

## **Kent County Council Minutes**

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*At a meeting of the Kent County Council held in the Council Chamber at the Sessions House, Maidstone, at Noon on Wednesday, the ninth day of August, 1916.*

Present.

E. W. HUSSEY, Esq., Vice-Chairman.

COUNTY ALDERMEN.

Berry, W. W.	Mitchell, J. Lawrence
Child, Coles	Norman, A. C.
Hill, Col. R. H. T.	Plumptre, H. Fitzwalter
Igglesden, C.	Quested, J. E.
Lennard, Sir H. A. H. F., Bart.	Sayer, J.
Marsham, George	Smith, S. Lee
Monins, J. H.	Waring, A. T.

COUNTY COUNCILLORS.

Ames, W.	Maxted, J. D.
Amos, A.	May, T.
Barker, W. Cobbett	McAlpine, Kenneth
Billinghurst, E. A.	Mercer, Randall.
Borton, Lt.-Col. A. C.	Monckton, F. W.
Brown, S.	Mumford, C. E.
Church, T.	Nicholson, H.
Collet, Sir Mark E., Bart.	Passby, Col. R. J.
Gower, R. Vaughan	Payne, H.
Grant, Bryce	Penney, A. J.
Grant, Cardross	Pillman, J. C.
Hannen, Hon. H. A.	Rhodes, T.
Hardy, Rt. Hon. Laurence, M.P.	Shea, S.
Harrison, W. J.	Shone, H. E. V.
Harston, C.	Spoor, J. L.
Headley, L. P.	Tapp, A. W.
Hewlett, J. C.	Thomson, C.
Hulks, C. J. G.	Tomson, M. J. R.
Jaffray, Capt. E. W.	Tower, J.
Kingsland, H. M.	Tuff, C.
Knight, A. J.	Wakeley, R. M.
Lawrence, G.	Whyman, H. F.
Leney, A. C.	Wilbee, F. H.
Manwaring, P.	Wilford, J.
	Williams, Col. C. S.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN.

On the motion of Mr. George Marsham, duly seconded, it was Resolved:—

“That Mr. Hussey be appointed Chairman of the meeting.”

**E. W. Hussey, Esq., in the Chair.**

MINUTES.

**It was Resolved:—**

“That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 17th day of May, 1916, be approved and signed.”

MR. COUNCILLOR PILLMAN'S BEREAVEMENT.

**It was unanimously Resolved:—**

“That this Council desires to place on record the deep sympathy which it feels with Mr. Councillor J. C. Pillman in the bereavement which he and his family have sustained by the loss of his son while on active service with His Majesty's Forces.”

## BROMLEY (3) ELECTORAL DIVISION.

## CASUAL VACANCY.

It was moved by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Mr. Pillman, and Resolved:—

“That the casual vacancy in the office of County Councillor for the Bromley (3) Electoral Division, caused by the resignation of Mr. Frederick William Peill, be filled, in pursuance of the Elections and Registration Act, 1915, by the County Council electing Mr. Kenneth Edimann Chaimers, of Blackbrook, Bickley, to fill the vacancy.”

## PARLIAMENTARY, &amp;c., COMMITTEE.

A Report of the Parliamentary Committee was laid before the County Council.

Report of the Parliamentary, &c., Committee to the Kent County Council at a meeting of the Council held at the Sessions House, Maidstone, on Wednesday, the 9th day of August, 1916.

## 1. QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER.

Your Committee present herewith Dr. Greenwood's Report on the Public Health in the county during the three months ended 30th June, 1916.

With regard to the application of the Beckenham Urban District Council that the Council will delegate to them all their powers under the Midwives Acts in that district, your Committee agree with the County Medical Officer's view that such a course is not desirable, and recommend that the application be refused.

With regard to the institutional treatment of uninsured persons the total number at present under treatment is 10. As some time must still elapse before Lenham Sanatorium is opened your Committee recommend that Dr. Greenwood be authorised to increase this number to 60, as opportunity offers for securing beds up to that number.

With regard to the Local Government Board's scheme for the prevention and treatment of venereal disease, your Committee have authorised Dr. Greenwood to enter into preliminary negotiations with all the General Hospitals in the county for the establishment of treatment centres, and also to arrange for the temporary use of a laboratory connected with one of the London Medical Schools so that the Wassermann test may be carried out there until the time when the County Laboratory will again be fully staffed.

With regard to the appointment of health visitors under the Notification of Births Acts, your Committee have instructed Dr. Greenwood to proceed with appointments for the three areas mentioned in his report, subject to any objection which may be raised by the Councils of the districts concerned. These districts will be:—(1) an area comprising Cheriton, Hythe, and the Bridge and Elham Rural Districts; (2) the Urban Districts of Sevenoaks, Southborough and Tonbridge; (3) an area comprising Broadstairs and the Blean and Isle of Thanet Rural Districts. Your Committee hope to be in a position to recommend in November next the completion of the County scheme, by further appointments for districts which are not taking independent action in this matter.

## 2. EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN ACT, 1903.

Your Committee recommend the Council to make the bye-laws under this Act, which are set out in the first appendix to this report to operate within the Tonbridge Urban District. Your Committee have held a local inquiry into the matter, and are satisfied that the employment of children of school age in Tonbridge and the street trading by persons under 16 are matters which need regulation. The proposed bye-laws have been submitted in draft to the Home Secretary, who has intimated that he is prepared to approve them subject to any objections which may be received.

## 3. BYE-LAWS AS TO STREET NOISES AND STREET CRIES AND NOISY ANIMALS.

Your Committee recommend the Council to rescind the bye-laws made by them on these matters on the 21st February

1906, and to remake them in the form set out in the second appendix to this report. The object of this is to include in the area to which the bye-laws apply ten districts which have not hitherto been within it. These are the Urban Districts of Northfleet, Sittingbourne, Tonbridge and Wainier and the Rural Districts of Dartford, Faversham, Hoo, Malling, Milton and Thanet (Parish of Minster).

LAURENCE HARDY,

Sessions House, Maidstone,  
31st July, 1916.

Vice-Chairman.

### Appendix No. 1.

#### EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN ACT, 1903.

##### TONBRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT.

Bye-Laws made by the Kent County Council pursuant to the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of the Employment of Children Act, 1903, regulating the employment of children within the Tonbridge Urban District, and street trading therein by persons under sixteen.

##### BYE-LAWS.

###### (a) AS TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN.

- 1.—No child who is liable to attend School full time shall be employed to deliver milk, to deliver newspapers or in any employment in connection with any shop except between 6.30 and 8 in the morning and between 5.30 p.m. and 7 p.m. (in the winter) and 8 p.m. in the summer.
- 2.—No child liable to attend school full time shall be employed in any occupation during school hours nor shall any child be employed during the interval between school sessions.

###### (b) AS TO STREET TRADING BY PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 16 YEARS.

- 3.—No boy or girl under the age of 14 shall be employed in or carry on street trading.
- 4.—No person between the ages of 14-16 shall be employed in or carry on street trading after 8 p.m. between 1st October and 31st March, or after 9 p.m. between 1st April and 30th September.
- 5.—No person between the ages of 14 and 16 shall be employed in or carry on street trading unless furnished with a licence from the County Council.
- 6.—A licence to engage in street trading shall not be refused by the County Council to any person between the ages of 14 and 16 applying for it except on the ground that the applicant is, by reason of physical or mental deficiency, unfit to trade in the streets, or that he has not his parents' or guardians' consent to his being so employed.
- 7.—Licences shall be granted free of charge, to expire on the 31st day of December following.
- 8.—Every licensed person while engaged in street trading shall wear in a prominent position a badge, to be provided free of charge by the County Council.
- 9.—No licensed person shall, in any street or public place, for the purpose of selling or advertising any article or obtaining custom, tout or importune to the annoyance or obstruction of passengers.
- 10.—The County Council may suspend or revoke any licence if the holder uses the same as a cloak for begging, imposition, or other improper use, or is convicted of any offence, or commits any breach of these Bye-Laws, or in any way defaces, lends, or parts with his badge.

### Appendix No. 2.

#### KENT COUNTY COUNCIL.

##### BYE-LAWS.

Bye-Laws made by the Kent County Council at a meeting held on the 9th day of August, 1916, subject to the approval of His Majesty's Privy Council:—

###### (1) STREET NOISES AND STREET CRIES.

No person shall, for the purpose of hawking, selling, distributing, or advertising any article, or for the purpose of purchasing or collecting rags, bones, bottles, or old clothes, shout or use any bell, gong, or other noisy instrument in any street or public place, so as to cause disturbance or annoyance to inhabitants of the neighbourhood.

No person shall in any street or public place for the purpose of selling or advertising any article or obtaining custom, tout or importune to the annoyance or obstruction of any passenger.

The Bye-Laws made by the Kent County Council on the 21st February, 1906, as to street noises and street cries and noisy animals are hereby rescinded.

(2) NOISY ANIMALS.

No person shall keep within any house, building or premises any noisy animal which shall be or cause a serious nuisance to residents in the neighbourhood. Provided that no proceedings shall be taken against any person for an offence against this bye-law unless the nuisance be continued after the expiration of a fortnight from the date of the service on such person of a notice alleging a nuisance, signed by not less than three householders residing within hearing of the animal.

Every person who shall offend against either of the foregoing bye-laws shall be liable for every such offence to a fine not exceeding forty shillings.

The area of the administrative County of Kent to which the above bye-laws shall apply is the area of the Urban Districts of Beckenham, Bexley, Broadstairs and St. Peters, Cheriton, Chislehurst, Dartford, Erith, Foles Cray, Herne Bay, Northfleet, Penge, Sandgate, Sevenoaks, Sheerness, Sittingbourne, Southborough, Tonbridge, Whitstable and Walmer, the Rural Districts of Dartford, Faversham, Hoo, Maidstone and Milton, and the Parishes of Birchington, Minster and Westgate-on-Sea in the Isle of Thanet Rural District.

BYE-LAWS AS TO STREET NOISES AND STREET CRIES AND  
NOISY ANIMALS.

A two-thirds quorum not being present, paragraph 3 of the Report was withdrawn.

On the motion of the Right Hon. Laurence Hardy, M.P. (in the absence of the Chairman of the Committee) duly seconded, it was **Resolved** :—

“That the Report, as amended, be received, and the recommendations therein contained be adopted.”

BECKENHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MIDWIVES.

“That the application of the Beckenham Urban District Council for the delegation to them in respect of their area of this Council's powers under the Midwives Act, 1902, be refused.”

INSTITUTIONAL TREATMENT OF UNINSURED PERSONS.

“That the County Medical Officer be authorised to increase the number of uninsured persons under treatment for tuberculosis to sixty, as opportunity offers for securing beds up to that number.”

EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN ACT, 1903.

BYE-LAWS—TONBRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT.

“That the following Bye-Laws be made and sealed with the Common Seal of the Council and submitted to the Secretary of State for confirmation by him,”  
viz. :—

EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN ACT, 1903.—TONBRIDGE  
URBAN DISTRICT.

Bye-Laws made pursuant to the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of the Employment of Children Act, 1903, regulating the Employment of children within the Tonbridge Urban District, and street trading therein by persons under sixteen.

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- 6.—A licence to engage in street trading shall not be refused by the County Council to any person between the ages of 14 and 16 applying for it except on the ground that the applicant is, by reason of physical or mental deficiency, unfit to trade in the streets, or that he has not his parents' or guardians' consent to his being so employed.
- 7.—Licences shall be granted, free of charge, to expire on the 31st day of December following.
- 8.—Every licensed person while engaged in street trading shall wear in a prominent position a badge, to be provided free of charge, by the County Council.
- 9.—No licensed person shall, in any street or public place, for the purpose of selling or advertising any article, or obtaining custom, tout or importune to the annoyance or obstruction of passengers.
- 10.—The County Council may suspend or revoke any licence if the holder uses the same as a cloak for begging, imposition, or other improper use, or is convicted of any offence, or commits any breach of these Bye-laws, or in any way defaces, lends or parts with his badge.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER UPON TUBERCULOSIS AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF SANATORIUM BENEFIT.

The Annual Report of the County Medical Officer upon Tuberculosis and the Administration of Sanatorium Benefit for the year 1915 was laid before the Council.

**It was resolved:—**

“That the report be received.”

NAVAL AND MILITARY WAR PENSIONS, &C., ACT, 1915.

On the motion of The Right Hon. Laurence Hardy, M.P., seconded by Mr. Shea, it was **Resolved:—**

“That this Council is of opinion that all supplemental pensions, grants and allowances, including the care and provision for disabled Officers, Sailors and Soldiers under the Naval and Military War Pensions, &c., Act, 1915, should be defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament.”

**It was Resolved:—**

APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON THE KENT LOCAL COMMITTEE.

“That Mr. William Paine, of Ivanhoe, Maidstone Road, Chatham, be appointed a representative of the Council to serve on the Kent Local Committee.”

MENTAL DEFICIENCY ACT, 1913.

“That the Common Seal of the County Council be affixed to an application to the Board of Control for their approval of the Maidstone Union Workhouse for the reception of Mental Defectives.”

REPORT OF INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A Report of the Industrial School Committee was laid before the Council.

Report of the Industrial School Committee to the Kent County Council at a Meeting held on Wednesday, the 9th day of August, 1916.

1. BOYS.

Your Committee report that there were on the 30th June last 180 boys in the School, as against 176 at the end of the previous quarter.

The Superintendent reports the admission of twelve boys, viz.:—Six from the county area, two from Chatham, one from Ramsgate, one from Tunbridge Wells, and two from Poor Law Authorities.

During the quarter seven boys have been disposed of as follows:—Five have enlisted into the band of Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, one has commenced work in Sheerness Dockyard, and one was transferred to Redhill Reformatory.

The sales during the quarter amounted to £180 4s. 7d., and produce was consumed in the school to the value of £161 13s. 4d. The bills now presented for payment amount to £916 3s. 1d.

2. SUPERANNUATION OF INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL OFFICERS.

Your Committee have had under consideration a report of the Departmental Committee appointed to prepare a scheme for the Superannuation of Officers of Reformatory and Industrial Schools.

The proposed scheme provides that deferred annuities payable at 65 should be purchased through an Insurance Company or Companies.

The Local Authority will be responsible for the payment of the premiums, ranging from 8 to 10% of the salary and emoluments of the officer, the actual percentage varying according to the officer's age at the commencement of the scheme.

A contribution from the officer is provided for, of a sum varying from 3 to 4% of the salary paid to him by the Local Authority, and the Local Authority will receive from the Home Office Variable Grant a sum equivalent to 50% of the actual sum expended by the School Managers in the payment of premiums.

All the eligible officers at Kingsnorth Industrial School have signified their willingness to participate in such a scheme should it be brought into operation, and the County Accountant estimates that the maximum annual cost to the county would be £77 13s. 5d.

This figure includes the cost of the provision on free superannuation pensions to those officers who have reached the age of 65 at the time of commencement of the scheme.

The scheme proposes to impose it as a duty upon the Local Authority that such free pensions shall be provided, and that the officers concerned shall not be required to contribute anything towards them.

Upon the retirement of those officers who are in receipt of the free supplementary pensions, the cost to the county will, of course, diminish, until in due course there will remain no free pensions to provide for, after which time the estimated annual cost to the county will be £30 only. It is proposed in the Report that a Committee of Managers of Industrial and Reformatory Schools should be formed to negotiate with an Insurance Company and report to the Home Secretary.

Until this Committee has been formed it would appear that no more can be done by your Committee than to give an expression of their approval of the scheme in principle and to defer making any recommendation to the County Council thereon until a future date. The Finance Committee has been asked to consider the scheme and to recommend its approval by the Council.

3. OLD BOYS.

Your Committee have great pleasure in reporting that since presenting their last report to the County Council news has been received that another of the old boys of the School has been awarded a Commission for distinguished conduct with His Majesty's Army on active service, this making the third old boy to receive this distinction during the present war.

CHARLES IGGLESDEN,

Chairman.

Sessions House,  
Maidstone,  
August, 1916.

On the motion of Mr. Igglesden (Chairman of the Committee), duly seconded, it was Resolved:—

“That the Report be received and adopted.”

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A Report of the Finance Committee was laid before the Council.

Report of the Finance Committee to the Kent County Council at a Meeting held on Wednesday, the 9th day of August, 1916.

1. RATES.

Your Committee recommend the Council to order that the following rates be made, to become payable on the 1st day of December next, viz. :—

A General County Rate of 2d. in the £ (of which 1½d. is to be applicable to General County Purposes, and ½d. to the purposes of Higher Education).

A Special County Rate for the purposes of Elementary Education of 3½d. in the £.

Your Committee also recommend the Council to order that Special Rates be levied under s. 18 (1) (a) (c) and (d) of the Education Act, 1902, and s. 14 (2) of the Education (Administrative Provisions) Act, 1907, upon certain parishes to recover a proportion of the amounts expended in respect of capital, rent, loans and conveyance of children.

A schedule showing the names of the parishes and the amounts of the special rates is open to inspection at the office of the Clerk of the Council.

2. EDUCATION COMMITTEE'S QUARTERLY ESTIMATES.

The total amount of the Education Committee's estimate of the sum required to be paid to their Treasurer for expenditure on Elementary Education during the quarter ending 31st December next is £83,435. The total includes a sum of £130 for capital expenditure in the improvement of Council Schools, the details of which are set out in the Appendix to the Education Committee's report. Your Committee recommend that the estimate be approved, and that three-fourths of the capital expenditure be charged on the parishes served, in the proportions recommended by the Education Committee.

For Higher Education the Committee's requirements are for a sum of £38,640. The total includes a sum of £470 for Capital Expenditure.

3. ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION ACT, 1915.

By this Act, which came into force on the 29th July, 1915, the Parliamentary and Local Government Registers existing at that date are continued in force during 1916, and contracts already entered into for the preparation of new registers for 1916 are (so far as respects that purpose) annulled. Payments are, however, permitted by the Act in respect of work done before the 1st August, 1915, in the preparation of such registers. It is provided that if any question arises as to any such payment, that question shall be referred to the Local Government Board. The Council on the 5th September, 1914, entered into a contract with Wm. Hobbs & Sons, Ltd., of Maidstone, for the printing of the registers for the years 1915, 1916 and 1917. In respect of work done before the 1st August, 1915, for the purpose of printing the Registers of 1916, the contractors claim a sum of £258 8s. 5d. Your Committee consider the claim excessive and are unable to recommend the Council to pay it. The contractors, however, decline to modify it. A question has therefore arisen with regard to the payment to be made, and your Committee recommend that in accordance with the Act it be referred to the Local Government Board for decision.

4. SUPERANNUATION OF INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL OFFICERS.

Your Committee have considered the report of the Industrial School Committee on this subject, and concur in recommending the Council to approve the scheme in principle and to participate in it as soon as it can be brought into operation.

5. REPAYMENT OF COUNTY RATES.

The Overseers of the parishes of Beckenham, Bromley and St. Mary Cray have renewed their applications to the Council for the repayment of a portion of the sums paid by those parishes for County rates between July, 1914, and March, 1915. During that period the assessments of the railways in those parishes (which had been raised by £30,000) were under appeal, with the result that they were ultimately reduced by the amounts mentioned in the petition which has been circulated to the Council.

The Council in May, 1915, gave effect to this reduction in the County basis and precepts for County rates issued in that month and since have been on the reduced assessment.

The Overseers' application is that the reduction may be made retrospective and that a proper proportion of the amounts paid on the old figures may be refunded. For such repayments there is no legal authority, and if made they would be subject to disallowance at audit, unless the Local Government Board would consent to sanction them under the Local Authorities (Expenses) Act, 1887. The matter has already been dealt with by the Council, your Committee having reported upon it in August last, recommending that the Council should adhere to the rule of making only payments for which there is legal warranty. To this principle the Council assented, and your Committee now recommend the Council to adhere to that decision. There are here no special circumstances entitling the applicants to ask the Council to depart from a practice from which hitherto the Council has never deviated. In every case when the Basis is partially revised to meet special reductions the Council is asked to make the relief retrospective, and this has always been refused as being beyond the Council's powers. If the increased assessments had been maintained on appeal the County basis would have derived no benefit from it until the next general revision of the basis, and the parishes would meanwhile have escaped the payment of county rates on the increase. Your Committee recommend the Council to again refuse the application.

6. INDUSTRIAL AND REFORMATORY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee recommend that agreements be entered into with the Managers of the undermentioned Industrial and Reformatory Schools for the reception into their institutions of children from this County at the following rates of maintenance, viz. :—

Name of School or Institution.	Rate of Maintenance.
Herts Reformatory School ... ..	4s. 6d. per week, and £3 towards cost of outfit on discharge
St. John's (Walthamstow) Reformatory ... ..	4s. 6d. per week, and £3 for outfit on disposal
Philanthropic Society's Reformatory School for Boys, Redhill ... ..	4s. 6d. per week, and £3 for outfit on disposal

7. PENSIONS AND SALARIES.

Your Committee recommend the Council to order payment, on the 1st October next, to the several officers and annuitants named in the list, which will be submitted to the Council, the sums set against the names of each, being the sums respectively to become due to them on that day.

8. BILLS.

Your Committee present for payment the several Bills and Claims, which they have examined and signed. A schedule of them accompanies this report.

E. W. HUSSEY,

Chairman.

Sessions House, Maidstone,  
August, 1916.

By permission of the Council the undermentioned paragraph was added to the Report:—

WAR BONUS TO EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNCIL.

Your Committee have considered the addendum to the Kent Education Committee's Report dealing with a suggested bonus to be given to employees, but they cannot, however, recommend the Council to give any assent to the principle of a war bonus until some information has been furnished as to the probable cost.

It was moved by Mr. E. W. Hussey (Chairman of the Committee):—

“That the Report, as amended, be received, and the recommendation therein contained be adopted.”

WAR BONUS.

Whereupon it was moved by Mr. Pillman, by way of amendment to the report,

“That a Committee be appointed to consider any case of hardship amongst the employees of the Council, but no general scheme of war bonus be adopted.

“That the Committee shall consist of members of the Council and that they be empowered to make recommendations to the Council.”

The amendment was seconded by Sir H. A. H. F. Lennard, Bart., but upon being put to the Council it was declared to be lost.

Whereupon it was moved by Mr. Brown, by way of amendment,

WAR BONUS.

“That this Council assents to the principle of a War Bonus being paid to its employees.”

The amendment was seconded by Mr. Shea, and upon being put to the Council was declared to be carried.

The amendment was then put as a substantive motion and declared to be carried.

BROMLEY UNION.—REPAYMENT OF COUNTY RATES.

Whereupon it was moved by Mr. Pillman by way of amendment to paragraph 5 of the Report.

“That paragraph 5 of the Report be deleted and the following words substituted, viz. :—

“That the application of the Overseers for repayment of that portion of the County precepts which have been refunded legally to the Railway Company should be acceded to, provided that sanction can be obtained from the Local Government Board.”

The amendment was seconded by Mr. T. May, but upon being put to the meeting was declared to be lost.

Whereupon ten members of the Council demanded a division.

Upon the list of members being called over by the Clerk of the Council, the members of the Council answered as follows:—

AYE.

Mr. Ames	Mr. May
„ Amos	„ J. Lawrence Mitchell
„ Billingham	„ Nicholson
„ Coles Child	„ Norman
„ B. Grant	„ Pillman
„ Cardross Grant	„ Shea
„ Hewlett	„ Tower
„ Lawrence	„ Wilford

No.

Mr. Cobbett Barker	Mr. Kenneth McAlpine
„ Berry	„ Randall Mercer
Lt.-Col. Borton	„ Monckton
Mr. Brown	„ Mumford
„ Church	Col. Passby
Sir Mark Collet, Bart.	Mr. Payne
Hon. H. A. Hannen	„ Penney
Rt. Hon. Laurence Hardy, M.P.	„ Fitzwalter Plumpton
Mr. H. Harrison	„ Quedsted
„ Harston	„ Rhodes
„ Headley	„ Sayer
Col. Hill	„ Shone
Mr. Hulkes	„ Smith
„ Hussey	„ Spoor
„ Igglesden	„ Tapp
Capt. Jaffray	„ Thomson
Mr. Kingsland	„ Tomson
„ Knight	„ Tuff
„ A. C. Leney	„ Wakeley
Sir H. A. H. F. Lennard, Bart.	„ Waring
Mr. Manwaring	„ Wilbee
„ George Marsham	„ Williams
„ Maxted	

The voting on the Division having been 16 for the amendment and 45 against, the Chairman declared the amendment lost.

**It was Resolved:—**

“That the Report as amended be received and the recommendations therein contained adopted.”

COUNTY RATES AND CONTRIBUTIONS.

“That the following Rates be levied on the parishes in the County liable to the same respectively, to be paid to the County Treasurers on or before the 1st December, 1916, viz.:—

“A General County Rate of 2d. in the £ (of which 1½d. is to be applicable to General County Purposes, and ½d. to the purposes of Higher Education).

“A Special County Rate for the purposes of Elementary Education of 3½d. in the £.

“That Special Rates be levied under Section 18 (1) (a) (c) and (d) of the Education Act, 1902, and Section 14 (2) of the Education (Administrative Provisions) Act, 1907, upon the parishes mentioned in the schedule now submitted to the Council by the Clerk of the Council, to recover the amounts shown opposite the names of the respective parishes expended in respect of capital, rent, loans for the purposes of Higher and Elementary Education, and conveyance of children, less any balance in hand to the credit of such parishes.”

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE'S ESTIMATES.

"That the Estimate of Expenditure for the quarter ending 31st December, 1916, in respect of Elementary Education (as set out in Appendix 8 of the Fifty-fifth Report of the Education Committee) be approved and that the sum of £83,435 (which includes a sum of £130 for Capital Expenditure) be paid to the Treasurers of the Education Committee on the 1st day of October, 1916, or as soon thereafter and in such amounts as circumstances permit.

"That three-fourths of the Capital Expenditure of £130 mentioned on page 60 of the Fifty-fifth Report of the Education Committee be charged on the parishes served by the schools in the proportion specified.

"That the estimate of Expenditure for the quarter ending 31st December, 1916, in respect of Higher Education (as set out in Appendix 8 of the Fifty-fifth Report of the Education Committee) be approved, and that the sum of £38,640 (which includes a sum of £470 for Capital Expenditure) be paid to the Treasurers of the Education Committee on the 1st day of October, 1916, or as soon thereafter and in such amounts as circumstances permit."

## REGISTER OF VOTERS.

"That this Council considers the claim of William Hobbs & Sons, Limited, of Maidstone, for the payment to them of a sum of £258 8s. 5d. in respect of work done before the 1st August, 1915, for the purpose of printing the registers of electors for the year 1916, excessive, and resolves that the matter be referred, under section (3) (2) of the Elections and Registration Act, 1915, to the Local Government Board for decision by the Board."

## SUPERANNUATION OF INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL OFFICERS.

"That approval be given in principle to the scheme for the superannuation of Industrial School Officers, and that such scheme be participated in as soon as it can be brought into operation."

## BROMLEY UNION.—REPAYMENT OF COUNTY RATES.

"That the application of the Overseers of the Parishes of Beckenham, Bromley and St. Mary Cray for the repayment of County Rates be again refused."

## INDUSTRIAL AND REFORMATORY SCHOOLS.

"That agreements be entered into with the Managers of the undermentioned Industrial and Reformatory Schools for the reception into their institutions of children from this County at the following rates of maintenance, viz.":—

Name of School or Institution.	Rate of Maintenance.
Herts Reformatory School ... ..	4s. 6d. per week, and £3 towards cost of outfit on discharge
St. John's (Walthamstow) Reformatory	4s. 6d. per week, and £3 for outfit on disposal
Philanthropic Society's Reformatory School for Boys, Redhill	4s. 6d. per week, and £3 for outfit on disposal
Devon and Exeter Girls' Reformatory	4s. per week for one year, from the 1st April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917, and £2 for outfit on discharge.
King Edward Industrial School, Hackney, N.E.	Such a sum as will with the Treasury Grant make up a total sum of 11s. per week, and £3 for outfit on discharge, as from 1st April, 1916.
Industrial Training Ship "Clio" .....	4s. 6d. to 10s. 6d. per week, from 1st April, 1916, and an outfit grant of £2 10s. for each boy sent to sea, and £1 for each boy sent home.
Ipswich Girls' Reformatory .....	4s. per week from 1st April, 1916, and £2 for outfit on discharge.
St. Mary's Industrial School, West Croydon	6s. 6d. per week.

LIST OF FIXED PAYMENTS.

A Schedule of Pensions and Salaries due on the 1st October, 1916, having been presented by the Finance Committee and recommended for payment,

**It was Resolved:—**

“That such Pensions and Salaries be paid by the County Treasurers and charged to the several accounts to which they belong.”

ORDERS ON COUNTY TREASURERS.

A Schedule of Bills and Claims (a copy of which was forwarded to each member of the Council) having been presented by the Finance Committee and recommended for payment,

**It was Resolved:—**

“That such Bills and Claims be paid by the County Treasurers and charged to the several accounts to which they belong, subject to any variations which may become necessary after the consideration of the Reports which are still to be dealt with at this Meeting.”

FINANCE COMMITTEE.—APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER.

“That Mr. K. E. Chalmers be appointed a member of the Finance Committee.”

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

The Finance Committee submitted an Abstract of the Receipts and Expenditure of the County Council (for other than Education purposes) during the quarter ended 30th June, 1916.

OLD AGE PENSIONS ACTS.

A statement showing the number of claims dealt with by the Sub-Committees acting for the areas in which the Kent Local Pension Committee is the Pension Authority, with the aggregate annual amount of pensions allowed, was received.

OLD AGE PENSIONS ACTS AND REGULATIONS.

Statement showing the number of Claims dealt with by the Sub-Committees acting for the areas in which the Kent Local Pension Committee is the Pension Authority with the aggregate annual amount of Pensions allowed.

Period.	Number of Claims dealt with.	Number of Claims disallowed.	Number of Claims dealt with on appeal by the Local Government Board.	Aggregate Annual Amount of Pensions allowed.		
				£	s.	d.
Year ended 30th September, 1909	10,159	1,317	200	108,706	17	0
Year ended 30th September, 1910	1,943	343	81	22,861	12	0
Year ended 30th September, 1911	5,312	467	189	64,434	2	0
Year ended 30th September, 1912	2,398	320	115	28,409	10	0
Year ended 30th September, 1913	2,226	270	62	25,974	13	0
Year ended 30th September, 1914	2,075	261	72	23,603	4	0
Year ended 30th September, 1915	1,929	251	55	22,159	8	0
Quarter ended 31st December, 1915	465	58	18	5,062	4	0
Quarter ended 31st March, 1916	522	78	19	5,657	12	0
Quarter ended 30th June, 1916	407	56	20	4,404	8	0

EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The Quarterly Report of the Education Committee was laid before the County Council.

It was moved by Mr. Berry (Chairman of the Committee), duly seconded, and Resolved:—

“That the Report be received and the recommendations therein contained be adopted.”

EDUCATION COMMITTEES.

“That the following persons be recommended for appointment on the undermentioned Education Committees”:

Name and Address.	Education Committee.
Colonel Sir Stephen Penfold, 70, Cheriton Road, Folkestone	Folkestone
Thomas Rhodes, Esq., “Ardlui,” Pelham Road, Gravesend, and Mrs. Ernestine E. Wilks, “Kenmore,” Old Road, Gravesend	Gravesend
T. Houghton Watson, Esq., B.A., 23, Lansdown Road, Tunbridge Wells	Tunbridge Wells

REPORT OF THE BRIDGES AND ROADS COMMITTEE.

A Report of the Bridges and Roads Committee was laid before the Council.

Report of the Bridges and Roads Committee of the Kent County Council, presented to the Council at a meeting held on the 9th day of August, 1916.

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (EMERGENCY PROVISIONS) ACT, 1916.

By s. 20 of this Act omnibuses are prohibited from the 17th May, 1916, to ply for hire on any route, not being a recognised route for such vehicles, except with the consent of the Highway Authorities of the districts through which the route runs. No route is a recognised or privileged route unless it has been regularly used by such vehicles within two years prior to the 1st March, 1916. The routes to be approved and the conditions to be imposed (which will probably provide for a contribution towards road repairs on a basis of mileage travelled or on a basis of horse power and carrying capacity of motor vehicles) must be arrived at by agreement between the Highway Authorities concerned. When this has been done it is desirable that the County Council, as the chief Main Road Authority, should be authorised by the other Highway Authorities to act as their agent in arranging with the omnibus owners and in collecting and distributing the contributions. Your Committee propose, with the Council's sanction, to approach the Highway Authorities of the County on the subject, and if necessary to obtain the co-operation of the Councils of adjoining counties.

2. TRANSPORT OF MUNITION WORKERS.

Arrangements are being made by the Ministry of Munitions for the conveyance of workers to Crayford and Erith, and for this purpose it is necessary that some of the Main Roads in North Kent should be put into better repair. The Road Board has agreed to bear any expenditure incurred which exceeds the estimated cost for the current year. The sections of road concerned are those between Bexley and Dartford, the approach to St. Paul's Cray, the road between Sidcup and Swanley Junction and the Main Road through Crayford. The proposed contribution to the cost is quite satisfactory, and your Committee recommend the Council to agree to the work being put in hand.

### 3. DEVELOPMENT AND ROAD IMPROVEMENT ACT, 1909.

The Road Board has agreed to make further grants amounting to £3,640 towards the improvement of certain sections of Main Road which are urgently in need of strengthening and re-surfacing. The particulars are as follows:—

Road.	Work.	Cost.	Grant.
Swanley Junction to Farningham	To be surfaced with slag tar macadam	£5,103	£1,330
Ashford to Smeeth .....	Ditto .....	£5,667	£1,530
Larkfield to Ditton .....	To be strengthened with Kent rag tar macadam and surfaced with bitumen	£2,042	£780
		£12,812	£3,640

The Council's share of the cost of this work will not increase the total estimate for the year, as the shortage of labour and material make it impossible to proceed with all the work that was intended to be done. Your Committee recommend that the above mentioned works be authorised and the grants offered accepted.

A grant of £500 has also been promised towards the cost of surfacing with slag tar macadam the Main Road at Bexley Heath, the total expenditure of the Bexley Urban District Council being estimated at £1,343 14s.

Grants amounting to £1,020 have also been promised towards the cost of surface tarring of district roads in Chislehurst and in the Bromley, Dartford and Strood Rural Districts.

### 4. MAIN ROAD PLANT.

The Council in May last sanctioned the expenditure of £400 in the purchase of a new machine for crushing shingle on the beds at West Hythe, of which the Council are lessees.

The experiment of crushing shingle for use when treated with pitch and tar as a surfacing material has had a three years trial, and is an undoubted success, and your Committee consider that in the present shortage of labour the Council should authorise the provision of a plant which will obviate the handling of the material either before or after crushing. Your Committee have approved a plan showing in detail the plant required, which includes an elevating plant, a rotary drier, belt conveyers, hoppers and a gantry. The cost would be approximately £900, and would not in any case exceed £1,000. The West Hythe beds are leased to the Council for a term of 21 years, commencing the 1st day of March, 1913, the lease being determinable by the Council only, and not by the lessor, at the end of the fifth, seventh, tenth and fifteenth years of the term. A royalty of 6d. per cubic yard of shingle removed is payable. Negotiations for a reduction of this royalty are proceeding, in view of the fact that the proposed plant, if erected, will enable a very much larger quantity of beach to be taken and dealt with. If these negotiations fail it may become advisable to select another site for the new plant. Your Committee are well aware how necessary it is at the present time to avoid all fresh expenditure, but in the present dearth of labour and material they feel justified in strongly recommending the Council to authorise an expenditure of a sum not exceeding £1,000 in providing this plant, with its double advantage of the saving of labour and increase of production.

### 5. MANUAL LABOUR.

On the 1st July, 1916, the number of roadmen engaged by the Council was 376, and, in addition, there were 30 women. On the 1st July, 1915, the number of men was 550, and on the 1st July, 1914, the number was 730.

Application was made to the Maidstone Tribunal for the exemption of 52 men, and for 49 of these conditional exemption was granted.

### 6. FOLKESTONE TO DOVER MAIN ROAD.

While the traffic on this road was blocked in consequence of the landslip which occurred at Capel in January last, a great deal of it was diverted to the Alkham Valley Road, with the result that additional expense has been caused to the Dover

Rural District Council for its repair. The District Council have asked for a contribution from the Council towards this extra cost. Your Committee recommend that a payment of £50 be made under the power given by s. 11 (10) of the Local Government Act, 1888.

#### 7. MOTOR TRAFFIC, DARTFORD.

Your Committee have inquired into a request from the Dartford Urban District Council that the County Council would make application to the Local Government Board for a speed limit order in certain streets of Dartford. The physical condition and congested state of parts of these streets render a speed limit unnecessary, as fast travelling is practically impossible. The traffic, however, on both East Hill and West Hill is liable to become a source of danger, especially to the schools which adjoin. After a conference on the spot it was agreed by all concerned that the difficulty could be met by the erection, at suitable spots, of four notice boards warning drivers to restrict the speed at those points to eight miles an hour. If these are effectual no further action need be taken.

#### 8. FRANKS BRIDGE, HEADCORN.

The Council in May last sanctioned an expenditure of £250 in the rebuilding of this bridge. The lowest tender which your Committee can recommend for acceptance is for £315 9s. 6d., and your Committee recommend that they be authorised to accept it.

#### 9. BRIM OR KITFORD BRIDGE.

The Council in May last sanctioned an expenditure of £100 in the repair of this bridge, subject to the East Sussex County Council agreeing to pay one half. The lowest tender obtainable is for a sum of £128 8s. 6d., and your Committee recommend that they be authorised to accept subject to the same condition.

#### 10. GREBLE BRIDGE.

This bridge which is partly within the Borough of Tenterden and is jointly maintainable by the County and Borough Councils, was in urgent need of repairs, which are being carried out by a local contractor on a schedule of prices, the cost being estimated not to exceed £120, of which the Borough Council will pay one half. Your Committee recommend the Council to sanction the payment of the other moiety.

#### 11. PAYMENTS TO URBAN AUTHORITIES.

Your Committee have approved payments to Urban Authorities in respect of the period ended 31st March, 1916, amounting to £11,498 12s. 9d.

#### 12. BILLS AND CLAIMS.

A schedule of payments due for materials and other accounts has been forwarded to the Finance Committee.

A. C. NORMAN,

Chairman.

Sessions House, Maidstone,  
August, 1916.

It was moved by Mr. Norman, Chairman of the Committee :

“That the Report be received, and the recommendations therein contained be adopted.”

The motion was duly seconded, whereupon it was moved by Mr. Shea, by way of amendment to paragraph 5 of the Report:—

#### MANUAL LABOUR.

“That in the opinion of the Council steps should at once be taken by the Government to make the necessary arrangement whereby German prisoners of war interned in England can be placed at the disposal of the various County Councils in England and Wales for the purpose of their employment in getting stone for and in the maintenance and repair of the County Main Roads.”

The Chairman ruled the amendment out of order,

Whereupon it was moved by Mr. Shea:—

That the Standing Orders relating to notices of motion be suspended to enable the amendment to be put.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Igglesden, but upon being put to the meeting was declared to be lost. The original motion was then put to the meeting and declared to be carried.

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**It was Resolved:—****OMNIBUS ROUTES.**

"That the Bridges and Roads Committee be authorised to approach all the Highway Authorities in the County with a view to an agreement being arrived at between the Highway Authorities as to the routes to be approved and conditions to be imposed in connection with omnibus traffic to which the provisions of Section 20 of the Local Government (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1916, apply, and if necessary to obtain the co-operation of the councils of adjoining counties."

**TRANSPORT OF MUNITION WORKERS.**

"That sanction be given to the undermentioned main roads being put in a better state of repair for the conveyance of munition workers to Crayford and Erith by motor busses, towards the cost of which the Road Board has agreed to bear any expenditure incurred which exceeds the estimated cost for the current year, viz. :—

- (a) The London-Dover Road between Bexley and Dartford.
- (b) From the junction with the road to Orpington Station to Nash's Paper Mills at St. Paul's Cray.
- (c) The London-Folkestone Road from the Black Horse, Sidcup, to Swanley Junction Station.
- (d) From the London-Dover Road at Crayford through the High Street to the Erith Urban District Boundary at Crayford North End."

**DEVELOPMENT AND ROAD IMPROVEMENT ACT, 1909.**

"That the undermentioned works of improvement of certain sections of Main Road be authorised, and the grants offered by the Road Board accepted," viz. :—

Road.	Work.	Cost.	Grant.
Swanley Junction to Farningham	To be surfaced with slag tar macadam	£5,103	£1,330
Ashford to Smeeth .....	Ditto .....	£5,667	£1,530
Larkfield to Ditton .....	To be strengthened with Kent rag tar macadam and surfaced with bitumen carpeting	£2,042	780
		£12,812	£3,640

**MAIN ROAD PLANT.**

"That the Bridges and Roads Committee be authorised to provide, in accordance with the plan now submitted and approved, an elevating plant, a rotary drier, belt conveyors, hoppers and a gantry, at an estimated cost not exceeding £1,000, for crushing shingle at the Council's works at West Hythe.

**FOLKESTONE TO DOVER MAIN ROAD.**

"That a contribution of £50 be made under the power given by s. 11 (10) of the Local Government Act, 1888, to the Dover Rural District Council towards the additional expense caused to that Council in consequence of the diversion of traffic from the Folkestone to Dover Main Road to the Alkham Valley Road owing to the landslip which occurred at Capel in January last.

**FRANKS BRIDGE, HEADCORN.**

"That the tender of James Wood, of Boughton Monchelsea, for rebuilding Franks Bridge, Headcorn, at the sum of £315 9s. 6d., be accepted, and the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to a contract for such work."

**BRIM OR KITFORD BRIDGE.**

"That the tender of Mr. A. Manktelow, of Groombridge, for the repair, at the sum of £128 8s. 6d., of Brim or Kitford Bridge be accepted, subject to the East Sussex County Council agreeing to pay one-half the cost, and the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to a contract for such work."

**GREBLE BRIDGE.**

"That sanction be given to the payment of a moiety not exceeding £60, towards the cost estimated at £120, of repairing Greble Bridge, which is situate partly within the Borough of Tenterden, and is jointly maintainable by the County and Borough Councils, subject to the Tenterden Town Council paying the other moiety."

REPORT OF THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS, WEIGHTS AND MEASURES AND FOOD AND DRUGS COMMITTEE.

A Report of the Diseases of Animals, Weights and Measures and Food and Drugs Committee was laid before the County Council.

Report to the Kent County Council at a Meeting held on Wednesday, the 9th August, 1916.

1. SWINE FEVER.

The number of outbreaks in the County during the past quarter was distributed as follows:—

Division.	No. of Cases.
Ashford ... ..	19
Bearsted ... ..	2
Bromley ... ..	1
Chatham ... ..	9
Cranbrook ... ..	1
Dartford ... ..	1
Dartford (Met.) ... ..	1
Elham ... ..	15
Faversham ... ..	6
Home ... ..	1
Malling ... ..	1
Sevenoaks ... ..	12
Sittingbourne ... ..	22
Tonbridge ... ..	3
Wingham ... ..	2
	—
	96
	—

Of the above number 63 cases remained on the 30th June last.

In the previous quarter there were 88 cases, and in the corresponding quarter of last year there were 29 cases.

2. RABIES.

No case of Rabies was reported during the quarter.

One dog remained unclaimed on the 31st March last and 246 were seized during the past quarter, making a total of 247 dogs. Of this number 128 were destroyed, 84 claimed, 35 sold, and none remained unclaimed on the 30th June last.

3. GLANDERS.

No case of Glanders was reported during the quarter.

4. ANTHRAX.

One case of Anthrax was reported during the quarter in the Bromley Metropolitan Division.

5. SHEEP SCAB.

No case of Sheep Scab was reported during the quarter.

6. PARASITIC MANGE.

The number of outbreaks in the County during the past quarter was distributed as follows:—

Division.	No. of Cases.
Bromley ... ..	1
Dartford ... ..	1
Faversham ... ..	1
Home ... ..	5
Malling ... ..	1
Sittingbourne ... ..	1
Wingham ... ..	1
	—
	11
	—

Of the above number 5 cases remained on the 30th June last.

In the previous quarter there were 29 cases, and in the corresponding quarter of last year there were 11 cases.

7. PROSECUTIONS.

During the past quarter four persons have been proceeded against for offences committed by them under the Diseases of Animals Acts and Orders. Three of these persons were convicted and fined amounts varying from £1 to 1/-. and one was dismissed.

8. PETROLEUM ACTS, 1871-1879.

Your Committee consider that the time has come when the County Inspectors of Weights and Measures may be relieved of all further duties under the Petroleum Acts. Since the District Councils were made the Local Authority for executing these Acts the duties of the County Inspectors have been advisory only, the issue of licences for the storage of petroleum being in the entire discretion and control of the District Councils. Many of these Councils have relied and still rely on the services of the County Inspectors, but some District Councils have preferred to appoint their own Inspector. In those cases a conflict of opinion may arise between the District Inspector and the County Inspector and the District Council may naturally prefer to be guided by their own Inspector. Obviously this is an overlapping of duties which ought to be brought to an end. Your committee therefore recommend the Council to order that notice be given to all District Councils who have not as yet appointed their own Inspector that from the 1st October next the County Inspectors of Weights and Measures will cease to discharge any duties under the Petroleum Acts, and that they should by that date provide themselves with their own Inspector.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

9. COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

The Report of the County Analyst for the past quarter has been printed and is presented herewith.

MILK.

Your Committee regret to observe that in almost every division of the County there has been during the past quarter a large amount of adulteration of milk both by the addition of water and the abstraction of cream. Such offences are a serious injury to the community, and are especially harmful to the health of the young. At the present time this class of fraud is a lucrative one, and is only to be suppressed by drastic treatment. Only six of the milk cases which were detected during the quarter were dealt with by justices during the quarter, and in these six cases the fines imposed were £2, £2, £2, £1, £1 and 5s. Your Committee are not aware of the special circumstances (if any) in these cases which led to the imposition of these small fines, but, obviously, they are not such as are likely to deter the offenders from repeating the offence, nor will they act as a warning to others not to commit such offences.

10. PROSECUTIONS.

During the past quarter proceedings arising out of the analyses of the undermentioned samples have been taken with the results shown in the following schedule, viz:—

Name of Article.	No. of Sample.	Name and Address of Vendor.	Result of Analysis.	Result of Proceedings.
Milk .....	143 Ashford	Blanche Bowen, Victoria Road, Ashford	5.3 % def. in fat ...	Fined £2
"	178 Bromley (Met.)	Arthur Reed, 28, Green Lane, Penge	7.3 % def. in fat ...	Dismissed
"	4 Chatham	Medway Dairy Co., High Street, Gillingham	5.1 % added water	Fined £2
"	12 Cranbrook	Charles Harris, Coffee Tavern, Goudhurst	7.4 % added water	Fined £1, including costs
"	21 Cranbrook	Walter Edwards, Howland Road, Marden	58.3 % def. in fat...	Fined £1, including costs
"	128 Dartford	Agnes M. Bird, St. Vincent's Road, Dartford	33.3 % def. in fat...	Fined £2
"	159 Dartford (Met.)	J. F. Ealand and A. Vincent, 13, Broadway, Bexley Heath (Proprietors)	8.0 % def. in fat ...	Dismissed
"	198 Dartford (Met.)	Geo. Coyston, 4, Upton Road, Bexley Heath (Servant)	16.0 % def. in fat...	Fined £1
"	124 Elham	Chas. Moccock, 173, Bexley Road, Northumberland Heath	21.3 % def. in fat...	Dismissed
"	71 Malling	Alfred Wm. Bull, Rock Cottage, Hythe Road, Sellinge	12.3 % def. in fat and 2.1 % added water	Fined £2
"	61 Penge ...	Thomas Masson, 1, Reservoir Cottages, Upper Halling	14.3 % def. in fat	Dismissed
"	194 Sittingbourne	Arthur Reed, 28, Green Lane, Penge	12.0 % added water	Dismissed on payment of costs
"	55 Tonbridge	Sheerness Economic Society, Ltd., 32, High Street, Sheerness	8.0 % added water	Fined 5s.
Butter...	168 Dartford (Met.)	Mrs. Ellen Parks, 3a, Speldhurst Road, Southborough	Consisted of Margarine	Fined £3
"	35 Home ...	T. J. Robins, Sidcup Hill, Chislehurst (Owner) W. T. Rising, 31, High Street, Crayford (Manager) Rose Stevens, 17, Duckett's Terrace, Crayford (Assist.) Constantine Thos. Dowley, Whitstable	Consisted of Margarine	Fined £1/13/6 and costs 6/6

## (b) OTHER THAN ADULTERATION.

Nature of Offence.	Name and Address of Defendant.	Result of Proceedings.
Selling Margarine in an unlabelled wrapper	William Henry Hewitt, The Brook, Chatham	Fined 9s.
Ditto...	Dina Summers, Fair Row, Chatham	Fined 9s.

## 11. OFFICIAL AGRICULTURAL ANALYST'S REPORT.

The Report of the Official Agricultural Analyst for the past quarter has been printed and is presented herewith.

SESSIONS HOUSE,

MAIDSTONE,

3rd July, 1916.

To the Kent County Council.

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

During the quarter ended the 30th June, 1916, 48 samples of fertilisers and feeding stuffs were submitted for analysis, of which 42 were samples of fertilisers and 6 feeding stuffs. Of the samples of fertilisers 8 were pronounced to be unsatisfactory, and of the feeding stuffs 2 were unsatisfactory. The Official Sampler took 22 of the samples with the formalities required under the Act, 14 being submitted by him informally, whilst 12 were submitted by private purchasers. In addition one sample of bluestone, two of sulphur washes, three of nicotine soap, one of soft soap and one sample of nicotine were analysed.

In the majority of instances the deficiencies in guaranteed constituents in the samples certified to be of unsatisfactory quality was not large. Phosphates, however, were deficient in one sample of meat and bone meal to the extent of 5.2%, whilst a sample of Kentish manure gave results 1.0% low in phosphates and 1.2% in ammonia. In one instance a Peruvian guano was found to be low in ammonia, the deficiency being equal to 1.3%.

Two unsatisfactory samples of feeding stuffs one was deficient by 10% in albuminoids, the other instance an excessive quantity of sand was present. In the latter sample which consisted of ground earth nut cake, the sand was probably present owing to the nuts having been imperfectly cleaned before the removal of the shell.

(1) FERTILISERS.  
(a) FORMAL SAMPLES.

Name of Fertiliser.	Date of Receipt Sample.	Name and Address of Seller.	Submitted by Official Sampler (OS) or by Private Person (PP).	Percentages.	ANALYSIS.							
					Moisture.	Nitrogen.	Total Phosphates.	Phosphates Soluble in Water.	Phosphates Insoluble in Water.	Phosphates Soluble in 2% Citric Acid Solution.	Potash.	Ammonia.
Basic Slag	5/4/16	Cheeseman & Newington, Wadhurst	OS	Found Guaranteed	— —	— —	— —	— —	2.49	18.16 18.0	— —	— —
Peruvian Guano	5/4/16	T. Manwaring & Co., Tonbridge	OS	Found Guaranteed	18.41 —	10.91 —	25.81 26.0	— —	— —	— —	2.50 2.25	13.24 14.5
Bone Meal	6/4/16	Acme Chemical Co., Tonbridge	OS	Found Guaranteed	10.23 —	4.14 —	45.29 45.0	— —	— —	— —	— —	5.03 4.75
Peruvian Guano	10/4/16	F. Elgar, Faversham	OS	Found Guaranteed	15.32 —	6.36 —	33.09 30.0	— —	— —	— —	2.29 2.0	7.72 7.0
Peruvian Guano	12/4/16	C. Foreman & Sons, Headcorn	OS	Found Guaranteed	22.57 —	8.55 —	25.44 24.0	— —	— —	— —	2.37 2.0	10.39 10.0
Peruvian Guano	12/4/16	Ditto	OS	Found Guaranteed	20.30 —	9.24 —	24.10 24.0	— —	— —	— —	2.20 2.0	11.22 10.0
Peruvian Guano	17/4/16	Ditto	OS	Found Guaranteed	21.48 —	8.95 —	24.31 24.0	— —	— —	— —	2.29 —	10.86 10.0
Peruvian Guano	19/4/16	De Pass Trust, Fenchurch Buildings, E.C.	OS	Found Guaranteed	20.18 —	8.44 —	23.96 24.0	— —	— —	— —	2.13 2.0	10.25 10.0
Potato Manure	25/4/16	Pattullo Higgs, Orpington	OS	Found Guaranteed	7.23 —	6.73 —	— —	17.29 14.0	2.77	—	3.02 3.0	8.18 8.0
Meat and Bone Meal	25/4/16	Ditto	OS	Found Guaranteed	6.96 —	5.67 —	29.79 35.0	— —	— —	— —	— —	6.88 6.50
Potato Manure	26/4/16	Ditto	OS	Found Guaranteed	7.05 —	6.24 —	— —	18.19 14.0	2.57	—	3.00 3.0	7.58 8.0
Crushed Hoof and Horn	7/5/16	F. Keeley, Aylesford	OS	Found Guaranteed	15.15 —	13.76 —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	16.71 16.17
Raw Peruvian Guano	10/5/16	Anglo-Continental Works, Billitter Street, E.C.	OS	Found Guaranteed	12.47 —	4.42 —	38.69 35.0	— —	— —	— —	2.43 2.0	5.37 5.50
Hoof and Horn Meal	15/5/16	Pattullo, Higgs, Orpington	OS	Found Guaranteed	12.33 —	13.57 —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	16.47 15.0
Bone and Meat Meal	17/5/16	Wakeley Bros., Rainham	OS	Found Guaranteed	8.22 —	6.50 —	30.78 30.0	— —	— —	— —	— —	7.90 8.0
Kali Phos. No. 2	22/5/16	R. W. Goold, 36, Exchange, E.C.	OS	Found Guaranteed	12.63 —	0.81 —	— —	21.59 20.0	9.37	—	— —	0.99 1.0
Fish Guano	25/5/16	Storr & Co., Maidstone	OS	Found Guaranteed	10.83 —	8.15 —	14.07 13.0	— —	— —	— —	— —	9.89 9.5
Hop Manure	25/5/16	W. & C. Noakes, Horsmonden	OS	Found Guaranteed	11.50 —	5.21 —	— —	17.44 15.0	12.55	—	1.75 1.5	6.32 6.0
Fish Guano	5/6/16	F. Keeley, Aylesford	OS	Found Guaranteed	15.20 —	8.74 —	15.28 16.0	— —	— —	— —	— —	10.61 10.5
Fish Guano	6/6/16	Freeland & Sons, Tonbridge	OS	Found Guaranteed	13.10 —	8.23 —	16.54 16.0	— —	— —	— —	— —	10.00 10.5
Basic Slag	12/6/16	Pattullo, Higgs & Co., Orpington	OS	Found Guaranteed	0.08 —	— —	34.48 30.0	— —	— —	33.31 27.0	— —	— —
Basic Slag	15/6/16	Pattullo, Higgs & Co., Orpington	OS	Found Guaranteed	0.11 —	— —	33.40 30.0	— —	— —	32.62 27.0	— —	— —

(b) INFORMAL SAMPLES.

No. of Sample.	Name of Fertiliser.	Date of Receipt of Sample.	Submitted by Official Sampler (OS) or by Private Person (PP).	Percentages.	ANALYSIS.							
					Moisture.	Nitrogen.	Total Phosphates.	Phosphates Soluble in Water.	Phosphates Insoluble in Water.	Phosphates Soluble in 2% Citric Acid Solution.	Potash.	Ammonia.
285	Fish Guano	17/4/16	OS	Found Guaranteed	10.21 —	7.06 —	14.57 —	— —	— —	— —	— —	8.57 —
287	Peruvian Guano	19/4/16	OS	Found Guaranteed	20.33 —	8.53 —	24.32 24.0	— —	— —	— —	2.25 2.0	10.35 10.0
289	Fishery Salt	25/4/16	OS	Found Guaranteed	10.38 —	0.42 —	0.48 —	— —	— —	— —	— —	0.51 —
293	Raw Peruvian Guano	5/5/16	OS	Found Guaranteed	17.46 —	8.36 —	31.00 28.0	— —	— —	— —	2.27 2.25	10.15 10.0
294	Special Manure	5/5/16	OS	Found Guaranteed	8.67 —	6.35 —	— —	12.90 13.0	2.45 4.0	— —	— —	7.71 8.0
295	Best Wool Waste	8/5/16	OS	Found Guaranteed	9.96 —	12.10 —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	14.69 —
297	Bull's Plant Food	10/5/16	OS	Found Guaranteed	10.78 —	2.84 —	— —	7.57 10.25	21.04 12.50	— —	1.29 1.00	3.45 3.25
300	Webb's Special Manure	22/5/16	OS	Found Guaranteed	9.18 —	3.26 —	— —	19.53 14.0	1.61 3.50	— —	— —	3.96 3.50
302	Hoof and Horn	23/5/16	OS	Found Guaranteed	14.70 —	14.11 —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	17.14 16.17
311	High Grade Shoddy	20/6/16	OS	Found Guaranteed	9.88 —	11.98 —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	14.53 16.00
312	High Grade Shoddy	20/6/16	OS	Found Guaranteed	11.14 —	13.17 —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— 24.96
A	Sulphate of Ammonia	4/4/16	PP	Found Guaranteed	2.13 —	20.55 —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —
B	Precipitated Bone Phosphate	29/4/16	PP	Found Guaranteed	15.39 —	0.71 —	70.30 —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— 8.26
C	Fish Guano	29/4/16	PP	Found Guaranteed	9.08 —	6.80 —	12.24 —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —
D	Superphosphate	26/5/16	PP	Found Guaranteed	20.23 —	— —	— —	28.52 —	0.43 —	— —	— —	— —
E	Kentish Manure	17/6/16	PP	Found Guaranteed	10.61 —	2.77 —	13.48 14.16	— —	— —	— —	0.64 0.54-1.08	3.36 4.5
F	Hop Manure	17/6/16	PP	Found Guaranteed	8.10 —	3.62 —	— —	16.22 22.0	8.46 —	— —	2.95 3.0	4.39 4.0
G	Oil Mill Waste	21/6/16	PP	Found Guaranteed	2.97 —	1.91 —	1.08 —	— —	— —	— —	0.54 —	2.32 —
H	Dried Sewage Sludge	15/6/16	PP	Found Guaranteed	48.17 —	1.10 —	1.00 —	— —	— —	— —	0.17 —	1.34 —
I	Burnt Sewage Sludge	15/6/16	PP	Found Guaranteed	0.58 —	0.14 —	2.15 —	— —	— —	— —	0.49 —	0.17 —

(2) FEEDING STUFFS.

(a) FORMAL SAMPLES.

No. of Sample.	Name of Feeding Stuff.	Date of Receipt of Sample.	Name and Address of Seller.	Submitted by Official Sampler (OS) or by Private Person (P.P.).	Percentages.	ANALYSIS.										
						Moisture.	Fat.	Albuminoids.	Carbo Hydrates.	Fibre.	Ash.	Sand.	Sugars.	Total Nitrogen.	True Albuminoids	Amides Calculated as Asparagine.
305	Nut Cake	25/5/16	Wakeley Bros., Rainham	OS	Found Guaranteed	9.70 —	9.48 7.0	46.19 35.0	24.47 —	5.25 —	4.91 —	1.29 —	— —	7.39 —	— —	— —
306	Decorticated Ground Nut Cake	25/5/16	Storr & Co., Maidstone	OS	Found Guaranteed	8.87 —	7.82 7.0	50.75 48.0	24.47 —	3.70 —	4.39 —	0.49 —	— —	8.12 —	— —	— —

(2) FEEDING STUFFS

(b) INFORMAL SAMPLES.

No. of Sample.	Name of Feeding Stuff.	Date of Receipt of Sample.	Submitted by Official Sampler (OS) or by Private Person (P.P.).	Percentages.	ANALYSIS.											
					Moisture.	Fat.	Albuminoids.	Carbo-Hydrates.	Fibre.	Ash.	Sand.	Sugars.	Total Nitrogen.	True Albuminoids.	Amides calculated as Asparagine.	Remarks.
313	HomeGround Wheat	22/6/16	OS	Found Guaranteed	14.78 —	1.95 —	16.88 —	63.15 —	1.60 —	1.64 —	0.04 —	— —	2.70 —	— —	— —	— —
1	Stewart's Dairy Cake	6/4/16	PP	Found Guaranteed	9.66 —	7.16 6.0	23.09 24.0	40.48 —	13.52 —	6.09 —	1.50 —	— —	3.69 —	— —	— —	— —
2	Ground Nut Cake	25/5/16	PP	Found Guaranteed	8.98 —	8.49 —	47.50 —	24.12 —	4.30 —	6.61 —	2.23 —	— —	7.60 —	— —	— —	— —
3	Dairy Meal	29/5/16	PP	Found Guaranteed	9.51 —	7.33 —	23.44 —	38.97 —	12.55 —	8.20 —	3.21 —	— —	3.75 —	— —	— —	Excess of Sand present

I have the honour to be,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

F. W. F. ARNAUD, F.I.C.,

Official Agricultural Analyst for the County of Kent

12. BILLS AND CLAIMS.

The usual quarterly Bills and Claims have been examined and approved and forwarded to the Finance Committee.

Sessions House, Maidstone,  
August, 1916.

J. E. QUESTED,  
Chairman.

On the motion of Mr. Quested (Chairman of the Committee), duly seconded, it was Resolved:—

“That the Report be received and adopted.”

PETROLEUM ACTS, 1871-1879.

“That notice be given to all District Councils in the County who have not, as yet, appointed their own inspector under the Petroleum Acts, 1871-1879, that from the 1st October, 1916, the County Inspectors of Weights and Measures will cease to discharge any duties under such Acts, and that such District Councils should, therefore, by that date provide themselves with their own inspectors under the Acts.”

MILK.

On the motion of Mr. K. McAlpine, seconded by Mr. Amos, it was Resolved:—

“That the attention of the Chairmen of the various Benches of Magistrates in the County be called to the report of the Food and Drugs Committee on the subject of milk, as contained in paragraph 9 of the Report.”

ANNUAL REPORT OF CHIEF INSPECTOR.

The Report of the Chief Inspector under the Weights and Measures Acts, &c., for the year ended 31st March, 1916, was received.

LUNATIC ASYLUMS.

The Quarterly Report of the Committee of Visitors of the County Lunatic Asylums was laid before the Council.

Report of the Committee of Visitors of the Kent County Lunatic Asylums to the Kent County Council, at a Meeting held on Wednesday, the 9th day of August, 1916.

The Committee have to report as follows:—

	Barming Heath Asylum.	Chartham Asylum.
The number of Patients admitted during the quarter ended on the 30th day of June last was .....	82	66
Ditto Recovered .....	45	16
„ Relieved .....	4	7
„ Not Improved .....	4	8
„ Died .....	43	65
„ In Asylums on the 30th day of June last was	764 Males. 983 Females.	548 Males. 636 Females.
MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.		
The Balance in the hands of the Treasurer on the 30th day of June last was .....	—	£165 11s. 9d.
Adverse Balance .....	£365 8s. 10d.	—
The cost of Provisions, including Farm and Garden, for the quarter was .....	£5,945 16s. 2d.	£4,941 3s. 4d.
The amount of all other expenses of Maintenance was	£9,270 9s. 9d.	£6,584 1s. 8d.
Making total amount of Bills	£15,216 5s. 11d.	£11,525 5s. 0d.
The number of rations was ...	158,128	108,887
The cost of board of each individual, including Farm and Garden, per day .....	9d.	10d.
The amount of all other expenses of each individual per day .....	1s. 1½d.	1s. 2¾d.
Total together per day .....	1s. 10¾d.	2s. 0¾d.
The amount of bills due from Unions and Boroughs for the quarter was .....	£15,307 3s. 10d.	£10,423 19s. 6d.
Ditto from County in respect of Lunatics whose settlements cannot be ascertained	£209 2s. 6d.	£142 11s. 4d.
The sum received for Private Patients was .....	—	£211 18s. 6d.
The amount received for articles sold, rent, &c., was	£217 16s. 9d.	£435 13s. 6d.
The amount of Bills for repairs and additions to the fabric was .....	£1,035 12s. 1d.	£693 17s. 8d.
PAYMENTS TO BE MADE BY THE COUNTY TREASURERS.		
Ordinary Repairs .....	£807 2s. 8d.	£655 19s. 11d.
Vagrant Lunatics Maintenance	£209 2s. 6d.	£142 11s. 4d.
Improvements .....	£228 9s. 5d.	£37 17s. 9d.
ESTIMATED OUTLAY.		
The sum estimated to be required for the quarter ending 30th September next (including principal and interest) is .....	£16,000.	£11,500.

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	Barming Heath Asylum.	Chartham Asylum.
<b>STATE OF THE ASYLUMS.</b>		
There were on the 30th day of June last in the Asylums	764 Males. 983 Females.	548 Males. 636 Females.
Total .....	1,747	1,184
The accommodation therein being for .....	802 Males. 970 Females.	500 Males. 600 Females.
Total .....	1,772	1,100
Leaving vacancies for .....	38 Males. — Females.	— Males. — Females.
Excess .....	— Males. 13 Females.	48 Males. 36 Females.
<b>RATE OF MAINTENANCE.</b>		
The Committee have fixed the weekly rates of maintenance per head per week for the current quarter as follows :		
For Patients of the County ...	14s. per week.	14s. per week.
” not of the County	14s. per week.	14s. per week.
For Private Patients .....	21s. per week.	21s. per week.

COLES CHILD,  
Chairman.

21st July, 1916.

On the motion of Mr. Coles Child (Chairman of the  
Committee), duly seconded, it was **Resolved** :—

“That the Report be received and adopted.”

**ASYLUMS—ANNUAL REPORT.**

The annual Report of the Committee of Visitors for the  
year 1915 was laid before the Council.

**It was Resolved** :—

“That the Annual Report be received.”

**SUSSEX SEA FISHERIES COMMITTEE.**

The Annual Report of the Sussex Sea Fisheries Committee  
was received.

**REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 11TH MAY, 1916, TO THE COUNTY COUNCILS OF EAST SUSSEX,  
WEST SUSSEX, AND KENT, AND THE COUNTY BOROUGHS OF BRIGHTON, HASTINGS AND  
EASTBOURNE.**

**DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON INSHORE FISHERIES.**

1. The Committee have had before them a letter dated 3rd July, 1915, from the Clerk of  
the Lancashire and Western Sea Fisheries Joint Committee, forwarding a copy of the following  
resolutions, passed by a Conference of representatives of Sea Fisheries Committees held in  
London on the 22nd June, 1915, to consider the recommendations of the Departmental Com-  
mittee on Inshore Fisheries :—

1. **RESOLVED**—That the Central Department be strengthened to an extent commensurate with the fishing interests under its charge by raising its status in the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries from that of a branch to a position co-equal with Agriculture and by giving the head of the Fisheries Department the rank of a Permanent Secretary with direct access to the Minister in charge of Agriculture and Fisheries.
2. **RESOLVED**—That one-half of the cost of official fishery administration in England and Wales be a charge on national funds.
3. **RESOLVED**—That in view of the excellent work done by the Sea Fishery Committees, this Meeting sees no reason for making any alteration in their constitution or the areas under their respective jurisdictions, and that a strong representation be made to the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries against any such proposal.
4. **RESOLVED**—That the Sea Fishery Committees be authorised to pay the expenses of such of the representatives appointed by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries as are working fishermen when attending the Meetings of their respective Committees and Sub-Committees.

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5. **RESOLVED**—That a deputation be appointed to wait on the President of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries to present the foregoing Resolutions, and that each of the Sea Fishery Committees be requested to appoint a Representative on the Deputation.

2. The Committee have approved of the resolutions passed at the Conference as above set forth, subject to the substitution of the word 'practical' for the word 'working' in Resolution 4, and they have appointed Mr. H. T. Dighton as their representative on the Deputation to the President of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries.

3. The Committee have adopted such part of the recommendation contained in the Report of their Sub-Committee, dated 26th October, 1914, which they previously deferred, as is consistent with the resolution in the preceding paragraph.

#### BYE-LAW No. 6.

4. The Committee have had before them a letter dated 10th August, 1915, from Mr. Thomas Gates (Barrister-at-law), of The Beach, Shoreham-by-Sea, petitioning on behalf of the fishermen of that town for the suspension of No. 6 of the Bye-laws of the Committee so as to allow seine net fishing with nets having not more than 36 rows of knots to the yard between sunrise and sunset during the month of September, 1915; also a letter dated 10th August, 1915, from Messrs. Woolgar and Son, Fishermen, of Hove, on the same subject. The reasons for suspension of the Bye-law advanced in the letter from Mr. Gates were as follows:—

1. Longshore fishermen are now debarred from fishing at night.
2. In the last 3 or 4 years, mackerel have shoaled along the shore in September as frequently as in the preceding months.
3. The bad weather in the month of July has resulted in few fish generally being caught.
4. In other years, drifting at night has taken place in September for mackerel.
5. It will be a boon to those whose livelihood has been, and will be, affected by the restrictions imposed by the authorities as to boats being out at night.

5. The Committee have Resolved—that, having regard to the exceptional circumstances at present existing, the Clerk be authorised, with the consent of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, to issue notices suspending the operation of Bye-law No. 6, so as to allow seine net fishing between sunrise and sunset during the month of September, 1915, with nets having not more than 36 rows of knots to the yard, and the Board having intimated that they did not propose to raise any objection to the proposed suspension of the Bye-law, notices have been issued accordingly.

#### EMSWORTH SEWERAGE SCHEME.

6. An Amended Scheme for drainage by the Warblington Urban District Council was before the West Divisional Sub-Committee at a Meeting held on the 15th October, 1915, when it was resolved not to oppose the Scheme, but the Clerk of the Sub-Committee and the Chief Fishery Officer were instructed to attend the local Inquiry and to take such steps as might be necessary to ensure that the effluent is innocuous before it is discharged into any part of Chichester Harbour. The Inquiry was held on the 4th April, 1916, when it was stated that the Amended Scheme, involving a discharge into Thorney Channel, had been abandoned and that reliance must be had on the undertaking given when the proposed discharge into the Emsworth part of the Harbour had been assented to on behalf of the Committee.

#### CLOSE TIME FOR PERIWINKLES.

7. The Committee have altered Bye-law No. 3 so that the Close Time for Periwinkles now extends from 1st May to 30th September instead of from 1st May to 31st August in each year, and the altered Bye-law has been confirmed by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries.

#### FISHING FOR SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES.

8. Authority has been given to Mr. W. Hazelgrove, jun, of 13, Russell Place, Brighton, for permission to fish for the purpose of stocking, &c., the tanks at Brighton Aquarium, without regard to the Bye-laws.

#### ACTING CLERK.

9. Mr. C. L. Whiteman, of the Office of the Clerk of the West Sussex County Council, 51, East Street, Horsham, has been appointed as Acting Clerk to the Committee during the absence of the Clerk and of Mr. A. C. Broadbent on Military Service.

#### EFFECT OF THE WAR.

10. The Committee have to report that the fishing industry in the district has been considerably hampered, and in places practically at a standstill, in consequence of the War, but the Chief Fishery Officer reports that those fishermen, who could get to sea, have done well and that under ordinary circumstances there is no doubt they would have been very prosperous.

11. Admiralty Orders with reference to fishing vessels and instruction to skippers and fishermen have been from time to time received through the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, and have been made known through the Officers of the Committee to all concerned.

12. Mr. C. O. Minchin, I.S.O., a Member of the Committee, has continued the arrangements with the Naval Authorities at Portsmouth for the issue by them, on his recommendation, of permits for fishing at night in Chichester Harbour, subject to certain conditions, and the Committee have accorded him their thanks for the trouble he has taken in the matter.

#### USE OF ROOMS.

13. The Committee desire to thank the Mayor and Corporation of Brighton for kindly granting the use of rooms at the Town Hall, Brighton, for Quarterly Meetings.

#### PROSECUTIONS.

14. There have been no prosecutions under the Sea Fisheries Regulation Acts instituted by the Committee or its Officers during the year ended 31st March, 1916, but a warning has been issued in the case of an offender at Littlehampton.

#### EXPENDITURE.

15. A Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Committee for the year ended 31st March, 1916, is appended. (See Appendix A.)

GEO. HUTCHINGS,

Chairman of Committee.

Dated 11th May, 1916.

#### APPENDIX A.

#### SUSSEX SEA FISHERIES DISTRICT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Local Fisheries Committee for the year ended 31st March, 1916.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To balance in hands of Treasurer	119	17	3	By - Fishery Officers, retaining			
Contributions from—				fees	30	9	0
East Sussex County Council ...	120	0	0	Ditto, travelling and out of			
West Sussex do. ...	100	0	0	pocket expenses	98	3	9
Kent do. ...	20	0	0	Chief Fishery Officer, salary...	132	0	0
Brighton County Borough ...	60	0	0	Ditto, travelling expenses ...	42	15	7
Hastings do. ...	60	0	0	Clerks to Divisional Sub-			
Eastbourne do. ...	20	0	0	Committees, fees	5	0	0
				Clerk to Local Fisheries Com-			
				mittee, salary ...	26	5	0
				Expenses of Clerk attending			
				meetings	1	13	9
				Printing, advertising, and sta-			
				tionery, &c. ...	11	16	6
				Postages, cheque stamps, &c.	5	5	7
				Prosecution expenses	6	6	0
				Notice boards and repairs, &c.	2	5	5
				Insurance Premiums (Work-			
				men's Compensation Act.)...	2	2	5
				Audit stamp	2	0	0
				Expenses of Representatives			
				at Conference, &c. ...	3	9	6
				Employees' Contributions un-			
				der National Health Insur-			
				ance Act. ...	0	12	8
				Rewards for heads of Cor-			
				morants	0	4	0
					370	9	2
				Balance in hands of Treasurer	129	8	1
					£499	17	3

*F. J. Cornwall*

Chairman

*Sessions House,  
Maidstone.*

*15<sup>th</sup> November 1916.*