
8. From Cr Shaw that he regrets being unable to be present as he is in Melbourne.

The President addressed the meeting explaining its object.

Cr Mahoney thought it was a right step & moved & was 2nd by Cr

Carey:- That this meeting be formed into a Committee to carry

out the request of the Parliamentary Committee & that
not less than

local Committees of 3 each, with power to add to their

number be formed at all the townships.

Carried unanimously.

Crs Carey, Ettershank, McCrea, Tonkin, Bissett, Rev. H. Lewis, all spoke on the subject. Their addresses being ably reported in the local papers of 6th Inst.

Mr R.D. Brook offered the use of his motor-car to assist the Committee & Messrs E.A. Oen & John White junr that of their motor-bikes & these were accepted with thanks.

The meeting then adjourned for lunch.

Business resumed the same Crs & visitors being present:-

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Mr Brook:-

That the Minister for Defence be urged to invite the patriotism of all manufacturers in Australia to put on their fullest strength in assisting the Empire in providing munitions of War, uniforms &c. Mr Brook, being himself an Ironfounder, offered to render any assistance.

Carried unanimously.

The following Committees were then appointed.

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

That Messrs Albrecht, Cr Bissett, Rev. H. Lewis, Edward Martin, *Owner,* R.D. Brook & the mover be the Committee. Carried.

Artillery & Dingee. Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That Messrs H. Harry, Dredge, Menzies, Cr Shaw, the President & the mover be the Committee. Carried.

Artillery. Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That Messrs S.J. McKay, Cr McCrea, H.E. Elliot, L. Laird, P. McGrath, *Rev. G.* Rev. W.H. Pluntree, *Cr F.* Brown, C. Sims, T. Keeley, R.J. Phillips & the Mover. Carried.

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

That Crs Coutts & McCrea, Messrs H.S. Elliot, Len. Laird, P. McGrath, J.J. Leggatt, D. Bell & the Mover be the Committee. Carried.

Artillery. Moved by Rev. H. Lewis 2nd by Mr Martin:-

That Messrs J. White junr, H.P. Adam, E. Mossop, D. Hopkins, W.J. Eddy, Robt. Wyfe, W.H. Twigg, C.M. Hamilton, Cr Coutts & the Mover be the Committee. Carried.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That Sir John Quick be invited to attend at Calivil on
Wednesday next at 8 P.M. to speak on the question. Carried.

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by the President:-

That the Secretary wire to Mr A. Cray to ask if he can come
or send good speakers to address the Committees in the
Shire from Wednesday to Friday next. Carried.

The Secretary explained that Mr Owen had acted as Assistant Engi-
neer in the Shire during the past 3 years & had shewn himself
possessed of great spirit & endurance to put in a hard day's work.
He had offered to enlist but had been refused on account of a ~~slight~~
^{eye-sight} slight deficiency of ~~teeth~~. He asked the Council to give him a tes-
timonial to that effect to assist him in being taken on in the
Motor Brigade.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That such a testimonial of ability be given to Mr Owen,
the same to be drawn up by the Secretary. Carried.

As to corr.No.3. the Council agreed to sign the guarantee which
was accordingly done.

As to corr.No.4. Co-operation granted.

As to corr.No.5. That the Council are doing all they can.

As to corr.No.6. That the Council think they have more necessitous
calls on hand.

Finally the Secretary was instructed to wire to the Parliamentary
Committee asking them to send up speakers & the meeting closed.

Confirmed this 21st day of July 1915.

J H Boulton President

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

July 21st 1915.

Adjourned Ordinary Meeting held this day.

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

CRS went into Committee to deal with tenders & finance.

On making a quorum the Minutes of the last meeting were read.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Mahoney.

That the same be confirmed,

Carried.

The Minutes of the adjournment were read by the Secretary & the meeting was adjourned for the Revision Court.

Adjourned till 2 P.M. for lunch.

2 P.M. Same

present.

REVISION COURT.

The Secretary laid on the table the Voter's Lists & Separate Voters' Lists & read his report as follows. That the outstanding rates were more than they had ever been, partly owing to the drought, but in a great measure, through carelessness. He had received notice of the disposal of the Terricks West Estate among certain members of Dr Atkinson's family & almost simultaneously, of the death of the Doctor. He asked leave as he had to strike out the Dr's name, to be allowed to put in the names of the new owners.

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Shaw.

That the Report be received & adopted.

Carried

The several Lists were then certified to & the Court closed.

Ordinary Business resumed
Correspondence.

1. From the Premier inviting the Council to call a Special Meeting on 4th August to pass a resolution on the Anniversary of the declaration of war & your inflexible determination to continue it to a glorious end. After deliberation It was moved by the President 2nd by Cr Bissett

That a Special Meeting be called for Wednesday 4th Aug-

ust at 11 A.M.

Carried.

2. From the State Parliamentary Recruiting Committee Mildura

or contd. District with suggestions.

Received.

Telegrams from the Secretary to the Head Committee That unless local speakers can be secured hopeless. All speakers fully booked,

Received.

From Mr A. Gray that he was engaged every night the next week but could come the following week if suitable. The Secretary explained that he had since written Mr Gray but had no reply.

Received.

5. From the same that the Campaign would be extended another week & with various suggestions.

Received.

6. From the State Accident Insurance Co. as to book-keeping. Recd.

7. From Col. Hawker that Recruits are to report themselves at the Victoria Barracks & not at the Town Hall.

Received.

8. From the same as to Infants.

Received.

8. 9. From the Railway Commissioners insisting on the opening of the closed road 1 1/2 mile S. of Prairie, or they will have to remove the crossing.

Moved by the President and by Cr. Tonkin:

That Mr Johnstone be informed that the road must be opened or the Crossing will be removed. Carried

10. From the same with copy of the Lease of Tandarra Dam. Recd

11. From Public Works Department with Claim for £47.3.9. out of Closed Roads Rents. Already paid.

12. From the same with Claim for £70.4.9 part of Special Grant. Since paid.

13. From the Public Health Department acknowledging receipt of Report on Cancer at Mitiamo.

Received.

14. From State Parliamentary Recruiting Committee appreciating offer of assistance.

Received.

15. From the Country Roads Board desiring that specification for gravelling or metalling on the Dingee Road be amended as indicated in their letter of 12th May.

Received.

- 16th. From the same with extract from the Gazette proclaiming the Main Roads in the Shire.

Received.

17. From the ~~Department of Public Works~~ ^{same} asking for a Report of Works executed during the past year & photos of structures. A Return of "Nil" had been sent.

18. From the same with copy of an answer sent to the Secretary's letter of 24th May last.

Received.

CONT. contd. 19. From the same rejecting the amended specifications Received.

20. From the same with copies of the general conditions. Recd.

21. From the ~~London River Water Supply~~ same as to the deviation at Potter's Road that it will be inspected by the Board's Engineer. Received.

22. From the State Rivers & Water Supply asking for particulars & Valuations of the properties in Mitiamo. These had been prepared & forwarded & a copy was laid upon the table. Approved.

23. From the same in reply to complaints as to supervision, repair, & improvements of channels that they have received a generally satisfactory report, suggesting some minor improvements in Bissett's channel, but that the land-owners have received a full share of the available water.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Shaw:

That the matter be referred to a Committee consisting of the Members for the South Riding who will instruct the Secretary. Carried.

24. From the same as to the extension of channels asked for to serve Messrs Coult. Stuart & Co, they have received a Report from Mr E.L. Smith but have referred it back for an estimate of cost. Received.

25. From the same with reference to Mr McCauley's application that the Commission will pay £50 when the work has been completed to their satisfaction. The Secretary had advised Mr McCauley. Received.

26. From the Municipal Association with L.G. Acts Amendment Bill & asking your support to it. Received

27. From Mr Colin Campbell, Hon. Secy of the Murray Waters Commission, asking for a subscription towards paying expenses.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Mahoney:

That £1.1.- be voted. Carried.

28. From the Shire of Marong that they have applied for the proclamation of the Bridgewater-Serpentine Road on the East of the Loddon, a Main Road under the Country Roads Act. Received with thanks.

29. From the Association for the advancement of the Blind for a subscription. To stand over for Charity Vote.

30. From the Barnado Homes for half-crown subscriptions. The Crs present & the Secretary subscribed.

31. From the Commonwealth Button Fund with receipt for £9.6.3.

32. From the Bendigo Agricultural Society for subscription.

Moved by the President and by Cr. Bissett:

That if a Show be held, £2.2.- be voted Carried

Moved by Cr Mahoney and by Cr Shaw:-

That this Council is of opinion that ~~no~~ Show should be held this year. Carried unanimously.

33. From Mr Treuel, the maintenance-man that in consequence of the high price of fodder he has been at a loss of £14 & asking for some relief.

Moved by the President and by Cr Tonkin:-

That the Council make up half his loss viz: £7. Carried.

34. From the Dingee S.S. Committee asking for the improvement of the road in front of the School. Referred to the Engineer.

35. From the Manager of Terricks West Estate advising that Dr Atkinson had disposed of such estate in the manner set out. Received.

36. From the Munitions Committee of the Defence Department with thanks for resolution passed by you which will receive attention. That Representatives from various State Chambers of Manufactures are meeting in conference with a view to organization of ~~forces~~ Resources. Received.

37. From the State Parliament Recruiting Committee with congratulations & thanks & requesting you to continue your organization though the Platform Campaign be, for the moment completed. Suggesting certain voluntary professional services:- the formation of Drill Associations:- organizing farm assistance to take off the crops of those who have enlisted:- the observance of Australia Day & asking for a return of those in the Shire who have joined the Forces. Received & to be attended to.

38. From the Victorian Red Cross Fund asking co-operation & with copy of Lady Stanley's special appeal for the sick & wounded, Australian Soldiers. Received.

39. From the Commonwealth Button Fund that they are issuing buttons for Australia Day & inviting orders. Received.

contd. 40. From Mr Geo. Lowe asking permission to remove a few loads of loam from the road between Hird's & Marshall's.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

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

41. From Mr D.J.L. McCauley asking permission to extend a channel about 80 chains on the 2 chain road between O'Neill's & Rymer's.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Council have no objection. Carried.

42. From Mr Reginald Carruthers asking permission to close a road in the parish of Pompapiel in connection with a proposed Rifle Range.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That permission be granted subject to proper precautions being taken by fences & gates & further that the Council are prepared to pay for the material required. Carried.

pts. Treasurer. Receipts £286. 7.-- £199.8.1:- Interest £30.13.3

Cr Balance £44.18.3. plus £70.4.9 since paid in. Recd.

Rate-Collector. Rates current £174.16.1:- Arrears £3.16.3:- Interest £5.7.2:- total £183.9.6. Received.

Rates outstanding on 10th June.

N. Riding £257.11.8. S. Riding £155.1.3. E. Riding £222.1.9 Received.

Interest £34.12.4.

Weigher Old. Fees, £1.13.3. Received.

Weigher Dredge. Fees £1.8.6. Received.

Inspector of Nuisances Brown on Cancer at Mitiamo. Copy sent to Board of Health. Received.

Sanitary Contractor Brown Johnson that he had collected £19.9.6 current rates & was serving 50 pans. That everything was satisfactory. Received.

Health Officer, Dr Deravin, that he had ordered Bear's Lagoon S.S. to be closed from 10th to 25th July on account of Measles. Received.

Deputies to Conference in Bendigo on the Northern Districts Municipal Association to the effect that the Association had been formed, officers elected, the Constitution revised & settled & arrangements had been come to to entertain the Deputies when in session.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coutts :-

Reports
contd.

That a hearty vote of thanks be passed to the Deputies,
the President & Cr Mahoney, for attending the Conference
& the attention they have given to the matter. Carried.

Assistant Engineer.

1. That he had a culvert ~~put~~ ^{one there} in between Bunning's & Vincent's
Mr Bunning to pay ~~half~~ ^{the} cost. Approved.
2. Asking for the erection of a shelter shed for grader, roller &c
at Dingee. To stand over till next meeting.
3. That he had surveyed at the stone-crossing on Prairie Road
at Myer's Creek & estimated the cost of his proposals at £80.
It would however have to be done under the Country Roads Board.

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by the President:-

That the clause be approved & the works carried out as
soon as possible. Carried.

4. He had inspected the crossing of the new channel to Mitiamoon
the Echuca Road About 8 chains of formation, a 4'0" box-culvert,
a mitre drain & a shallow drain, were required at a cost of about
£24. The State Rivers should be asked to place a guard rail along
the channel to protect traffic at night.

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by the President:-

That the clause be approved but the formation extended to
the next formation on the S.W. side, about 10 chains & that
the State Rivers be asked to contribute. Carried.

5. That he had taken the levels along the Serpentine-Bendigo
Road & had the drain on the West side cleaned out. Approved.
6. He has had new handrails put to the culvert at Hercus's.
Approved.
7. He had inspected the bank across the road at Trimble's &
Demeo's, found out who put it there & had it removed. He had
also called on several other rate-payers to amend their
banks or remove them. Approved.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

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

Secretary & Engineer's.

1. Resumé of work done & monies gathered in since last meeting.
Received.
2. That there was a balance of about £80 of the Special Grant un-
expended & this should be asked to be revoted. Application
should also be made for a Special Grant of £300 to assist in
making other than main roads. Approved.
3. It was necessary to appoint Returning Officers, the retiring
Crs being, Mahoney, Ettershank & the President.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That Cr Coutts for the North Riding:- Cr Bissett for the
South & Cr Carey for the East be appointed Returning Officers.
Carried.

If you think more polling places are required, please instruct me.
He did not. No action.

5. He had visited Tandara and set out for the mill and tank &c. & proposes to have the fencing done by Treuel. He thought it advisable to have the tank-stand made of concrete and had arranged accordingly. It was purely an experiment and the load was considerable. He was instructed to wire-net the fencing, but did not think it would be of any advantage. Wire netting to go on; -42".

6. While at Tandara he had inspected the drain in front of the school and ordered a truck of gravel to level up the drain. This he thought would remedy the evil. Approved.

7. Mr. Owen had visited Heil's land and met him there and his report may be summarised thus:- Mr. Heil has a small hollow in his ground but the natural flow of water being to the N.E. if unobstructed, it would pass away in a short time. Many years ago we constructed a formation but put in a culvert. Since then the State Rivers have constructed a channel on the E. side and I think they should be asked to put in a subway to allow the water to flow along its natural course. Mr. Owen remarked that the road is very much washed out, but that has nothing to do with you. He, the Engineer, thought it would be safer for you not to do anything, or you might meet with trouble with landowners lower down. Received.

8. As to the point on the Echuca road where the Channel to Mitiamo crosses, he agrees with Mr. Owen's report but thinks the State Rivers should be asked to contribute. Tho' the work does not pay at present it will shortly. Already dealt with.

9. The weigh-house at Dingee was eaten away by white-ants and he had got a price for re-constructing it at a low figure and asked authority to have it done. Approved.

10. With regards to Contracts under the Country Roads Board, to be let this day, he had had a great deal of trouble and they have not been approved of as drawn and amended. He had written to enquire whether you are to accept tenders and expects a wire today. He could do no more as the Board has entirely ignored all your resolutions and suggestions. Received.

11. On state of Finances. Received.

Moved by Cr. Tonkin, 2nd. by Cr. Bissett:-

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

Resolutions. The President presented a petition from James Jackman and others asking for the opening of a small portion of a road thro' the Gloser Settlement at Dingee and undertaking to do any clearing required, free of charge.

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

That the Petition be received and the Secretary ask the State Rivers to open the road. Carried.

Cr. Coutts presented a petition from C. H. Dutton and others asking for the opening of a road between O'Neill's and Adams in the Parish of Janiember East.

itions. Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Petition be received & the prayer granted & the necessary steps taken to open the road. Carried.

Cr *Coutts* presented a Petition from H.P. Adam & others asking for the formation & gravelling of the footpath at Bear's Lagoon & ~~gravelling the same~~ & for repair of formation North of Cobb's.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Petition be received & the Engineer inspect & report. Carried.

Act. The Secretary was instructed to forward Cr Coutts's resolution re Amendment of the Dog Act to the Northern Municipal Association.

ance. The Finance Committee reported having examined accounts amounting to £132.17.6 & recommending their passing.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

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

ers. The tenders Committee reported that they had opened tenders for Contract No. 260 & Contracts Nos 1,2,3 of the Country Roads Board.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Secretary forward all the tenders to the Country Roads Board for consideration & ask if they will receive a deputation to confer on the matter, the Secretary to explain & the President & Cr Shaw to be the delegates. Carried.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the tender of T. Butler for Contract No. 260 be accepted. Carried.

uctions to By Cr Tonkin that the Engineer inspect the road at Prior's icers.

Mitiamo.

By Cr Coutts. That the Engineer inspect a road East of T. Watson's house at Tandarra.

By Cr Coutts:-that the Engineer inspect the Telegraph road half a mile this side of Jarklan P.O.

By Cr Shaw:-that the Engineer have the tussocks on the Black-

Gate road East of the crossing. removed.

By Cr Bissett:-that the Engineer prepare an estimate of the cost of metalling the formation East of his house. ^(Lugus)

By Cr Bissett:-That the Engineer inspect the roads North of Mr Oataway's house with the view to grading it. See Mr Oataway. He will lend a team of horses to work the grader.

By Cr. Tonkin:- To get formation made on Mitiamo-Prairie road 3 miles North of Prairie.

It was decided to let the grader out to any rate-payer, if disengaged, at 10/- per day or £2 per week, the hirer to keep it in good order. And the Meeting closed.

Confirmed this 11th day of August 1915.

J. H. Coulter, President

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

August 4th 1915.

S P E C I A L & P U B L I C M E E T I N G .

Anniversary of Declaration of War by Great Britain.

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

The Secretary reported that he had posted notices at all neighboring Post Offices & advertised the Public Meeting in the local papers. He further read the letter from the Premier calling on the President to call this meeting & pass the resolution that had been cabled out by the Agent General in London & which came before the Council at their last meeting. After debate:-

It was Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That on this, the Anniversary of the declaration of a righteous War this meeting of the citizens of the Shire of East Loddon records its inflexible determination to continue to a victorious end the struggle in maintenance of those ideals of liberty & justice which are the common & sacred cause of the Allies.

Carried.

A Circular letter was read from the Australian Patriots League

submitting 2 resolutions relating to the removing alien enemies from their employment by the Government. After debate it was:-

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That this meeting of residents in the Shire of East Loddon is of the opinion that all German & other alien enemies, whether naturalized or not at the present time in the employment of the Government at home or abroad, whether Federal or State, either in a civil or military capacity, should be instantly removed from their positions, & that the Federal Government & the State Government of Victoria take steps to carry this into effect. Carried.

The next resolution by the League read as follows:-

That this meeting of residents in the Shire of East Loddon is of the opinion that all German & other alien enemies residing in Australia should be instantly interned during the maintenance of the present appalling War & that the Federal Government take steps to carry this into effect.

Mr Albrecht pointed out that he & all Crs knew very well many loyal & true old settlers both in Bendigo & elsewhere while- who were of German origin while they formed a very large number of the population of South Australia & they should only be interned if suspected of treacher. Ultimately it was decided that the matter would be better left in the hands of the Military authorities to deal with. The resolution was therefore only received. The Secretary was instructed to advise the Premier & the League of the Meeting's action. & the meeting closed.

Crs then moved into Committee when the following items were dealt with.

The Engineer reported that Mr Kemp, the Engineer to the Country Roads Board had visited Serpentine & they had inspected the deviation at Mr Potter's & the site of the bridge at Hurstwood with both of which he was satisfied. They had concurred as

as to various details with regard to the Dingee Road works with the view to reducing the cost. The points Mr Kemp was willing to recommend were the use of the Shire roller & Contractors' own drays:-the reducing of the blinding to $1\frac{1}{2}$ ":-the obtaining metal from other than Axedale:-the waiving of the measurement of metal where railway weights were available or measurement in truck:-The Engineer read his outward correspondence on the subject which shewed that the cost of gravel would be about £1094 per mile as against our expenditure of £550 & of metal about £1800 per mile. Councillors were unanimous in thinking that the expenditure was far in excess of the requirements of the Shire & Cr Coumts suggested that the whole matter be brought before the Northern Districts Municipal Association at their next meeting with the view to united action in reducing the cost & then interviewing the Country Roads Board to laying their recommendations before it. The acceptance of tenders & the proposed conference to lie in abeyance in the meantime. Committee meeting closed.

Confirmed this 11th day of August 1915.

J. H. Evans *Chairman*

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

August 11th 1915.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

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

The Minutes of the meetings on 21st July & 4th August were read:

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Cr Mahoney entered. Adjourned till 2 P.M.

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

Correspondence. 1. From the Commonwealth Military Forces that future correspon-

dence is to be addressed to Show Grounds, Flemington. Received.

2. From the same with forms of enlistment instead of Attestation. Received.

3. From the same asking you not to send down any more recruits until after the 12th except where they are out of employment or very anxious to go into Camp at once. Received.

4. From the Public Works Department asking your assistance in providing labor for the coming harvest & with forms for farmers to fill up. The Secretary reported that he had placed the forms in the hands of all Crs for distribution.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the letter be received.

Carried.

5. From the Prahran Progress Association with resolution as to reducing Commonwealth & State Expenditure.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Council are in full sympathy & will support the Resolution.

Carried.

6. From the Northern District Municipal Association that the Association has been duly launched & with scale of subscriptions.

That the first meeting will be on Sep. 3rd at 11.30.A.M.

Received.

7. From the State Rivers & W.S. with revised Register of the Dingee Irrigation Area. Received.

8. From the Bendigo Citizens Defence League asking co-operation

cr.contd. in obtaining State Assistance in the way of rifles, drill-instruction & munitions.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That co-operation be granted.

Carried.

9. From Mr A. Gray with apology for not attending Recruiting Meetings but that he would attend on 7th Inst. Received.

10. From the State Parliamentary Recruiting Committee noting with pleasure the interest taken in the district. Received.

11. From the Shire of Yarrawonga urging that all public works be suspended from 1st November to 15th January 1916. Approved.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That support be given to the proposal.

Carried.

12. From Mr Symonds that he has opened a separate a/c under the Country Roads Board & debited you with £1.13.1 the cost of cheque-book. Received.

13. From the Country Roads Board acknowledging receipt of various letters. Received.

14. From the Shire of Gordon with cheque for £52.12.6 half cost of boundary works but under protest as to the bridge. Received.

15. From Mr Johnstone that he will fence the road in Talambe at the crossing for a distance of 6 chains from the line. The Secretary explained that he had written Mr Johnstone asking him to open the road as far West as the first road.

16. From the same that he had removed the hurdles & fenced the road for 6 chains & thought that that should be sufficient.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Council are satisfied & instruct the Secretary to inform the Railway Department.

Carried.

16. From the Country Roads Board with thanks for a return. Recd.

17. From the same that their Engineer, Mr Kemp would visit the Shire & confer with the Shire Engineer as to Potter's Road & Hurstwood bridge. Already reported on. Received.

18. From the same that Mr Kemp would also confer as to the Dingee Road works. The like. Received.

19. From L. Smith, Inspector of Dogs asking for relief. Referred to Committee.

Corr. contd. 20. From the Australian Patriots League as to the internment of Alien Enemies. Received.

21. From J.G. Nankervis of Prairie asking consent to closing the P.O. there at 2 P.M. on Saturdays.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That no objection be made. Carried.

22. From the Country Roads Board with modification of terms of Contract

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the cross-sections of main roads as settled by the Engineer & approved of by the Council be submitted to the Councils of the Northern Shires for consideration. Carried.

22. From the Commonwealth Military Forces instructing you not to enlist of men of enemy nationality in the Australian Military Forces. Received.

24. From the Government Bureau asking for Labor Returns. Already dealt with.

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts £197.16.10:- Payments £132.17.6:- Cr balance £109.17.7. Received.

Rate-Collector. Rates current:-£54. 7.6:- Arrears £12. 9.11 Interest £3.4.2. Total £70. 1.7. Received.

Sanitary Contractor. That he was serving 50 pans. Received.

Health Officer Dr Jacobs: that owing to an outbreak of measles he had closed the Yallock S.S. till August 9th. Received.

Dairy Inspector O'Neill that in consequence of sickness in the family he had been unable to get out but hoped to be able to furnish a report by next meeting. Received.

Assistant Engineer.

1. That he had inspected the piece of work asked for by Mr Jackman between Hiatt's & Coulter's but as it was not ur- he proposed to let it stand over until the maintenance-man had more time. Approved.

2. That he had surveyed for the drainage at Prior's Mitiamo & proposed to have a drain cut right through to the next depression on the East by Treuel. Crossings will be necessary at the new road & at 2 gates. The present metal requires making up. Treuel would require another man to assist him. Approved.

. That at the Dingee S.S. suggesting certain minor works which could be done by Treuel at a cost of about £1.15.--. Approved.

4. That as to the formation at the town-dam Serpentine we have about 100 yds of broken metal & 27 yds unbroken but an extra 35 yds would be required which would have to be carted from Salisbury. Estimated cost £40 besides the cost of the metal. To stand over.

5. He had called on Mr Oatway who will lend a team to work

Reports
contd.

the grader on the road North of his house for a week free of cost if the maintenance man work it or for a longer term at current rates. Received Mr Oatway to be thanked for his offer.

6. The formation on Swan Hill road at Cobb's requires crowning with the grader. The side wants draining. The whole road should be done from Bear's Lagoon to Serpentine at the same time. Perhaps other rate-payers will follow Mr Oatway's example & lend their teams.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the formation North of the old P.O. be graded. Carried.

7. As to the footpath at Bear's Lagoon he thought of getting gravel from Mr Hopkin's pit but he wants 2/- per yd which is ridiculous. He was trying for gravel in the neighborhood. Enquiring if he succeed the Council would buy a site for a pit.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That Mr Owen try further for gravel. Carried.

8. As to Swan Hill road South of Jarklan about 48 chains of formation & a culvert are required. This would cost £57 unloaded but £76 if loaded.

Tenders to be called for the first meeting in February.

9. Portion of the metalling on the Serpentine-Inglewood road requires re-crowning. More metal should be got from Powlett as soon as possible. To stand over.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

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

Secretary & Engineer.

1. Since your last meeting on 21st July a special meeting was held on 4th Inst the Anniversary of the Declaration of War. We did not actually make a quorum but Crs present conducted urgent business as a Committee & asking the Council to confirm it.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the action of the Committee as recited in the minutes be confirmed. Carried.

2. Reciting the correspondence with the Country Roads Board as appearing in the minutes &c & suggesting that the letting of the Contracts stand over until after the meeting of the Municipal Association in Bendigo on 3rd prox. Received.

3. Describing the meeting on 4th Inst. Received.

4. The weather tho' unfit for surveying had allowed Mr Owen to make many inspections. Received.

5. Mr Smith's term of office as Inspector of Dogs expires this month & asking instructions. Suggesting that the filling of the office stand over. Approved.

6. As to dipping. To stand over.

7. As to shelter-shed at Dingee. To stand over.

8. That he had been informed that the Court at Serpentine was to be closed. Received.

9. On financial position. Received.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

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

Instructions to Officers.

By Cr Mahoney that the Engineer report on the cost of improving the road North of the Forest at Calivil S.S.-that he call on Mr Gittins to improve or remove a bank across the Prairie Road or drain the water off the road.

By Cr Ettershank that the Engineer bring up a report & estimate for forming 15-chains-of road at Taylor's from 15 chains N. from his gate to the red-gate.

Also to make a light formation from the dam at Serpentine North to the next formation & on the Serpentine-Inglewood road & to metal a portion of it.

By Cr Shaw that at the Tandarra Dam the trough be put on the E. & W. road at the North as the railway gates are closed to the public at certain hours.

By Cr McCrea that the Engineer report on the repair of certain pieces on the N. & S. road at Albert Lowe's.

President's Press.

The President addressed Councillors on the on the work of the Shire during his term of office, just expiring. He referred to the War & the Drought tho' the latter had passed away. He reviewed the efforts that had been made to work under the Country Roads Board but regretted that under existing circumstances they would be landed in heavy debt. This he hoped would be avoided. That we had every prospect of closing the financial year with a small credit balance. He would ask the Secretary to compile a Roll of Honor as soon as he had time. He congratulated us on being still under British Rule & hoped we should always continue to be so. He heartily thanked Councillors for their courteous behaviour to him & the assistance they had given him. He also thanked the Officers for their attentions to him.

Finance.

The Finance Committee reported having examined accounts amounting to ££85.6.10 & recommended their passing.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

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

enders.

One Contract was advertised but no tender was put in.

Proposed Motion. By the President:-To strike a General Rate of 15d in the £. at the next meeting.

By Cr McCrea:- in the absence of Crs Carey & Tonkin,

To make a sanitary charge of 28/6 per pan per annum in Mitiamo for a fortnightly service.

And the Meeting closed.

Confirmed this 8 day of September 1915.

George Mahoney
President.

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

Annual Elections 1915.

North Riding.

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

David W. South
Returning Officer.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

August 26th 1915.

South Riding.

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

R. B. B. B.

Shire Hall, Serpentine, Returning Officer.

August 26th 1915.

East Riding.

John Henry Coulter of "Oakwood", Tandarra having been the only Candidate nominated, I do hereby declare him to be duly elected a Councillor of this Shire for the East Riding.

E. J. Lowry
Returning Officer.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

August 26th 1915.

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

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

Declared at Serpentine this
8 day of *Sept* 1915
before me,

George Mahoney
David W. Mounts

Councillor.

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

Declared at Serpentine this
8 day of *Sept* 1915
before me,

Alfred Ettershank

E. J. Barry
Councillor.

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

Declared at Serpentine this
8 day of *September* 1915
before me,

J. H. Coulter

E. J. Barry
Councillor.

Shire of East Loddon.

DECLARATION OF VALUER.

I, Charles Edmund Albrecht, of Serpentine, Valuer, Do solemnly & sincerely declare that I will, faithfully & impartially 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.

Declared at Serpentine in the
State of Victoria this *eight*

day of August 1915 before me,

Chas E. Albrecht

David W. Bontho J.P.

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

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

August 30th 1915.

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 Monday ~~6th~~ September 1915 at 11 A.M.

Chas E. Albrecht
Secretary.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

September 6th 1915.

There being no Councillors present at the Meeting to have been held this day I do adjourn the same to Wednesday 8th Inst at 11 AM

Chas E. Albrecht
Secretary.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

September 8th 1915.

SPECIAL MEETING TO ELECT PRESIDENT

Present Crs Coulter, McCrea, Mahoney, Coutts, Shaw, Ettershank,
Bissett, Carey.

Councillors who had not retired took their seats.

The Secretary reported that all retiring Councillors had been returned unopposed, had made their declarations & they also took their seats.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That Cr Coulter be elected Chairman pro tem. Carried.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the President's allowance be £70. Carried.

Cr McCrea nominated Cr Mahoney for the office of President & was supported by Cr Coutts. There being no other nominations

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

That Cr Mahoney be elected ~~the~~ President of the Shire for the ensuing twelve months. Carried unanimously.

The Chairman then left the Chair & placed Cr Mahoney in it.

The President shortly returned thanks.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That a vote of thanks be passed to Cr Coulter for the able & attentive manner in which he had performed his duties as President during the past year. Carried.

Cr Coulter returned thanks.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

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

And the Special Meeting closed.

ORDINARY MEETING.

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

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

- Correspondence. 1. From the Attorney General asking the assistance of the Council in getting the War-Census properly made up. Recd.
2. From the State Recruiting Committee as to holding meetings in licensed hotels. Secretary reported that he had replied that there were only 5 hotels in the Shire & that there were halls in all the townships where the meetings had been held. Approved.
3. From the Government Labor Bureau for return of schedules. Return sent. Approved.
4. From the State Accident Insurance Office soliciting custom. Received, to be considered later.
5. From the Public Works Department that the application for a special grant of £300 has been scheduled for consideration in the event of any funds being provided by Parliament. That the unexpended balance of the last special grant will be re-voted. Received.
6. From Mr A. Gray to the like effect but with explanations. Recd.
7. From the Premier with thanks for the resolutions passed on Australia-Day the anniversary of the declaration of War. Recd.
8. From Col. Hawker asking you not to send any more recruits forward until after 31st August. Received.
9. From the same that coach-fares will be paid to men who have been passed where there is no railway to the examining medical officer. Received.
10. From Major Cohen asking the number of new recruits expected. The Secretary read his reply which was approved.
11. From the Law Department terminating their lease of the Shire Hall. Received.
12. From the Country Roads Board asking the Council to postpone all Contracts other than for maintenance until after the harvest. Received.
13. From the same approving of survey through Mr J. Potter's land. That they are preparing plan of re-inforced concrete bridge at Hurstwood & inviting both Engineers to submit design of a timber one. Secretary read his reply & that he had written Mr Edwards on the subject. Approved.
14. From Mr A. Gray in explanation as to various matters. Received.
15. From Shire of Marong that the Country Roads Board refuse to proclaim the Serpentine-Bridgewater Road East of the Loddon & ask

recd. ing your support in protesting against such refusal.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Council support the proposal. Carried.

16. From Mr J.C. Reed asking for the transfer of his butchers licence to Mr Patrick Hardiman as he, Mr Reed, was going into camp.

The Secretary reported that he had endorsed the licence. Approved.

17. From the Shire of Bulla urging on developmental works.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the resolution be supported. Carried.

18. From the Municipal Association with copies of business paper for Annual Session on 20th & 21st October, & asking for appointment of delegate.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the President be appointed. Carried.

19. From the Public Works Department as to the closed road at J.O'Neill's. The Secretary explained that he had conferred with Mr O'Neill & he stated that the road was half fenced & that he would complete it shortly. Secretary to explain to Mr Drake.

20. From the Public Health Department notifying the discharge of a tuberculosis patient from the Sanatorium. Received.

21. From the Victorian Stoneware Pipe Association as to superiority of vitrified pipes over cement ones. Received.

22. From Mitiamo Progress Association asking for removal of verandah posts, for 5 extra lamps & that the Council take over the lighting.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the verandah posts be removed but the question of the lamps & lighting stand over. Carried.

23. From the Country Roads Board with tracing of cross-section of River at site of Hurstwood bridge shewing points for abutments. Received.

24. From Cr Coulter suggesting that the trough at the Tandarra Dam be placed in the line of the fence instead of outside the foot-path. To remain where it is.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

SPECIAL MEETING TO STRIKE RATE.

P.M.
Business resumed.
No Crs present.

The Secretary presented the Statement of the Rate & report thereon. That they had wiped out the balances on Contracts & overdraft amounting to about £7000 & had a small credit balance.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Report be received & adopted. Carried.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by the President:-

That the Council do now adopt & confirm the estimate for the year 1915-16 shewing as detailed therein that the sum of £4508.47.3 is required for the several items of expenditure detailed therein & that the sum of £1642.18.6 is available but the sum of £2865.8.9 is further required.

Carried.

The statement was then duly signed.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by the President:-

That to raise the sum required viz:-£2865.8.9 this Council Do make & levy a Rate of 15d in the £. upon the net annual value of the ratable property in the Shire of East Loddon for the period commencing 1st October 1915 & ending 30th September 1916 & that Henry Tresise, the Rate-Collector, be empowered to demand & collect the same.

~~Carried.~~

An Amendment was moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Carey:

That the rate be 12d in the £. On the amendment being put the division was equal but the President gave his casting vote against it & declared it lost. The motion was then put & carried.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

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

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Council Do make a Pan-Charge of £1.8.6 per pan per annum for fortnightly service on all householders 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 October 1915 to 30th September 1916 & that William Johnson, the Contractor be empowered to demand & collect the same.

Carried.

ees of Motion.

By Cr Coulter:-That the General Rate this day made be confirmed.

By Cr McCrea:-That the Pan-Charge at Mitiamo this day made be confirmed.

And the Special Meeting closed.

Ordinary Meeting resumed.

ports. Northern Districts Municipal Association Session. ^{The President} ~~Cr Mahoney~~

reported on the satisfactory nature of it & the special assistance he had received from the late President. A full report appears in the papers both of Bendigo & the Argus.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the thanks of the Council be accorded to the Delegates. Carried.

Treasurer. Receipts. £62.16.5:- Payments £93.- Cr. balance £79.14.6 Received.

Rate-Collector. Rates Current, £50.16.3:- Interest, £1.16.3. Total Received.
£52.12.6.

Sanitary Contractor that he had collected during this financial year £57.15.4:- arrears, £7.2.6.- Current outstanding Received.
£11.15.2.

Dairy Inspector. That he had registered 23 dairies & collected Received.
£5.

Assistant Engineer.

1. That he had borings put down at Bear's Lagoon but without success. Recommending that the footpath there be loamed instead of gravelled at a cost of £12. 7.--
Left in the hands of Cr Ettershank & the Engineer.
2. That a number of small works want to be done at Watson's Tandarra which would cost £35.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

- That the works be done. Carried.
3. That in company with Cr McCrea he had surveyed for repair of road at Lowe's for works which will cost £65.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by the President:-

- That tenders be called for the works by the February meeting. Carried.
4. Re Serpentine-Hurstwood road several small works are required & which would cost £106 & if gravelled £37 more as Mr Taylor asks 9d per cub.yd for the gravel. Left in the hands of the Members for the South Riding & the Engineer with power to act.
5. Re Mitiamo-Terricks road the portion at Dee's is beginning to scour & asking if you wish the 2 sections of gravelling united. To stand over.
6. Asking instructions as to Annual Tour. To stand over.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

ts contd.

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

Secretary & Engineer.

1. That he had drawn up a paper on Road Metalling & the treatment of Main Roads in general besides writing a paper for the opening session of the Northern Districts Municipal Association. Suggesting that those parts of the main roads that have not been proclaimed be gravelled in the old way with slight variations. To stand over.
2. Re trough at Tandarra Dam. Already dealt with.
3. As to forming the township offering to confer with Councillors & suggesting if metal be used, that it be only for a depth of 4". Approved.
4. That it is time to re-open the Pound Yards. Received.
5. Asking that the President be appointed to write off abandoned rates. Already done.
6. Financial position. Received.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

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

Members & Finance.

The Council moved into Committee to open tenders & examine accounts.

On resuming the Committee reported that they had opened tenders for Contracts Nos. 261 & 262 for which there were only 2 each & recommended that that of T. Butler for 261 at £44 be accepted & that of John Crapper, after consultation with him, of Contract 262 at £45.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Report be received & adopted. Carried.

The Finance Committee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £296.9.4 & recommending their passing.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

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

Cr Carey asked permission to take some loam for the Church yard. at Dingee. Left in his hands to deal with.

Cr Coulter brought under notice the bad state of the Yallook S.S. & moved & was seconded by Cr Carey:-

That the Secretary instruct the Health Officer to inspect & report on the School as early as possible. Carried.

Cr Ettershank drew attention to the S.S. at Serpentine being closed for a week owing to the Head Teacher having been granted leave

of absence for that period for training purposes without any Relieving Teacher being sent up & instructed the Secretary to complain to the Director of Education as to such treatment. Cr Coutts asked leave to withdraw his notice of motion re the Dog Act as appearing in the Business Paper of the Annual Session of the Municipal Association but that the President be asked to support the motion of the Shire of Melton therein. Leave granted. Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the agreement with Mr H. Smith as to lamp-lighting be cancelled the Council only to find the kerosene. The same system to apply to Mitiamo. Carried.

Instruction by Cr McCrea that the Engineer inspect & report on the question of removing a culvert on the E. & W. road at C.W. Tre-sie's parish of Pompapiel which it is alleged is not required.

By Cr Carey:- that the duties of the maintenance-men be confined to maintenance & not extended into constructive works.

By Cr Ettershank:- that the Engineer inspect & report on the Raywood-Durham-Ox Road at Miller's Dam.

on. The President presented a Petition from J.F. Stone & others asking

Cr. McCrea on behalf of Cr. Tonkin presented a petition from S.J. McKay & others, asking for the formation and gravelling of the footpath on the Mitiamo - Pinegrove road at Prior's, and for the drainage of the same road,

Moved by Cr. Coulter, 2nd. by Cr. McCrea,

G.M. That the Petition be received and the Engineer inspect & report. Carried.

~~That the payment of the telegraph subsidy at Serpentine be discontinued.~~

And the meeting closed.

Confirmed this ^{November} 10th day of ~~October~~ 1915.

George Mahoney
President.

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That the agreement with Mr H. Smith as to lamp-lighting be cancelled the Council only to find the kerosene. The same system to apply to Mitiamo. Carried.

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By Cr Ettershank:- that the Engineer inspect & report on the Raywood-Durham-Ox Road at Miller's Dam.

The President presented a Petition from J.P. Stone & others asking for certain repairs of roads between Bramleys, Elliot's, Miles' Stone's & Coghlan's in parishes of Calivil & Jarklan.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Petition be received & the Engineer inspect & report Carried.

Instruction by Cr McCrea:- That a formation be made on the 2 ch. road between Humbert's allotment 146 & 145 parish of Hayanmi, & that the Engineer inspect & report on it.

of Motion. By Cr Coulter:- That the payment of the Telegraph subsidy at Serpentine be discontinued.

And the meeting closed.

Confirmed this 10th day of ~~October~~ November 1915.

George Mahoney
President.

Shire Hall, SERPENTINE.

13th. October 1915.

There being no Councillors present at the Meeting to have been held this day, I do adjourn the same to Friday 15th. inst at 11 a.m.

Eric A. Owen.

for Secretary.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

15th October 1915.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present Crs Mahoney, (President) & Crs Bissett & Ettershank:-

There being no quorum Crs moved into Committee & ran through the minutes of the last meeting which they recommended should be confirmed.

They then perused the correspondence & gave the following interim instructions.

No. 18. From the Shire of Bet-Bet asking support to a resolution protesting against the reduction of the Government Subsidy.

That support be given.

No. 36. From Cr Coutts as to Calivil Dip.

That dipping be started on 20th Inst & terminate on

2nd November on the usual conditions.

No. 39. From the Northern District Municipal Association that the

Country Roads Board had been asked to meet the Engineers of the Northern Shires in conference in Bendigo at a date to be fixed & asking the Engineers to attend.

The Engineer to attend.

Instruction by the President:-that the Engineer inspect the

Prairie Road at Howe's about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile W. of the 2 ch. road.

by Crs Ettershank & Bissett:-To arrange with Butler to supply a man & 4 horses @ 30/- per day to grade the Black-Gate Road West of the crossing.

The Finance Committee examined accounts amounting to £150.18.7
& recommended their passing & the meeting was declared lapsed.

Confirmed this 10th day of November 1915.

Geo. Gahmey
President.

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

10th Nov. 1915.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President & Crs Bissett, McCrea, Tonkin, Carey, Coulter
& Ethershank.

The Minutes of the lapsed meeting on 15th at which the Crs
present moved into Committee, read the minutes of the September
meeting & recommended the passing of accounts were read:-

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the minutes of both meetings be confirmed and
also the action & recommendations of the Committee.
Carried.

Correspondence. 1. From the Commonwealth Military Forces that Recruits

are wanted for service in the Re-mount Units of the Imperial
Force. Received.

2. From the State War Council asking for employment of returned
Soldiers & Sailors. Co-operation granted.

3. From the Country Roads Board with allotments for maintenance
of Main Roads. Received & approved.

4. From the same approving of agreement with Mr Potter for exchange
of roads. That with regard to the bridge at Hurstwood it is to
be 16'0" wide between gravel-beams. The Engineer explained that he
would make his bridge the same width & length as that designed
in concrete by the Department for the purposes of comparison.
Received & approved.

5. From the same refusing to proclaim the Bridge-water-Serpentine
Road on East of the Loddon. Received.

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6. From the same as to carrying out maintenance works & payment for surveys. Received.
7. From the State Rivers & W.S. agreeing to subscribe £8 towards the works on Echuca Road at the Dingee-Mitiamo channel. The Engineer reported that he had acknowledged the letter with thanks for the grant but intimating that he thought they should have made a more liberal grant. Action approved.
8. From the State Accident Insurance Office urging the Council to come in.
Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Bissett:-
That the present policy be renewed. Recd Carried.
9. From the Public Works Department as to the closed road at O'Neill's. The Engineer explained that he had a note from Mr O'Neill that he would complete his fence directly after the harvest. Received.
10. From the same with appointment of Mr C. Pitman as Auditor at a fee of £7.7.- & allowances. Received.
11. From Mr A. Gray, M.L.A. in reply to correspondence. Received.
12. From the Education Department that as to the closing of the S.S. at Serpentine, they were unable owing to the number of Teachers who had enlisted, to provide relieving ones. Received.
13. From the Government Labor Bureau with thanks for cards sent in. Recd.
14. From the Chief Secretary's office that holidays had been proclaimed on 13th & 14th Oct. Bendigo Show. Received.
15. Telegram from the Acting Secretary for Railways that the Commissioners would be on tour & at Mitiamo on 2nd Ultio: The Secretary explained that he had forwarded the same on to Cr McCrea to attend to. Cr McCrea reported that he had assembled a deputation to interview the Commissioners but they refused all their requests. It was regretful that no mention of it had appeared in the press. Secretary's action approved.
16. From Hon. W. L. Baillieu, M.L.C. in answer to correspondence that he would attend to the requests. Received.
17. From the Municipal Association that Cr Coutts' motion re the Dog Act had been struck out of the Agenda paper. Received.

18. From the Shire of Bet-Bet asking support to a resolution protesting against the reduction of the Government Subsidy. The President reported that he had attended the Annual Session & the question came up for discussion but the vote was against him. Various other matters were dealt with but a full report was before them. The Secretary complained that first & second class Shires, which never participated in the the Endowment should not have voted on the question & pointed out that the reduction of £50,000 could easily have been cut out of other provisions. *Received*
19. From the same asking your support to the nomination of Cr T. F. O'Brien on the Executive Committee of the Municipal Association for the Northern District Shires vice Cr Wirth, resigned. The President reported that the Council approved of Mr O'Brien's nomination & he had been elected. *Approved.*
20. From Socy for protection of animals for subscription. *Reced.*
21. From W. Hopkins offering £2.12.6 for the waste timber at Serpentine & Major's Line Bridges. The Engineer reported that he had accepted the offer & passed 13/- to the Shire of Korong for their proportion. Action approved.
22. From the Shire of Strathfieldsaye approving of the Engineer's design for metalling main-roads & agreeing to adopt the resolution of the Northern Shires held in Bendigo that the Engineers meet the Country Roads Board in conference to discuss the whole question. *Received.*
23. From the Bendigo Agricultural Society for proclamation of holiday. *Attended to.*
24. From Sloan Bros refusing to allow more gravel to be taken from their pit. Engineer's reply read.
- 25 & 25a From the same on the same subject.
- Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Coulter:-
- That 2 acres or more be taken on the terms offered the mover to assist the Engineer in the survey. *Carried.*
26. From the Shire & Municipal Record of Sydney soliciting orders *Received.*
27. From Riegel Bros applying for renewal of Traction Engine Licence. The secretary had issued it. Action approved.

rr.contd. 28. From Arnall & Jackson offer Victorian Statutes at 30/- per volume. There are 5 volumes. Received.

29. From the Shire of Rochester with thanks for the Engineer's paper on Main-road metalling & deciding that the delegates to the Annual Session favorably consider the same. Received.

30. From the Premier with Booklet on the administration of the Government. Received.

31. From the Northern Municipalities with copies of Reports of the Annual Conference. Received.

32. From the State Accident Insurance office with Report. Received.

33. From the Commissioner of Federal Land Tax with Report. Received.

34. From Hon. R. B. Rees M.L.C on the subject of stacking wheat at Railway Stations & issuing certificates.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the letter be received & a vote of thanks passed to Mr Rees for his action in the interests of the farmers
Carried unanimously.

35. From the State Accident Insurance Office with revised rates for insurance. Already dealt with.

36. From Cr Coutts re dipping. Already dealt with.

37. From the President as to date of last meeting. Received.

38. From Mitiamo Progress Association with a/c of 30/- for lamp lighting. The Secretary reported that he had made enquiry into the matter & the account had been passed at last meeting. The Engineer strongly urged that lamp-lighting be placed in responsible hands.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That this Council pay 30/- per annum to the Mitiamo Association but they be asked to furnish a return of the kerosene used. Carried.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That Mrs Lovell be allowed £1 per annum for keeping the lamp at the P.O. lit & in order. Carried.

Cr Shaw entered.

39. From the Northern Districts Municipal Association that the Country Roads Board had been asked to meet the Shire Engineers in conference on a date to be fixed & for your Engineer to attend.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-
That Cr Coulter & the Engineer attend the conference. Carried
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rrr.contd. 40. From State Accident Assurance Office. Already dealt with.

41. From the Shire of Marong asking support of Cr Johnson as a candidate for the Executive Committee of the Municipal Assocn. Recd.
42. From the Government Statist for Returns. To place- be supplied.
43. From the Country Roads Board notifying gazettal of the road deviation at Potter's. Engineer had asked as to the exchange of the roads & handing over the balance of the Prairie Road to Mr Potter but had only received a card acknowledgment. Received.
44. From the Public Health Department as to cases of Small-pox one having appeared in Melbourne. Received.
45. From the same inviting the Council to nominate a representative of the Board of Health for the Western Shires Group.
46. From Cr Austin of Buninyong soliciting your vote.
47. From the President supporting Cr Austin's nomination. Nomination paper signed & sent in.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

- That the President's action be approved & confirmed. Carried.
48. From the N.D. Munic. Assocn, intimating that the Country Roads Board will attend a Conference with the Shire Engineer in Bendigo on Friday 26th Inst & asking you to send your Engineer. Already dealt with.
49. From the Government Labor Bureau offering the services of students of Colleges & Grammar Schools to assist in harvesting. Received with thanks.
50. From the Australian Patriots' League with various resolutions. To stand over.
51. From F.M. Mitchell asking for your certificate of his bakery as a factory.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

- That the certificate be given. Carried.
52. From the New Zealand Insurance Co asking renewal of Workers' Policy when it would be adjusted as to rates & allowances. Already dealt with.
53. From W. Gook & Son that he was travelling a traction engine with a house through the Shire. Received. Carried.
54. Same as No. 50.
55. From Royal Victorian Trained Nurses Association with proposals to organize a fund for relief of Invalided & Injured Nurses.

rr.contd. The Council were in full sympathy with the movement & it was Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the sum of £5.5.- be voted. Carried.

- 56. From the Soldiers' Employment Bureau for co-operation by forming Committees.Co-operation to be granted as far as possible
- 57. From T.Butler with tender for grading.To stand over.
- 58. From Mrs Ettershank asking rent for going through her paddock adjacent to the Black-Gate Road. To stand over.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

2 P.M.

Business resumed,the same Crs present.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Secretary presented the Auditor's Report & the audited Balance sheets.Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Report be received but exception taken to the disallowances. Carried.

The sheets having been examined it was moved by the President 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

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

Statement signed & the meeting closed.

Ordinary business resumed.

Reports.

Treasurer, for October.Receipts.£109.5.9:-Payments £301.5.3
Dr balance £112.5.-.

for Nov. Receipts.£43.4.3:-payments £150.19.10.
Dr Balance £220.-.7. Received.

Rate Collector. for October.Sept. Rates current £80.12.9:-
arrears £1.17.2:-Interest £4.9.3.
for October.Rates arrears,£13.10.-:-onterest 12/6
for Nov.Rates arrears,£1.13.9:- interest 3/9. Received.

The Presidenr reported the doings at the Annual Session as appearing in the reports sent up.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That a vote of thanks be passed to the President for his attendance at the session & their appretia-tion of his services there. Carried.

ports contind. Weigher, Dingee. Oct. £-.63:- Nov. £1.15.-. Received.

Dr Jacobs on Yallook School.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Report be received & a copy sent to the

Education Department. immediately. Carried.

Assistant Engineer, Mr Owen, for October.

1. The estimated cost of works on Hardy's Road between Jarklan & Calivil, is as follows:-gravelling 62 chains £140:-formation on N.&S. road 35 chains & sundries, £33. To stand over.

2. The formation on Durham-Ox road near Miller's Dam is sticky clay only. The cost of loaming it is £9. & he recommends that this be done.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That it be done. Carried.

3. He had inspected the culvert ~~the culvert~~ between Tresise's & Duffy's & Lawson's & found it in a very bad state. The culvert could be removed & the banks across the road taken away. Mr C.W. Tresise will remove it without charge if you give him the old timber which is of no use for Shire works. Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the clause be approved. Carried.

4. The Inglewood road near the Race-course is in a bad state It requires 30 chains of formation which should be gravelled or metalled. To stand over.

Same for November.

1. That complaints are made about drains cut across roads in Tandarra & Kamarooka & he intends visiting & inspecting the same. Received.

2. That he had had 9 chains of formation made on the Terricks Road 2½ miles North of Prairie by instruction of Cr Tonkin. Approved.

3. That he had had had part of the Black-Gate road graded at a cost of £12.5.-. Approved.

4. That the estimate of cost of gravelling footpath on Pine-Grove road 7'0" wide of gravelling & 12'0" of forming including 2 culverts, using local gravel is £13.10.-.

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the work be done. Carried.

5. That the N. & S. road 2½ miles West of Prairie & 1 mile N. requires 14 chains of 12" formation & loaming. The estimate is £18.9.-. To stand over till February.

6. The Prairie-Calivil road at Howe's requires 20 chains of formation in 2 pieces & a culvert. Estimated cost £33. To stand over till February.

7. On position of Contracts. Received.

8. He has started issuing thistle notices. Received.

Moved by Cr President 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That notices be sent to every ratepayer. Carried.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

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

Reports contd. Secretary & Engineer for October.

1. Thanks for leave of absence to attend Synod. Received.
2. That he had worked up the books & balance sheets for Audit & expected to start on Monday. Received.
3. That he had written the Railway Department as to cost of steel girders for Hurstwood Bridge & on receipt of reply would proceed with the plan. Received.
4. That Mr Owen & he in company with Mr Stone had inspected a portion of Hardy's road East of Mr Stone's & the N.&S. road being the boundary road & giving details. Received.
5. Asking leave to invite tenders for 500 yds of ironstone from Powlett for use in Serpentine & vicinity. To stand over till after harvest. Engineer to enquire as to metal at Martin's already paid for.
6. Asking Council to reconsider lamp-lighting. Already dealt with.
7. As to opening Calivil Dip. Already dealt with.

Same for November.

1. Regretting failure to make quorum last meeting but much business had been attended to by Councillors present. Recd.
2. That Mr Owen & he had revised the whole of the Rate & Sanitary charge books & they are ready for signature. Recd.
3. Details of Mitiamo sanitary service showing close receipts & payments so there is little loss. Asking leave to return £2 of the Contractor's deposit of £3.
Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-
That the £2 be returned. Carried.
4. On the question of appointing an Inspector of Dogs recommending that applications be invited as from 1st January. To stand over.
5. That in the Balance sheet the Auditor had disallowed £6.11. which he thought was wrongly disallowed & recommending that exception be taken to the Auditor's ruling. Already dealt with.
6. On Calivil Dip which had been opened according to instructions given. The receipts were £25.3.- the material used. about £6.12.- the salary of the caretaker £7 & the cr. balance £11.11. which he thought satisfactory. Received.
7. Recommending the re-opening of Bear's Lagoon Pound.
Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coulter:-
That the Pound be re-opened. Carried.
8. Reporting the extra work attaching to the War & Labor Bureau which however he carried out willingly. Received.
9. Reporting works of survey & plans in hand ready to complete. Received.
10. Financial position. Dr Balance £220.--.7. Received.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That both reports as read & dealt with be received & adopted. Carried.

That he is serving 51 pans.

Received.

Caretaker, Calivil Dip.

That he had finished dipping & had dipped 6036 sheep, used 2 cases & 6 packets of material, & received £25.3.- in fees. That Mr Gittins desires to dip about 1000 sheep in a fortnight on usual conditions viz: 1d per head he finding material & paying caretaker's wages for a day. Approved.

Cor. No. 50. Australian Patriots' League.

Resolution 1. approved.

2. on motion of Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey.

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Formation of Branch to be considered later.

Cor. No. 57. To stand over.

Cor. No. 58. Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That 15/- be passed to Mrs Ettershank as rent for one year. Carried.

Finance.

The Finance Committee reported having examined accounts amounting to £159.18.2 & recommending their passing.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

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

An account for £2.15.6 out of the Country Roads Board a/c was also passed on the motion of Cr. Tonkin 2nd by Cr Ettershank.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Secretary write Mr E.L. Smith urging on the extension of the channels asked for so as to be available by the end of January. Carried.

Instruction. By Cr Coulter that Mr Owen inspect the roads in Kamarooka with power to get the necessary works done.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the General Rate made on 8th September last be confirmed. Carried.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That the Pan-charge made on same date be confirmed. Carried.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Telegraph Subsidy at Serpentine be terminated at the end of the year. Carried.

And the meeting closed.

Confirmed this 8 day of December 1915.

George Clahmy
President

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

Decr. 8th 1915.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

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

The Minutes of the 1st meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

- Correspondence. 1. From the Country Roads Board relative to the deviation of road through Mr Potter's land that they are consulting the Lands Department as to the exchange of roads. Received.
2. From the Railway Department as to surcharges on parcels. The Secretary explained that this has become a frequent occurrence & he can get no satisfactory reply from the Department. Recd.
3. From the Minister for Public Health with ballot paper for election of Member for the Board. Paper signed & sealed.
- 4a. From the Shire of Mildura asking vote for Cr Crockett on such Board. The Secretary had replied that this Council had already voted for Cr Austin, their old representative. Action approved.
4. From the Public Health Department as to Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis. Received.
5. From the Education Department acknowledging receipt of Dr Jacob Report on Yallock school & premises & that tenders for the works required were being tendered for the following week. Recd.
6. From the State Parliamentary Recruiting Committee urging a new campaign. To stand over.
7. From Melbourne Cigarette & Tobacco Fund Committee for subscriptions of such. The Secretary reported that he had placed the list in the hands of Miss Lovell to get filled up. Crs present subscribed 1/- each.
8. From Commonwealth Button Fund inviting orders. Received.
- 8a. From the same as to "Remembrance Day". Received.
9. From Mr Anderson, Director of School of Mines & Analyst to the Councillor ²⁰⁶ with instructions as to samples. The Secretary reported that he had had a collection made & sent in for analysing. Approved.
10. From the Victorian Trained Nurses Association with thanks for subscription. Received.

11. From the Head Teachers Bear's Lagoon S.S. reporting cases of Chicken-pox. He had reported to Dr Deravin who had given him instructions. Received.
12. From the United Shire of Metcalfe inviting action to remove the embargo on the export of meat from Victoria.
Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Carey:-
That co-operation be granted. Carried.
13. From the New Zealand Insurance Co with receipt for renewal premium on lower rate under the Workers' Compensation Act. Redd.
14. From the Barnardo Homes with receipt for Crs subscriptions & thanks. Received.
15. From the Shire of Rochester with Balance Sheet. Received.
16. From the Shire of Gordon the like. Received.
17. From the Accountant Post Master General's office addressed to Mrs Lovell that there is no record in the office of the Shire Telegraph subsidy. Asking for explanation. Cr Ettershank said that when Mr Hunter first opened the store & application was made for the opening of a telegraph office about 30 or 40 years ago, the salary offered by the Department was so small that he could not accept it without a subsidy. The Council therefore agreed to pay £20 a year & had done so ever since. Left in the hands of the Secretary to reply to.
18. From Mrs Lovell declining the Council's offer of £1 per annum for attending to the lamp at the Post Office. Received.
19. From the President that he would endeavor to attend the meeting that day. Received.
20. From the Mitiamo Progress Association that the lamp-lighter had used 3 tins of oil since he started. Received.
21. From the Hon. Secretary, Harvest Help League offering 30 students of the Melbourne University help in the field for the next 2 or 3 weeks.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Secretary post up notices at the Shire Hall. Carried

22. From the Superintendent of Police, Dungay, at Bendigo that he had instructed Constable La Roche to give his best attention to dangerous fires in the Shire.

Contd.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That application be made for a man to be sent up & stationed here during the summer months. Carried.

23. From the Commonwealth Military Forces as to certificates to rejected volunteers. To be noted.

24. From Cr McCrea that he was unable to attend today. Received.

Reports.

Treasurer. Receipts £26.10.9:-payments £159.18.2:- overdraft £353. 8.9. Received.

Rate Collector. Rates current £1.13.3:-arrears £11. 6.3:- interest 12/4 total £13.11.10. Received.

Sanitary Contractor. That he was serving 50 pans. Received.

Assistant Engineer.

1. That he had had the work done in Kamarooka at Demeo's gate for £7.10.- Approved.
2. The road is an important one but scours & wants a drain cut on the upstream-side for about 1½ miles. Asking instructions.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the clause be approved. Carried.

3. There are 2 stone-crossings required on the Terricks Road one near the junction of the Kamarooka road & the other 2 miles South at Myer's Creek. The cost would be about £58.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the works be carried out. Carried.

4. On state of Contracts. Received.
5. That he had arranged to have the foot-path at Mitiamo gravelled. Approved.
6. That he had sent a thistle-notice to every rate-payer with the rate-notices & is sending others to occupiers who are not rated. Approved.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

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

Engineer's Report on Hurstwood Bridge.

The Engineer submitted a sketch plan of a timber bridge with 2 central spans of 30'0" each with an estimate of cost. After examination:-

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the plan be approved & forwarded to the Country Roads Board. Carried.

Adjourned to 2 P.M.

M. Business resumed, the same Crs present.

Engineer's Report on meeting of Municipal Engineers in Bendigo resolving that it would be advisable for them to meet from time to time to compare notes on engineering generally & suggesting that Councils send their Engineers to such meetings. Suggesting that in many cases where there is no road.

material it would be cheaper to construct railways or tramways than main roads.

That in metalling the majority of the Engineers were in favor of a minimum depth of 9" of metal. Received.

Report of Delegates to Conference with Country Roads Board.

Reporting meeting in conference in Town Hall Bendigo on Friday 26th November. Discussion that ensued resulted in a general consensus of opinion in favor of a minimum of 9" of metal for main roads:- a minimum width of 12'0" but preferably 16'0" to allow two carriages to pass one another. The Road Board expressed themselves as ready, if Councillors could not find enough money to make substantial roads to revoke the proclamation but they would always listen to the recommendations of municipal Engineers & agree with them if possible.

Recommending that Contracts be let for the whole of the

*Moved by the President
2nd by Cr Carey:-
Jerricks
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That a vote of thanks be passed to Cr Coulter & the Engineer for attending the Conference. Carried.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That tenders be invited for Contracts Nos 1 & 2 as per the Engineer's design & for the February Meeting. Carried.

Secretary & Engineer's Report.

1. Reporting the death of the Rev. J.D. Watsford on Saturday last. Received with regret.
2. That he had been in correspondence with Mr A. Gray, M.L.A. on the subject of the Jarklan, Durham-Ox & Railway & had received a reply that the Chairman of the Standing Committee had given him no encouragement but he would confer with Messrs Angus & John Gray & the Minister for Railways & do all he can to obtain the line.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

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

3. As to the Recruiting Campaign describing the method of Snow-balling in N.S.W. & at Swan Hill & suggesting that if such be initiated here the march should be limited to Bendigo. Assuming that the Committees would be the same as those constituted in July last. To stand over till the February meeting.
4. As to gravel pits Cr Ettershank, Mr Owen & he had visited the sites but nothing could be done until the crops were taken off. Approved.
5. As to the Dingee Road suggesting that the Western portion be graded with loam except a small portion this side of the Bullock Creek, which should be gravelled. It was not proclaimed. To stand over.
6. Asking for the appointment of a care-taker of the Tandarra

continued. Dam & Mill.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Shaw:-
That Mr Crapper be asked to act on the same terms
as those at Prairie. Carried.

7. As to holidays.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-
That one month be granted to the Secretary & Mr Owen.
Carried.
Received.

8. Financial position.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Carey:-
That the Report as read & dealt with be received &
adopted. Carried.

President by leave left the Chair & Cr Shaw was appointed Chairman on the
motion of Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett.

Finance Committee reported having examined accounts amounting
to £197. 9.2 & recommended their payment.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-
That the Report be received & adopted & the accounts
passed for payment. Carried.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coutts:-
That the sale of wax-matches be prohibited by the stores
during the summer months. Carried.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Carey:-
That the Maintenance-men be put off from Monday next till
1st February. Carried.

The next meeting was ordered to be held on 9th February 1916.
& the meeting closed.

Confirmed this 4 day of Feb. 1916.

George H. Ahmy
President.

Shire Hall, SERPENTINE.
12th. January 1916.

Finance Committee Meeting held this day:-
Present:- Crs. Ettershank, Bissett & Shaw.
Accounts amounting to £61.11. 7 were examined & recommended for
payment, AND The Meeting closed.

Confirmed this 9th. day of February 1916.

George H. Ahmy
President.