

Present at 11.50 am.

Councillors Bissett (President) Coult, Lairs, Coulter, McEara, Jackson and Potter.

Minutes of meeting held 16th December 1898 read and on the motion of C^r Lairs seconded by C^r Potter Carried.

Correspondence

From Water Supply Department.

Forwarding printed copies of an Order in Council, granting permission to the Council to apply £249.1.5 from its municipal fund towards payment of interest on loans to the London United Water Trust. Received.

From Lairs.

Stating that it was not unlikely that the supply to Bullock's farm would cease between Christmas and New Year's day, and it would therefore be well to use all efforts to utilise to the best advantage the present supply. A later communication stated that the supply would be discontinued on the 5th January, but as soon as resumed, that is when any water is available, it is all to go down the track. Received.

From London United Trust.

Requesting payment £4.13.11, the amount allotted to the Council for the working expenses of the Trust for the quarter ended 31st December 1898. C^r Lairs

moved that the amount be passed for payment. Seconded by C^r Jackson. Carried.

From Secretary for Lands.

Stating that the Conservator of forests considers that if the road surveyed through the Poupah forest be increased by another half chain it will meet all requirements, that is to say, a total width of two chains including the spoil bank, instead of, as now, 1 1/2 chains. Received.

From Dr. E. A. De Ravin, health officer for the North and South ridings, applying for 12 months' leave of absence, owing to his taking a trip to Europe.

C^r Lairs moved that leave of absence be granted and Dr. E. A. De Ravin appointed during the term. Seconded C^r Coulter. Carried.

From J. C. Jones, Chief Engineer.

Asking for the use of a small portion of the Shire Yard at the rear of the hall for the accommodation of buggy and horses.

C^r Potter moved that the application be granted. Seconded by C^r Lairs. Carried.

From R. Gregory, Pyramid Hill

Asking that steps be taken to proclaim 17th March a public holiday, on account of sports being held there on that date.

Consideration deferred for 1 week.

James A. Samson, Contractor

Applying for 1 month's extension of time upon Contract near Sargro etc. Granted on the motion of C. Coates, seconded by C. Jackson. Carried

Reports of Committees

The president reported having attended the conference recently held at Reading in reference to the Mildura Railway Extension.

A vote of thanks was passed to the president for his action.

Reports of Officers

The Rate Collector reported receipts of rates current £804.9.0; arrears of rates £2.3.0; dog fees £1.0.0
Total £807.12.0. Received

The Treasurer reported receipts of Rates current £804.9.0, Rates arrears £2.3.0; dog fees £1; Contractors deposits £1.6.0. Misc of Hall £1.10.0
Total £810.8.0

Credit Balance £237.7.7. Received

The Shire Engineer's report was read and received and dealt with as shown in report book.

Tenders

No tenders were received for constructing a residence for the use of the Shire Secretary, but they were not opened owing to the Council's solicitors giving an opinion

that the Council could not apply any of its funds for such a purpose.

General Business

C. Land drew attention to the fact that the pumps at Mellars, Compsfield wanted repairing.

The Engineer replied that the matter was being attended to.

With the permission of the Council C. Jackson moved that tenders be called for painting fanning and screwing up the Bridges over Myer's Creek South west from Tang Tang also for constructing a light formation north from the Bridges. Carried

C. Potter said that he noticed by the press report of last meeting that C. Land asked a question in regard to the payment of interest on the liabilities of the Loddon United Water Trust. Had he been present he would have, as chairman of the Trust, informed them that they were now paying 4 1/2%, and the promise of the Premier to reduce the interest to 4% was never carried into effect.

C. Jackson said that whilst they were on the water question he would like to remind them that some time ago, through the action of C. Prosser, the Government were asked to make additional storage for water on the Loddon River.

It was not carried to a successful

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issue show, but he was of opinion that it was an opportune time now to again urge on the Government the necessity of making extra storage for water on the fadon. He moved accordingly.

C. Potter said that when the matter was brought forward last time it met with some opposition, because some landowners thought it would increase the taxation. C. Bissett's idea was that the work should be a national one.

C. Laird seconded the motion which was Carried.
Shire and Trusts interested to be asked to cooperate. The members for the province & Electorate to be asked to assist.

On the motion of C. Bissett, it was resolved to place on the business sheet for the Municipal Association the question as to whether persons using other than fire proof wadding should be made liable for careless use of fire.

C. Coulter moved that the Engineer examine and report on cost of constructing Stone covering over Peckinney Cr. on boundary with Ecluea Shire, also cost of forming formation from A. Helean's residence.

C. Laird moved that the Secretary write to the person who cut trees down on the chain road north from W. H. Hardy's late residence, Council applying for the amount

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paid for clearing the limbs of the road way, and requesting the immediate removal of the stumps etc, otherwise proceedings to be taken.

Seconded by C. Coulter. Carried

C. Laird notified his intention of giving notice of motion at next meeting in reference to the destruction of cattle affected with tuberculosis.

Notice of Motion

By C. Bissett

That tenders be called for paving and installing the deck of the Salisbury Bridge, and providing the formation work therefrom.

Finance

Accounts amounting to £205.14.1.
now passed for payment on the motion of C. Laird, seconded by C. Potter. Carried.

The Meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday 17th February 1899. at 11 am.

Read and Confirmed at Secretary's Office 17th Day of February 1899.

W. Bissett President
East Loddon Shire

Present at 11.30 am.

(C. Bissett (President) Laird, Coult, Hardy,
Potter, Ross, Coulter, Jackson and
McIvor.

Minutes of meeting held 20 January 1899
was read and confirmed on the
motion of C. Jackson, seconded by
C. Ross. Carried

Correspondence

From the Under Secretary stating that 1st
March had been proclaimed a public
holiday throughout the Shire. Received

From Secretary for Railways, stating that
instructions had been given to repair
the Sheep Yards at Travis Railway
Station. do

From Wilsons Coulter, Dinged, as follows
It is with regret that I am compelled
to apply to your Council for expenses
viz £5.3.0, for injuries that I sus-
tained through your neglect on 16th
1898, in allowing a post to be
erected across the east and west
road between my property, as I
understand that your Council gave
that permission. I do not wish to put
your Council to great expense, only the
bare amount of doctor's fee and
repairs to buggy. Should your
Council decide to pay the amount,
I will be satisfied, but otherwise
if I am compelled to seek the

Law Courts, my claims will be much
heavier.

The letter was received and no action
taken. Received

From Shire Solicitors.

Intimating that the case of Haynes
v the Council in reference to the
closed roads question will again
come on for hearing in Melbourne
on 1st March, immediately after Chamber
business has been disposed of. Received

From Geo Secretaries, Department of Arts

Applying for the use of the Shire
Hall on the 1st March for holding a
concert and ball.

C. Laird moved that the application
be granted on the usual conditions.
Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried

From A. Cheyne Junr, Jurlaw.

Asking for a claim to be excluded
from Cartas residence to allotments
51-52 Jurlaw.

C. Potter moved that consideration be
postponed for our work. The North
riding members to examine and
report. Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried

From the Prothonotary's office, Law Courts, Melb.

Informing the Council that His Honor
the Chief Justice has made it a rule
to confer the appointments of Commissioners
for taking affidavits upon members of
the legal profession and officers of

the public service, or, in the absence of either of those, then upon the officer in charge of the local police.

Resolved and on the motion of C. McEwen, seconded by C. Coulter it was agreed that an application be made to have Constable Brown, of Methuen, appointed a Commissioner for taking Supreme Court affidavits. — Carried

From the Leaghen and Meering Water Trusts,
The general plans for the Trust and Wandella Trust giving their co-operation in endeavouring to obtain an additional storage reservoir on the Loddon. — Carried

From Head Teacher, Taudara State School.
Reporting a case of Typhoid fever in a family who have been attending the school. — do.

From Bendigo City Council.
Inviting Council to send representatives to a conference to be held in the Town Hall, Melbourne on 9th March with the object of urging on the Minister of Railways the necessity for referring the question of railway construction of 2 short sections from Violet Town to Arcadia or Murchison, and from Rushmore to Torrington, the completion of which would make a direct line from Wodonga to Bordertown, via Mangaratta, Benalla, Bendigo, Castlemaine, Maryborough and Marab.
C. Laird moved that cooperation be granted

seconded by C. Ross. — Carried —
The motion was carried. C. Hardy voting against, for the want of sufficient information. —

Truders
The tender of Thomas Taylor, at £23.57 was accepted for constructing approaches and paving and painting Myers & Briggs.

General Business
C. Jackson moved that action be taken to have certain roads opened across the railway line in the parish of Taudara. There being no seconded, the motion lapsed, C. Hardy explaining he would have seconded it had the ratepayers asked for it. — Motion Lapsed.

It was decided to apply for the proclamation for a public holiday throughout the Shire on St. Patrick's Day, 17th March. —

On the motion of C. McEwen & Coulter it was agreed to arrange for an early visit to the County Council to try and effect a settlement of the cost of boundary roads north near Gw. Kamarooka. —

C. Potter again referred to the matter of felling trees on various points in the North Riding, and moved that the matter be placed in the hands of the police with a view of obtaining

a prosecution. Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried

C. Potter moved that Contractor B.W. Justice be fined 10/- for extra work in connection with fencing at Marys Linn Bridge.

Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried

C. Lane moved that the Government be asked to take action, in addition to that already proposed, to provide for inspection and analyses at the manufacturing establishments of all manures, so as to prevent the sale of inferior and adulterated articles.

Seconded by C. Coultter. Carried.

It was agreed that the matter be placed on the business sheet for the next meeting of the Municipal Association.

C. Lane said that since he had spoken at last meeting about the tubercular question other Members had moved in the matter. He thought it only right that the Govt. should give some compensation for cattle destroyed, but he would not say they should be compensated to the full amount, but as it was a new thing sprung on the farmers and dairymen it was only right they should receive some consideration for the great loss suddenly forced upon them.

He moved that the Govt. be asked to compensate owners of cattle destroyed

Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried

The question to be placed on the business

sheet for consideration at the next Municipal Association Meeting.

Instructions to Officers
By C. Jackson

That the Secretary lay on the table at next meeting.

1. The number of roads in the Shire permanently closed against the ratepayers.
2. How many are closed with spring gates.
3. How many of these gates had been erected with the permission of the Council and with the consent of the Governor in Council.

The Engineer was instructed to repair culverts in the East riding; to make Inquiries just as to the impaired condition of the bridges over channels, to examine roadway east from Utterton and to write Horong Hill relative to the proposals to lay water the Arch of Salisbury Bridge.

Notice of Motion
By C. Coultter.

That tenders be called for loaning formation near Vincent's Yallock and minor formations at McMahon Swamps and

Accounts
Accounts amounting to £178.113.111 were passed for payment on the motion of C. McCrean Sec. by C. Ross

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday 24th March 1899. Road and By-laws at September this 24th day of March 1899. W. Bissett Secretary

Carried

Present at 11.30 am. _____

C. S. Bissett. (President) Coult, Laird,
Hardy, Ross, Pether, Coulter, McCreo and
Jackson.

Minutes of meeting held 24 February
1899 were read and confirmed and
the motion of C. McCreo seconded by
C. Ross. _____ Carried.

Correspondence

From the Under Treasurer of Victoria, forward-
ing up for completion. Equivalent under
the Licensing Act 1905.
Minded to by President & Treasurer. _____ Received.

From Shire of Loddon

Intimating that it was willing to
co-operate in the agitation for additional
storage reservoirs on the Loddon
providing that it was a national work
and directly under Government control. _____ Received.

From Thomas Chappel. Carried.

Asking that a culvert be placed
across the water channel in order that
he may be enabled to enter his paddocks.
Land moved that the North riding
members examine and report at
next meeting. Seconded by C. McCreo. _____ Carried.

From Under Secretary, Melbourne

Telegram. Friday 17th instant appointed
Public holiday Shire of East Loddon. _____ Received.

From Head Teacher, Plain's State School.

Reporting case of Scarlet Fever in

the family of M^{rs} Peter Coult. _____ Received.

From Dr. Piel, Health Officer, Spanish Hill
asking for instructions relative to outbreak
of scarlatina in the family of M^{rs} Coult.
Plain. was received - the information
being supplied by Shire Secretary. _____ Received.

From John Grappier, Contractor - Yallock.

As follows: There is a mistake in
the stone I carted to my contract No.
4. the stone should have been Kaurarooka
or Eaglehawk stone and I have carted
Tarrich rock I trust your Engineer
can see his way clear to use this
stone with your approval.
The matter was received and consideration
postponed to Engineer's report. _____ Received.

From Council, Tatchell and Dunslop.

Their Solicitors

Re Closed Roads

"We write to confirm our telegram that
Mr Justice Hood has decided this
matter in favor of the Council with
costs." _____ Received.

From A. Cheyne Junr. Justice

Held over from last meeting.

Asking that the water channel be
excavated from Carters to allotments
51 & 52, was again postponed.

Reports of Officers

The Rate Collector reported receipts
of rates current £12.16.3, arrears of

rates 17, Dog fees £2.15.0

Received

The Treasurer reported receipts rates current
£94.0; rates arrears 10/- Dog fees
10/- Licenses £1. (Cash in hand £15.3)
Credit balance at Bank of Victoria,
Inglewood £24.11.3.

Received

Shire Engineer's Report

Contractor Crapper, for works on road
South East from McIlwain and on road
north from Parkinson's farm, Tulaube,
has been notified that the water
supplied for the crossings is not
according to specifications.

Was viewed and adopted on
the motion of C. Laird seconded by
C. McIlwain.

Carried

General Business

C. Laird referred to the report of Mr. Sinclair
that appeared lately in reference to
the handling of wheat. A paper
reading that report would come to
the conclusion that the Californian
flour of 2 bushel bags of wheat was
superior to the Victorian system of
4 bushel bags. He moved that an
endeavor be made to induce the
farmers of Victoria to use a 2 bushel
bag instead of a four, and that the
matter be placed on the business
sheet of the Municipal Association
for discussion. Seconded by C.
Ross.

Carried

C. Jackson voting against.

Instructions to Officers

By C. Jackson.

That the Shire Engineer examine
and report on cost of clearing
roadway in the Kaurarooka Village
Settlement.

Motions on Notice

By C. Coulter

That tenders be called for the follow-
ing works.

1. Leaming formation on E.M. road
near Vincent's Yallock.
2. Constructing formation near Stebb.
3. Formation at McIlwain's Swamp.
4. Painting guide posts east from
Dungeo and Paris Railway Sta^s
at the Stone crossings.

Seconded by C. Jackson.

Carried

By C. McIlwain

That tenders be called for leaming
formation east from Paris Railway
Sta^s at joint cost with Echucan Shire.
Seconded by C. Coulter.

Carried

Notices of Motion

By C. Coulter

Tenders be called for earthworks to be cut
over channel east from Yanayre and
cutting drain on main road to McIlwain's
Well.

By C. Coulter

Tenders constructing formation to be cut
west from Bear's residence, Parish of
Pouparis.

Notices of Motion (Continued)

By C. Bissett.

Tenders for constructing Stone Crossings and approaches north from M^r B. Stans residence Jamieson East.

By C. Laid

That tenders be called for forming formation on Iron Mill road south from Brans Lagoon Hotel.

By C. McLean

That tenders be called for kerbing and gravelling from O'Brien's Store to M^r Tully's butcher's shop, in the township of Melbourn.

By C. Coulter

That tenders be called for formation and crossing on E. and W. road one mile N. from Dunro Railway Station.

By C. Lott

That tenders be called for forming sections of the Iron Mill road, North side.

The Shire Engineer was instructed to procure and give notice and have them fixed over joints of planking on culverts where necessary; also to have a few trees removed from off the Durham and Raywood roads between M^r Duffie and C. Bailey's farms, Pouparie.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £111.16.6 was passed for payment on the motion of C. Hardy seconded by C. Coulter. Carried.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday 21st April 1899 at 11 am.

Read and Confirmed at Separation this 21st day of April 1899.

W. Bissett President
East Loddon Shire

Present at 11.30 am.
The President (C. Bisset) and Councillors
McGee, Hardy, Coulter, Potter, Jackson
Laird and Coats.

Minutes of meeting held 24th March
1899 were read and confirmed on
the motion of Laird, seconded by
C. McGee. Carried.

Correspondence

From Department of Agriculture.

Intimating that there are no funds
available for compensating owners
for cattle destroyed through being
affected with tuberculosis. Received.

From Department of Agriculture.

Acknowledging receipt of Councils
letter re the Mammals Act and stating
that the matter will receive consideration. do.

From Chief Secretary's office.

Notifying the appointment of Mr
Joseph Hunter, of Soperthorpe, as Electoral
Registrar for the Municipal Division
of the electoral district of Mansfield,
re B. Rindson, relieved. do.

From Public Health Department.

Recommending their Councils, in view
of the increasing number of deaths
from snake bites, to have printed advice
on the subject circulated or posted
in their respective districts, and, with
regard to each township where there

is no resident medical practitioner,
either to furnish it with an
apparatus for the injection of
chloride of Zinc or other remedial
agents, such apparatus to be in
charge of the local school-teacher,
a member of the police force or
other official.

A copy of the boards sheet
"What to do in case of Snake
bites" was enclosed.
On the motion of C. Laird & C. McGee
it was decided to obtain a case
of the necessary articles for each
of the North and South ridings and
two for the east riding. Carried.

From Secretary Loddon & N. Trust.

Stating that the trust would give
its cooperation in urging the Govt.
to construct an additional storage
reservoir on the Loddon. Received.

The President moved that a conference
of all the bodies interested be called
at Inglewood on a date to be
fixed. Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.
The President and C. Potter were
appointed to represent the Council.

From Secretary Loddon & N. Trust.

Requesting cheque for £10.19.1
Councils proportion of the working
expenses for quarter ending March
1899.
C. McGee moved that the amount
be passed for payment. Seconded
by C. Laird. Carried.

From Prothonotary's Office, Melbourne.

Stating that if Constable S. T. Brown forwards an application through the Chief Commissioner of Police for the appointment of a commissioner of the Supreme Court of Victoria for taking affidavits, it would be considered by His Honor the Chief Justice in due course. Constable Brown writes intimating that he would make the necessary application.

Received

From Wilson Coulter, re his claim for compensation for damages, stating that if the matter is not settled within fourteen days he will be compelled to put it in the hands of his solicitor.

The President and Mr. Cress were appointed to confer with Mr. Coulter and report at next meeting.

Mr. Coulter left the table while this matter was under discussion.

From G. J. Brown, Melbourn.

Asking, if the Council kept the foot path from Mr. Julys to O'Brien's at Melbourn, that a culvert or crossing be constructed from the street into his premises.

On the motion of Mr. Cress seconded by Mr. Jackson, it was decided to inform Mr. Brown that the Council did not construct private culverts or crossings, but would leave an opening opposite the gateway.

Carried

From C. Ross

Apologising for his absence, and favouring Mr. Hardy's notice of motion for an extension of a water channel in the North riding.

Received

From Council, former Halsin,
Solicitors, Melbourne.
Telegrams

Chryse Judgments reserved.

Received

Reports of Officers

Mr. Rate Collector reported receipts of rates current £4.2.0, 205 fees 10/-

Received

Mr. Treasurer reported receipts £13.17.3 and overdraft £95.17.10

do.

Mr. Shire Engineer's report was read and received and dealt with as shown in report book.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Potter reported on behalf of the North riding members re water channel alluded to in a letter read at a previous meeting from Mr. A. Chryse Junr, he wanted refunded.

The Committee could not recommend the Council to expend any money in extending the channel but saw no objection to Mr. Chryse cutting the channel at his own expense.

Mr. Potter moved that Mr. Chryse be

be informed to this effect, he take all responsibility, and the work to be subject to supervision of their Engineer.

Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried

C. Potter also reported on an application made by M. J. Charles to have a crossing made over a channel fronting his leased land. C. Hardy and himself had inspected the place, and could not recommend the Council to comply with the request. The owner of the property would be put to but little expense in erecting a crossing and the benefits received from the channel far more than compensated for the disadvantage he was put to.

C. Potter moved that M. Charles request be not entertained. Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried

The President reported having attended the railway conference at Norong Vale in support of railway extension from Ultima to Melbourne. Resolutions were passed in furtherance of the object and everything passed off very satisfactorily. A vote of thanks was passed to the President on the motion of C. Potter seconded by C. Jackson. Carried

Tenders

The following tenders were accepted.

Leaming formation east from Prairie Railway Station joint with Shire of Selwyn Hester and Harding £50:1:6.

Leaming formation, installing and forming Yallock. W. Jamieson £71:3:2.

General Business

By C. Potter.

That the Secretary lay on the table at next meeting a statement showing amount paid for assistance to the Engineer during the year.

By C. Potter.

That the Engineer take immediate steps to cause the water to run more freely through the sand cuttings at and adjoining Pouparies State Forest.

By the President.

That the Engineer take steps to eradicate the weed known as Stinkwort.

By the President.

That the Engineer get the pits filled in along formations where required throughout the Shire.

Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried

By C. M. Gray & Laird.

That the Engineer have stumps and logs removed out of roads east from Tenich Station. Carried

By C. M. Gray. That the Sec. write to the By Department asking that a race for pigs be erected at N. end of Prairie Relative Carried

C. Coulters brought under notice the danger caused by dead trees falling across the roads. In the parish of Yallock the danger was great on some of the roads. The Engineer was instructed to have them removed.

C. Jackson urged that the Secretary bring up a return of the roads closed etc., in the shire as asked for by him at last meeting.

C. Potter amended a motion of his at last meeting that it be passed to Contractor Trezise for fencing near at Major's Lins. He now moved that the amount be 1/- Secured by C. Hardy. Carried.

Motions on Notice

By the President

Tenders be called for formations and culverts or crossings north from H.P. Adams property. Invercreek East Secured by C. Coulters. Carried.

By C. Coulters

Tenders for formations do near Davis property Polypapies. Secured by C. Coulters. Carried.

By C. Coulters

Tenders for earthwork and draining south east from Serpentine. Secured by the President. Carried.

By C. McGra. Tenders for kerbing Townships of Mitiamo. Secured by C. Coulters. Carried.

By C. Coulters

Tenders for formation and crossing on E. & W. Road north from Dinges. Secured by C. Jackson. Carried.

By C. Laird

Tenders for forming Iron Hill road south riding. Secured by C. Coulters. Carried.

By C. Potter

Tenders for forming Iron Hill Road North riding. Secured by C. Hardy. Carried.

By C. Hardy

For the construction of a channel from main at Forest eastwards to serve Messrs Marshall, Gillies, Smith and others. was again held over for one month.

Motion. Notice of.

By C. Jackson

That tenders be called for constructing formation and crossing on road east from Tardana Railway Station adjoining M. Mahons' lands.

By C. Jackson

That tenders be called for grubbing and clearing at the

Kamerooke Village Settlement.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £56:4:1
 were passed for payment on the motion
 of C. Hardy, seconded by C. Jackson. Carried

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to
 Friday 19th May 1899 at 11 am.

Read and confirmed at Superintendence this
 19th day of May 1899.

W. Bissett, President
 East Loddon Shire

Present at 11.50 am

The President C. Bissett and Councillors
 Mr. Carr, Hardy, Coulter, Potter, Jackson
 Laird & Gault.

Minutes of meeting held 21st April 1899
 were read and confirmed on the
 motion of C. Laird. Seconded by C.
 Potter. Carried

Correspondence

From C. Ross

Again apologising for non-
 attendance, owing to an urgent telegram
 necessitating his leaving for St. Marks
 C. Jackson moved that leave of
 absence be granted.

Seconded by C. Laird. Carried

From Max Kuisch

Now Sec to Citizens Conference on
 Unemployment, bringing under notice
 of the Council the following resolution
 passed by the Conference.

"That all municipalities be urged
 to put in hand at once as many
 works as possible with a view
 to the prompt relief of unemployed
 persons."

Received

From Secretary Hagwell Trust

Stating that some of the foot bridges
 within the Shire complained of as
 being out of repair were being
 attended to.

do.

From Secretary Shire of Horsham.

Requesting that his Council had no money at present available to contribute half the cost of metalling the deck of the Salisbury bridge, but the Council would pay half the cost of repairs necessary to ensure the safety of traffic over it. The president moved that the Secretary again write asking that the matter be reconsidered and suggesting that they instead of the proposed tarmac metal be used which would effect a considerable saving. Seconded by C. Laird. — Carried.

From J. C. Innes

Secretary to the Conference of Municipalities and Towns held at Inglewood to consider the matter of additional water storage for the Loddon, enclosing resolutions adopted by the Conference.

C. Laird moved that the resolutions be agreed with. Seconded by C. Fulton — Carried.

From John Crapper, Contractor, Yallock.

Asking the Council to buy the stones rejected by the Engineer on his contract near Eres.

C. McCrea moved that the metal be purchased at a price to be fixed by the Engineer approved of by the Council. Seconded by C. Laird. — Carried.

From Mary Fryells, Dungee.

Drawing attention to bad state of road near her property in the parish of Dungee. — Carried.

From the Treasury.

Forwarding account £553.6.4 (being portion of endowment for finance) for completion. — Received and attended to.

From Secretary Municipal Association
Forwarding membership cards. — Received.

From Public Health Department.

Asking for a report by the Shire Engineer on the condition of the Roman Catholic Church at Alderman. — Received. Engineer to furnish.

From Engineer Shire of Echuca

Approving of plan and specification for levelling on road east from the Prairie Railway Station. — Received.

Reports of Committees

On Mr. Mervin Coulter's Claim

The president reported that C. McCrea and himself, as instructed, had examined the road where Mr. Coulter had an accident, and for which he claimed recompense. They found that posts had been in the middle of the road. All that Mr. Coulter required was for C. Sackman to make an apology in two papers retracting what he had said, that Mr. Coulter erected the posts.

C. Sackman said if he had said anything that was not correct it was not done intentionally and he would comply with

the request of Mr Coulter.

The President and C. Potter reported the results of the recent conference at Inglewood re additional water storage on the Loddon, the following resolution being carried.

"That as the existing storage basin on the River Loddon has proved altogether inadequate to meet pressing demands, this conference recognises the urgent necessity for an additional basin, and as the various irrigation and water supply trusts are already heavily taxed, it is proposed that the Govt be asked to construct same as a national work, and the existing works may then be utilized to greater advantage."

On the motion of C. Laird and Jackson a vote of thanks was passed to the delegates.

Carried.

C. Coulter reported that C. Jackson, the Secretary and himself had attended a meeting of the Huntly Shire Council relative to a dispute in connection with the payment of work done on boundary road near J. Gow's residence, Hamarooka. The refusal of the Huntly Council to pay its proportion seemed to be based entirely on a misunderstanding. After explanation the Council agreed to pay £40 the amount claimed being £62.

C. Laird moved that the £40 offered be accepted as part payment. Seconded.

by C. Laird.

Carried.

On the motion of C. Laird and Jackson a vote of thanks was passed to the delegates.

Reports of Officers
The Rate Collector reported receipts of Rates current £8.5.0; dog fees 7. Received

The Treasurer reported receipts of Rates current £8.5.0, dog fees 7. Licenses £1.12.0. Instalment Deposits deposits receipts £43; Interest on D.D. 2nd 5/2. Total £59.11.2
Overdraft £96.14.9. do

The Shire Engineer's report was read and received and dealt with as shown in reports book.

Tenders

The following tenders being the lowest were accepted.

Construction of four crossings near H. P. Kraus's residence, Jamieson East
W. Lobb £97.0.

Jamieson, Shaw Hill road, North riding
A. Jamieson £44.15.0.

Jamieson, Shaw Hill road, South riding
A. Jamieson £112.6.4.

Formation near Davis's residence
J. A. Beer £52.5.0.

Three crossings and formation North from Dingo. John Crapper £49.4.4.

the request of Mr Coulter. Grubbing roadways
at the Kaurarooka Village Settlement.
J. Schmidt £21.12.0.

That tenders to be called for cutting
channels East from Serpentine and for
Kerbing at Melburn.

General Business.

Claird moved that the Secretary procure
a copy of the Stock & Drivers Act.
Seconded by President. Carried.

Instructions to Officers

By C. Jackman.
Engineer examines and reports on
cost of grubbing roadway west from
Teels provided. Yallock.

By C. Laird.
Engineer to engage labor in re-
grading & repairing where necessary
the main culvert water channels.
Seconded by President. Carried.

By C. Bissett (President).
Secretary notify the East Loddon Estate
to remove posts across the ^{N/S} road to
near the Single Tree on Main Dingle
and Serpentine road.

C. Jackman draw attention to the necessity
of leveling raised drains across roads.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £108.0.8
were passed for payment on the motion
of C. Laird. Seconded by C. Coulter. Carried.
C. Potter voting against our item
£7.5.0 repaid to Shire Secretary
for amount paid to architect for pre-
paring plan etc of proposed build-
ing for the use of the Secretary and
Engineer.

Motions or Notices

By C. Jackman.
That tenders be called for formation
and crossing on road east from Tadmor
Railway Station near McMalouis Tramp
Seconded by C. Coulter. Carried.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned
to Friday 16th June 1899 at 11 am.

Read and approved at Serpentine this sixteenth
day of June 1899

President
East Loddon Shire.
C. Bissett

Present at 11.50 am.

The president (C. Bissett) and councillors
Laird, Coult, Hardy, Ross, McLean,
Coulter and Jackson.

Minutes of meeting held 19th May 1899
read and confirmed on the
motion of C. Laird seconded by
C. McLean.

Carried

Correspondence.

From Deputy Postmaster General stating
that general repairs to the telegraph
line at Inverness will shortly be
made when the general of the
telegraph poles to the eastern side
of the water channel will be carried
out.

Received

From Secretary for Railways stating that
the traffic at Train Railway Stn
does not justify the erection of a
pig race at the station.

do.

From E. Crochi. N. S. Department

Stating that he is unable to at
present send a further supply of
water for Yamayo channel, as request-
ed by the Council, as the water is
urgently needed down the Dullock
Co. He would, however, endeavour to
fill the tanks in question before
the end of the winter.

do

From Secretary, Loddon & Water Trust.

Intimating that the seat of one

of the Council's representatives (Commis-
sioner Bissett) upon the trust had
become vacant by effluxion of time,
and stating that it will be
necessary for the Council to make
an appointment to fill the vacancy.

On the motion of C. Laird and Hardy
Councillor Bissett was reappointed.

Carried

From League of Victorian Theatres.

Intimating that road tickets had
been forwarded.

Received

From J. Whittaker.

Drawing attention to the bad state
of drainage in front of his place
at Meliamo.

C. McLean moved that the Shire Engineer
report thereon. Seconded by C. Jackson.

Carried

From General Manager, Bank of Victoria Ltd.

Notifying that it is the intention
to pay off, on the 12th September 1899,
with accrued interest to that date,
one half of the amount of all its
deferred deposit receipts which mature,
on the 12th June in the years 1900 and
1905 prospectively.

Received

From Shire of Echuca.

Asking the Council to bear half the
cost of work on boundary road, parish
of Dungee estimated at £2-

C. McLean moved that the request
be complied with. Seconded by C.
Coulter.

Carried

From Thomas Kealey.

Drawing attention to the necessity for a small opening in Crappers contract east of Millmo, so as to allow the water to fill his daws.

Referred to the Engineer to report on the motion of C. A. Gira and Carter. Carried.

From A. J. Lawrence.

Applying for leave to plant trees in front of Deans Lagoon Hotel.

C. Hardy moved that permission be granted, the site of planting to be subject to the approval of the Shire Engineer. Seconded by C. Ross. Carried.

From Shire of Echuca.

Approving of plan and specifications for drains near Whalleys East of Princes. Received.

From Dr. Corran, Telegraph.

Scarlet fever. William Burke. Pauperised. do.

From Head Teacher, Yallock S. School.

Reporting cases Scarlet fever in the school. do.

Reports of Officers

The Rate Collector reported collections since

last meeting as follows

Rates current £525.2.0; arrears of rates 17. Dog fees £5.5.0. do.

The Treasurer reported receipts of rates current £525.30; arrears 17. dog fees

£5.5.0; Equivalent publicans licenses £105; Contractors deposits £6.11.0; Rent of hall from Crown Land Department £10; Government endowment £353.6.4. Credit balance £813.1.5. Received.

The Shire Engineer reported having been engaged in attending to contracts, but owing to unfavorable weather, slow progress had been made. do.

(Councillor Potter took his seat)

Reports of Committees

(Potter reported having attended in Melbourne) re deputation of water trusts to the Minister of Water Supply urging the necessity for additional water storage on the leadon.

In reply the Minister stated that the cost of an additional reservoir would be about £50,000, towards which the trusts did not propose to contribute a shilling. This was rather a large order, but if it would, as represented, make the farmers prosperous, and enable the trusts to meet their obligations to the Government, it was a matter worthy of careful consideration.

C. Ross moved that the report be rec^d and a vote of thanks passed to C. Potter for his attendance. Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

The Secretary was instructed to convey the thanks of the Council to the Parliamentary representatives who assisted

the deputation.

Tenders

The following tenders were accepted.

Herbing, Township of Melton J. H.
Beer £10. 17. 0.

Stons crossing formation near M. Maher's
Tramp M. Kith £50. 1. 10.

Drainage on roads South East from
Serpentine W. Jamieson £23. 12. 11

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £17. 19. 6
were passed for payment on the
motion of C. Jackson. Seconded by
C. Cross.

Carried.

The Closed Roads question.

C. Hardy introduced a deputation
appointed at a public meeting
held at Calver the previous day
with respect to the closed roads
question. The members of the
deputation were Messrs Jas. Coult
representing the East Riding, the
Tupcovey South Riding, William
Robinson North Riding.

M. Coult said they had come at
the request of a number of rate-
payers to make a friendly suggestion
at a meeting held at Calver the
day previous the ratepayers there
and others he had met before
the Council meeting wished that the
case should end where it was as
far as the Council was concerned.
The trial in the High Court should

satisfy all parties. The fear with
the ratepayers was that the Council
might eventually appeal to a
still higher Court.

Messrs Tupcovey and Robinson
having spoken similarly the
Council went into Committee to con-
sider the request made, in conjunction
with a letter received from the
Shire Solicitors intimating that
the Justices of the Peace had
applied for leave to appeal to
the Privy Council, and asking
what action the Council intended
to take. After full discussion, the
following motion was agreed to,
which was afterwards confirmed
in open meeting.

Moved by Councillor Coulter "that
this Council, while acquiescing
in the proposed appeal, does
not feel justified in incurring
any further costs in the matter."

Seconded by C. Potter.

Carried.

C. Cross refrained from voting.

General Business

Councillor Jackson again drew attention
to the danger of drainage banks
across roads. The Engineer was instructed
to notify their removal.

C. Potter's action in employing a
horse and drag for 12 a day was
approved and he was given authority
to employ a little additional labor

in burning dead wood.

Annual Elections

21st August 1899.

Retiring Members

North Riding Councillor Ross

South " " Coult

East " " McCrea

Councillor Laird moved that C. Potter be appointed retiring officer for the North riding; C. Bissett for the South Riding; and C. Coult for the East Riding.

Seconded by C. Bissett. Carried.

Instructions to Engineers

- 1/ To examine and report on cost of constructing road near Phillips and Cornish's properties. Donegan.
- 2/ To report on obstructions to water courses Tenick's road East from Taudard R. Station.
- 3/ To examine and report on cost of loaning the Prairie road near F. Woods corner.
- 4/ To engage labor in removing 2 gate posts across road East from Bears Lagoon and also have repaired the laid rails to culvert near Carrigo farm. Taudard.

Motion on Notice

C. Hardy moved for the extension of a water channel from main line at Poupapies eastwards to Drvo Messrs Marshall, Gillies, Stows and others. The motion being subject to a provision that funds are available when the land costs are paid.

Seconded by C. Potter and Lobb. C. Hardy and Potter retiring for the motion and the Presidents and C. Laird, Coult, Ross, Coult, McCrea and Jackson against the motion.

The motion was lost.

Notice of Motion

By C. Coult

That the Council take into consideration at next meeting the advisability of selling the Donegan Wightbridge to the Railway Department.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday 21st July at 11 and.

Read and confirmed at September
this 21st day of July 1899.

W. Bissett President
East Loddon Shire

Present at 11 am.

The President (C. Bissett) and councillors
Laird, Courts, Jackson, Coulter & Co
Hardy, Potter and Ross.

Minutes of meeting held 16th June
1899 were read and confirmed.
on the motion of C. Laird seconded
by C. McCrea and carried.
C. Jackson voting against.

Revision Court

The Secretary presented the Voters
lists for the 3 ridings.

North Riding List

Arthur Mahoney applied
to have his name inserted in lieu
of James Isaac Mahoney.

C. Ross moved that the application
be granted. Seconded by C. Potter. Carried.

George Bailey applied to have his
name inserted on the list having
paid all rates prior to 10th June
1899. The Secretary explained that
an error had been made in the
office in including W. George
Bailey's name on defaulters list,
all rates were paid by 10th June.
C. Ross moved that George Bailey's
name be inserted. Seconded by C.
Hardy. Carried.

The North Riding roll as revised
was then adopted on the motion

of C. Potter, seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

South Riding List

There being no
claims or objections C. Laird
moved that the South Riding
roll as revised be adopted.
Seconded by C. Courts. Carried.

East Riding List

No claims or objections received.
C. McCrea moved that the East
Riding list as revised be
adopted. Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

The rolls for the 3 ridings having been signed and
alterations initialled by the chairman the meeting closed.

Read and confirmed at September this 18th
day of August 1899.

W. Bissett President

East Loddon Shire

Ordinary Meeting

Resumed.

The same councillors being present.

Correspondence

From Secretary, Municipal Assocⁿ of Victoria

In reply to Council's letter asking
that certain questions be placed on
the next business sheet, as follows:-

I am directed to say that the
executive committee is of opinion
that, as the prevention of the careless

use of fire is a matter for the attention of the Police, and not of municipal officers, the suggestion made that persons using other than fire proof madding should be liable to prosecution is a question that should be dealt with when the Police Officers Act 1890 is being amended. It is considered that compensation should be granted to owners of cattle which are killed by order of an inspector of stock, if it be found after the animals are slaughtered that they were not suffering from tubercularis. The committee desire to point out, however, that this matter, and the questions of the supervision of the sale of manures, and of the machine system of handling wheat, to which your letter also refers, are not subjects which come within the province of local governing bodies. For this reason it is suggested that they should be submitted for the consideration of the Chamber of Agriculture which is being established in connection with the various agricultural & pastoral societies throughout the colony. The suggestion made by your council that section 3 of the Dog Act 1870 should be amended by the deletion of the words "for a period of 14 consecutive days" is fully concurred in by the executive committee, and action will be taken at the earliest opportunity to have the law amended accordingly. Received, and the suggestion that the

questions referred to be brought under the notice of the Chamber of Agriculture was adopted, on the motion of Councillors Ross and Laird. Received

From R. J. Phillips, Maitland.

Drawing attention to the flooded state of his property at Maitland, caused by an obstruction across Bullock Ck, known as Hag's Dam, situated about a mile north of J. J. Morrison's homestead. J. J. Morrison M.P. & Co.

C. M. Cress moved that the Secretary write to the Loddon United Water works Trust, asking that all obstructions on the creek be removed. Seconded by C. Laird. Received

From Australasian Federation League bringing under notice of the council the necessity for action to secure a large federal vote on the 27th instants. Received

From Michael River and River Lands

Protection Association, asking co-operation in endeavouring to stop the issue of leases for dredging and sluicing the rivers and their branches until full independent investigation shall have demonstrated that the fears of damage to the streams and the adjacent agricultural, dairying, grazing and orchard lands

are grounded.

C. Foster moved that this Council coincide with the views expressed by the Association with regard to the will which would issue in dredging and sluicing the rivers and is willing to co-operate in any movement to prevent such a course being allowed by the Minister of Mines.

Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

From Secretary Shire of Horw. g.

Stating that his Council will pay half cost of coating of 2" metal on Salisbury bridge, at estimated cost of £36. and would thank the East Loddon Council to call for and accept tenders for the work.

Received and dealt with by notice of motion lodged by the President. Received.

From Councily Jackson & Dunlop, Shire Solicitors.

With reference to the appeal to the Jury Council by the ^{Trustees} owners of the Serpentine Estate in the closed roads case. The President said that he had instructed the solicitors to apply for the suspension of the order to remove the gates until the result of the pending appeal was known. He had done this on the advice of the solicitors, who found it a very urgent & important matter.

C. Laird moved that the President

action be approved. Seconded by C. Coult. Carried.
Councillors Jackson and Hardy voted against the motion and C. Ross refrained from voting.
The motion was carried.

From D. H. A. Curran acting health officer for the North and South ridings, reported that the health of the Shire is very good, with the exception of some cases of whooping cough, which is prevalent in some parts. Received.

From Water Supply Department notifying that water is available for Yarnaque Channel. Do.

From Carolin & Co. offering for sale the American Champion road machines. Do.

Reports of Officers

The Rate collector reported receipts of rates current £44.10.0; rates arrears £23.2.0; Dog fees £3. Total £110.12.0. Received.

The Treasurer reported receipts of rates current £44.10.0; rates arrears £23.2.0; Dog fees £3; Contractors deposits £4.5.0; Collection of Statistics £7.11.1; Interest Deferred Deposit receipts £1.14.0. Do.
Credit balance £718.1.0

The Shire Engineer's report was read and received and dealt with as shown in reports book.

Instructions

By C. Laird

Engineer to report on cost of approaches to Pouparirek State School.

By C. Lockman

- (1) Engineer to report cost of crossing near Gort's Tardana.
- (2) Cost of forming approaches to Yallock State School.
- (3) Cost of making up the cross banks on Jennick's road north from Mr. Fisher's late residence, Tardana.
- (4) Examine & report on formations required on Dungee road, from Heywards to Dungee railway station.

By C. McCrea

- (1) That Engineer get a drain cut to take water off roadway near Mr. Gray's property, Haysaume.
- (2) Engineer report on cost of constructing and opening crossing on Prains road opposite Geo. Humberts residence.

By C. Potter

Engineer report on cost of formation on road between Sepsentia and Kelsho lagoon.

By C. Laird

That the Secretary write to the Government asking for £500 to repair flood damages on the Mitiamo & Prains roads, recorded by C. McCrea.

Carried

General Business

C. Potter read some of the resolutions adopted at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Waterworks and Irrigation Trusts Association, held in Melbourne. In one of the clauses it was intended to make it compulsory for all owners or occupiers of land through which any Trust channels pass to destroy all vermin and noxious weeds along such channels; and also to repeal the clause in the act giving priority to persons requiring water for stock and domestic purposes.

C. Potter said these questions, along with others, would be before the Loddon United Water Trusts, and he one of their representatives on that body he desired instructions. C. Laird moved that the members have instructions to oppose the clauses and any others they might think opposed to their interests.

Seconded by C. Ross.

Carried

SHIRE OF EAST LODDON. Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held 21st July 1899Motion on Notice

By C. Coulter

That the Council take into consideration the advisability of selling the Dunge neighbourhood to the Government, was held over for one month.

Notices of Motion

By C. McCrea

- (1) Tenders for 3 stone crossings on road west from Williams R. Station.
- (2) Tenders for pre-construction culverts on road north from J. Coates residence.
- (3) Tenders for crossing and formation on road north from Coruish's farm, Dunge.

By C. Coulter. Tenders for construction light formation on N. & S. roads north from Cox's farm Yallock.

By the President

That tenders be called for installing the deck of the Salisbury bridge half cost with the Shire of Heron's.

By C. McCrea

That tenders be called for construction stone crossing on road west from the Prairie Railway Station near J. Woods farm.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £141.12.5

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was passed for payment on the motion of C. Jackson seconded by C. McCrea.

Carried

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday 18th August 1899 at 11 am.

Read and approved at Secretarys
this 18th day of August

M. Bennett President
East Loddon Shire

Present at 11.15 am.

The president (C. Bissett) and Councillors
Laid, Coult, Jackson, McEira, Coulter,
Potter, Hardy and Ross.

Minutes of Ordinary meeting and Revision
Court was read and on the motion
of C. Potter seconded by C. Coult,
Carried.

Correspondence.

From Secretary L. W. Trust, asking for
reduction of rents of trust office from
£5 to £3 per annum.

C. Potter moved that the request be
complied with. Seconded by C. Laid
C. Jackson voting against. Carried.

From Secretary L. W. Trust, asking for
cheque £5.8.0 Council's proportion of
working expenses for June quarter.
C. Laid moved that the amount be
passed for payment. Seconded by
C. McEira. Carried.

From Secretary Loddon W. Water Trust.
Notifying that the Trust had given
instructions for a new deck to be put
upon bridge over the Bridgewater channel
on the Serpentine road at an estimated
cost of £35. The Council's share being
about £22. The writer also inquired
whether the Council would contribute
its share about £25 of an estimated
expenditure of £40 in putting sheeting
at mugs and abutments to various

bridges on the channel which were
damaged by the flood in June,
and are liable to become dangerous
for traffic unless the work be done.
C. Laid moved that the letter be referred
back to the Trust for information
relative to the allocation of proposed
expenditure. Seconded by C. Coult. Carried.

From Secretary Loddon United Water Trust,
stating that the Council's letter relative
to obstructions on Bullock Creek had
been forwarded to the Water Supply
Department, with a request that
an officer be sent up to report on
and have the obstructions com-
plained of removed. Received.

From Secretary Pyramid Hill and District
Agricultural and Pastoral Society,
asking that a public holiday be
proclaimed on 11th October, the day
for holding the society's show.
C. McEira moved that the request
be complied with. Seconded by
C. Coulter. Carried.

From William Thomas Taudara
Governor public meeting held at
Taudara Hall, forwarding res-
olutions relative to the closed roads
question.
C. Coulter moved that the com-
munications be received. Seconded
by C. McEira. Carried.
C. Jackson voting against.

From Quirk, Syrett and Rymer, Solicitors, Bridgton.

For M^r Evans, Sandara.

Objecting to the removal of an embankment on Raywood and Methuen roads.

C^t Coulter moved that the Solicitors be informed that the Council had no intention of removing the embankment at the present time. Seconded by

C^t McCulloch.

Carried.

From Councils, Crocker and Taling (through the Councils solicitors)

Intimating that the Councils application for a stay of proceedings in the closed roads case had been dismissed with costs, also recommending the Council to arrange with M^r Ross for the removal at once of the fences ordered to be removed.

C^t Coulter moved that M^r Ross be requested to remove the obstructions at once. Seconded by Councillor Laird.

Councillor Ross not voting.

Carried.

From Head Teacher, Poupapua State School.

Reporting supposed cases of measles and that whooping cough is prevalent.

Received.

From Municipal Association of Victoria.

Forwarding proposed amendments in regard to the drainage of roads.

Held over till next meeting.

Reports of Committees

C^t Coulter reported, on behalf of the East Riding members, having visited the Terricks road in reference to the drainage complaints.

The decision arrived at with the ratepayers was that the Engineer should take levels to relieve the flood water on Terricks road, it being understood that before the Council took any action the ratepayers interested would indemnify the Council for any damage they may sustain through any action.

After the levels are taken a meeting of the ratepayers is to be held at Sandara at which the plans will be laid before them.

The report was received on the motion of the President. Seconded Laird. Carried.

Reports of Officers

The rate collector reported receipts of rates current £15.7.0, dog fees £1.10.0 Total £16.17.0.

Received.

The Treasurer reported receipts of rates current £15.7.0, dog fees £1.10.0, Contractors deposits £1. Dingleo Neighbourhood £4.15.6, hire of hall 15/- Total £23.7.6. Credit balance £6.36.13.1.

Received.

The Shire Engineer's report was read and received and dealt with as shown in report book.

Do.

General Business

C. Laird moved that the Council express an opinion in favor of preferential voting. Secured by C. Coulter.
At the wish of C. Coulter, the mover agreed to bring the question up again at next meeting.

On the motion of the President, Secured by C. Laird, it was decided to have placed on the business sheet of the Municipal Association for discussion at its next meeting the question of amending clauses 58 & 59 of the Public Health Act, with a view of making them more clear and more workable. Carried.
It was also decided to write Messrs Duggan & McNeill soliciting their aid in the matter.

Motions on Notice

By C. McCrea.
That tenders be called for constructing 3 stone crossings and approaches on roads west from Miliano Pk. St.: the North riding to bear half cost of two crossings. Secured by C. Coulter. Carried.
Councillor Potter voting against.

By C. McCrea.
That tenders be called for reconstructing bridge near M. J. Coulter's residence Prairie. Secured by C. Coulter. Carried.

By C. Suckman.
Tenders be called for constructing

stone crossing and formation between Phillips & Cornish. Dingee.
Secured by C. Coulter. Carried.
C. Potter voting against.

By C. Coulter.
Tenders for formation on N. and S. road near M. Cox's farm. Dingee.
Secured by C. Suckman. Carried.
C. Potter voting against.

By the President.
Tenders be called for installing the deck of the Salisbury bridge joints with strong shir - also for supplying and stacking metal for roadway south from Pow Pow bridge. Secured by C. Coulter. Carried.

By C. McCrea.
Tenders be called for constructing stone crossing on Prairie road near M. F. Wood's farm. Secured by C. Coulter. Carried.
C. Potter voting against.

Councillor Coulter's motion relative to offering the Dingee weighbridge for sale to the Government, was allowed to stand over till next meeting, the Secretary to bring up a statement showing what revenue would be derived from the bridge at a reduced scale in accordance with the Government charges and showing the receipts and expenditure for the past 3 years.

Notices of MotionBy C. Bissett

That tenders be called for loaning formations on the Dinger road. (Each riding.) East from Mr. Reynolds' residence at joint work with South riding.

By C. Jackson

That tenders be called for constructing 2 stone crossings on Tonick's road north from Fishers and over on road opposite Mr. Forth's residence Taudara.

By C. Potter

That tenders be called for loaning formations on road next from Mr. C. Bailey's residence - Poupapied.

By C. Bissett

That a rate of our shilling in the pound if in the £1 be struck on the net annual value of all the rateable property in the Shire of East Loddon for the period commencing 1st October 1899 and terminating 30 September 1900.

Declaration by Valuer

The sworn declaration of the valuer Stephen Collier Jones bearing date 18th August 1899 was read and — Received —

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £275.14.9 were passed for payment on the motion of C. McLean seconded by C. Coulter — Carried —

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday 15th Sept. 1899 at 11 am.

Read and confirmed at Loddon this 15th day of September 1899.

David W. Fetter President
East Loddon Shire

Annual Elections24 August 1899.South Riding

William George Coult being the only candidate nominated for the office of Councillor for the South riding of the Shire of East Loddon I hereby declare him duly elected thereto.

+ W. Bissett + Returning Officer
 Scepterino 14th August 1899.

East Riding

John Bustard McCrea being the only candidate nominated for the office of Councillor for the East riding of the Shire of East Loddon I hereby declare him duly elected thereto.

+ J. M. Coulter + Returning Officer
 Tansand 14th August 1899

North Riding

Patrick Gill and Hugh Macdonald Peter Ross being the candidates nominated for the office of Councillor for the North riding of the Shire of East Loddon and the said Hugh Macdonald Peter Ross having retired in accordance with the Act, I hereby declare the aforesaid Patrick Gill duly elected as a Councillor for the North riding of the Shire of East Loddon

+ John Potter + Returning Officer
 Jarkland 24 August 1899

Election of Auditor

M^r. Rowley C. Miller being the only candidate nominated for the office of Local Auditor for the Shire of East Loddon, I hereby declare him to be duly elected.

W. Bissett Returning Officer
 Scepterino
 14th August 1899

This Hall

Scepterino, 15th September 1899Election of President

The following Councillors being present, Councillors Potter, Hardy, Laird, Bissett, Jackson, Coulter and the newly elected Councillors McCrea, Coult and Gill having subscribed to the following declaration before taking their seats:-

We the undersigned do solemnly declare that we will faithfully and impartially according to the best of our ability and judgement execute all the powers reposed in us as Councillors by virtue of the Local Government Acts 1890-1891 numbers 1112 and 1243

John B. McCrea
 Patrick Gill
 W. G. Coult

Declared at Scepterino before me this 15th day of September 1899.

William Bissett J.P.

Confirmed at Scepterino this 15th day of September 1899.

+ W. Bissett + President
 East Loddon Shire

Present at noon

The president (C. Bissett) and councillors
Laird, Hardy, Gill, Potter Jackson
Coulter & McEwen.

Election of President.

The retiring president before leaving
the chair made a statement showing
the financial position of the Shire
The credit balance on the 14th instants
was £400 and with £353 subsidy
and made a total of £753.

The accounts this day amounted to
£220 which would leave a probable
credit balance on 30th Sept of £533.

Though they had carried out a
good number of works he thought
they were in a better position than
they had been for a number of
years.

Allowance to incoming president

C. Bissett moved that the allowance
to the president be £50. Seconded
by C. Potter. Carried

C. Bissett moved that C. Coulter
be elected president for the ensuing
year. Seconded by C. McEwen. Carried
Carried unanimously.

The president having taken his seat,
thanked councillors for the honor conferred
on him in placing him in the position
of president, and moved a vote of
thanks to the retiring president.

Seconded by C. Laird. Carried

In responding C. Bissett said
that he had done while in the chair
had been done honestly and to the
best of his ability and for the good
of the whole of the ratepayers.

On the motion of C. Bissett seconded
by C. Jackson a vote of thanks
was passed to the officers for the
efficient manner in which they carried
out their duties for the past 12
months. Carried

Ordinary Business

Same councillors being present
Minutes of meeting held 15th August 1899 were
read and confirmed on the motion of C. Laird
seconded by C. Bissett. Carried

Correspondence

From Mr Macdonald land officer, Dundigo.

Asking if the Council had any objection
to the alienation of certain allotments
situated in the parish of Inverlaw applied
for by Mrs Ellis and Mrs Hall.

C. Potter moved that no objection be
offered providing that sufficient land
be left for bridge road & camping
purposes. Such area to be marked
off by the Shire Surveyor.

Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried

From Secretary Post Show.

Asking donation to the funds of the
Society. C. Potter moved that £1.10 be

doubted. Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

From Secretary Bendigo Show

Asking that Wednesday 11th October be proclaimed a public holiday in the Shire.

C. Jackman moved that the request be complied with. Seconded by C. Bissett. Carried.

From Lornumboro Agricultural and Pastoral Society.

Asking co-operation in inducing the Government to bring in a Brands Registration Act.

The president moved that co-operation be accorded. Seconded by C. Laird. Carried.
C. Hardy & Jackman voting against.

From the Geelong and Western District Fish acclimatizing Society.

Stating that the Society is importing a large quantity of trout over its and stating that each quarter of the subscription or donation will entitle a gentleman to be nominated as a member of the Society.

Councillor Gill moved that application be made for 2000 rainbow trout fry for distribution in Bears Lagoon, Loddon River & September Creek.

Seconded by C. Bissett. Carried.

From Municipal Association of Victoria

Stating that the annual session will be held on Wednesday 18th October.

C. Bissett moved that the president represent the Council at the meeting of the association. Seconded by C. Laird. Carried.

C. Gill voting against.

The business sheet was gone through & the president instructed thereon.

From Shire Solicitors - *Clyde v. Shire.*

Relative to removal of obstructions ordered by the Full Court.

The Secretary said he had seen Mr. Ross who had explained that he was going to call judges at once to remove the posts and fences across the roads.

Councillor Gill moved that the Council remove the obstructions at their own expense. Seconded by C. Hardy.

C. Potter would support the motion if C. Gill would amend it so as to provide that if Mr. Ross did not proceed to remove the obstructions within 14 days the Council take steps to remove them at his expense. The suggestion was adopted.

Voting for the motion Councillors Gill, Hardy, Potter & Jackman, against the motion the president (C. Coulter) and Councillors Laird, Bissett & C. C. C.

The voting being equal the president gave his casting vote for the motion.

The motion was carried. Carried.

Reports of Officers

The Rate Collector reported receipts of

rates current £46. rates arrears £2.
Dog fees £1.5.0 Total £49.5.0 — Received —

The Treasurer reported receipts of rates
current £46. rates arrears £2. dog
fees £1.5.0 Rent Hall 16/ Total
£50. credit balance at Bank of
Victoria, Inglewood. £401. 11. 10. — Received —

The Shire Engineer's report was read and
received and dealt with as shown
in report books.

Tenders.

Contract No. 19. Stone crossings west from Melburn
6 Tenders received. Lowest tender £72.7.0
Michael Kell.

Contract No. 20 Repairing culverts east from
Paris. Three tenders.

Contract No. 21 Constructing stone crossings
at near Corvick's farm. Diggins
Four tenders received
Lowest tender Hester & Harding £33.13.6

Contract No. 22 Supplying material Salisbury bridge.
Six tenders. Lowest tender
E. J. Brayshaw £43.17.6.

Contract No. 23 Stone crossings west from Paris
Railway Station. Three tenders.
Lowest tender Hester & Harding £33.4.6.

Contract No. 24 Foundation near Cox's Diggins
Three tenders. Lowest tender Hester and
& Harding £8.15.0.

C. Laird moved that the lowest tenders
be accepted. Seconded by C. H. Curran — Carried —

Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure for the year 1899-1900

Moved by C. Laird. Seconded by C. H. Curran
that this Council do now adopt and
confirm the estimates for the year 1899
-1900 ending 30 Sept. 1900 of the re-
ceipts and expenditure the sum of
£2516.19.0 being required for the ser-
vices purposes therein specified. — Carried —

Valuation

Moved by C. Bissett, Seconded by
C. Jackson that this Council do now
adopt the net valuation submitted
of all the rateable property within the
Shire amounting to £34039 as made
by the valuer in the year 1899. — Carried —

Fixing the Rate

Moved by C. Bissett. Seconded by
C. Jackson that to raise the sum
of £1701.19.0 this Council make and
levy a rate of 1/ in the £1 upon the
net annual value of all the rateable
property within the Shire of East Loddon
for the period commencing on the 1st
Oct. 1899 and ending 30th September 1900. — Carried —

Collecting the Rate

Moved by C. Potter, Seconded by C.
Handy that the Rate Collector be
directed to collect the said rate
forthwith. — Carried —

General Business

On the motion of Mr Laid and Hardy the Secretary was instructed to apply to the Water Supply Dept. to have the water pumped down the Canal channel.

Mr Laid again alluded to the matter of preferential voting, discussion of which was held over from last meeting and moved that the Council express an opinion in favor of the system.

Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

Mr Jackson & Hardy voted against and Mr Potter left the table while the subject was under discussion.

Instructions to Officers

By C. Biscoe. Engineer to get rivets and pulleys removed from Yarnup water channel.

By C. McLeod. Engineer to repair E. and W. road west from E. M. St. Gray's residence Hayman.

By C. Biscoe. Engineer to substitute fans for clocks at rear of hall.

By C. Potter. Secretary to lay on table a statement showing the financial position of each mill.

By C. Laid. The Council's representatives on the Trust (Loddon United) was asked to lay on the table a statement showing what amount, if any, the Government had reduced the trust liabilities by.

Motions on Notice

By C. Biscoe. That tenders be called for lowering formations on Dungee roads joint with South joining. Held over.

By C. Jackson.

Tenders be called for constructing 2 stone crossings on Tarrick road north from Tickers, and one crossing opposite Tove's shop, Tarrick.

Seconded by C. McLeod. Carried.
Councillors Bill Potter voting against.

By C. Potter.

That tenders be called for lowering formations on road west from C. Bailey's farm, Pampatice.

Seconded by C. Hardy. Carried.

By C. Coulter.

That the Council take into consideration the advisability of selling the Dungee Wightbridge to the Government. In connection with this motion the Secretary stated the receipts for the past 3 years from the bridge were £26. 11. 6 an average of £12. 3. 10 per year. The exp^o would be the leaving a profit to the Council of £6. 1. 11 a year. Under the reduced rates as charged by the Govt. their net receipts from the bridge would be £3 per year.

C. Jackson moved that the Secretary write to the Government asking on

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what conditions they would take the bridge over. Seconded by C. McCrea. — Carried.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £219. 14. 4 were passed for payment on the motion of C. Potter seconded by C. Hardy. — Carried.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday 20th October 1899 at 11 am.

Read and Confirmed at Separation this 20th day of October 1899.

W. H. Frutkin President
East Loddon Shire.

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Present at 11.55 am.

The President (C. Coulter) and Councillors McCrea, Jackson, Gill, Hardy, Potter Laird and Bissett.

Minutes of meeting held 15th Sept. 1899 were read and on the motion of C. Bissett, seconded by C. Jackson. — Carried.

Correspondence

From M. Macalloy, Land Officer, Bendigo

asking for information as to the land to the land to be retained from the applications of M^{rs} E. C. Ellis and M^{rs} Jane J. Hall, Parish of Salt Lake. The Engineer produced a plan showing proposed boundaries of reserve for quays for roads, bridge & camping purposes which was adopted on the motion of C. Potter seconded by C. Hardy. — Carried.

From Treasurer, Melbourne.

Forwarding cheque for £353. 6. 4, 20th instalment for completion. — Muted to.

From E. Cheek, officer in charge of Loddon water sub-division, stating that the water in Bullock Creek channel may be diverted into the Yampunee channel for one month. — Received.

From City of Ballarat, inviting concurrence in an endeavour to have public holidays for the Melbourne Cup and show restricted to a radius of 20

miles from Melbourne.

Received

From Chief Secretary's Office.

Notifying the appointment of Mr. Joseph Hawcroft, J. Miliano, to the office of Electoral Registrar for the Taudana division of the electoral district of Mandurang, vice Mr. Charles Whitaker, resigned.

do.

From Crown Law Office.

Notifying that a writ of adrius protestation had been forwarded to Mr. Bissett, J. Sapientis, to enable him to administer the oaths in respect of the office of Justice of the Peace to the president (C. Coates) of the Shire.

do.

From R. O'Neil M.L.A., asking that the Shire Secretary be instructed to send him copies of all correspondence on the closed roads question between the Lands Department and the Council in the matter of the trustees of the Terpentine Estate & Chapel, to come on for hearing before the Trust Council, is being his intention to again bring the matter before Parliament.

C. Laird moved that the information required be supplied. Seconded by the President.

Carried

From Under Secretary

Notifying that requests for holidays for 4th and 11th next Sept had been

completed with

Received

From Public Works Department.

Notifying the appointment of Mr. J. G. Sauerbray to the office of Foot-paths Registrar.

Received

Reports of Committees

The President reported having attended the Municipal Association meeting at Melbourne on 18th inst and reviewed the business sheet at length.

C. Laird moved a vote of thanks to the President for attending the association and for his able report of the business transacted.

Seconded by C. McLeod.

Carried

Reports of Officers

The Rate Collector reported receipts of rates current £54.0, rates arrears £144.0. Dog fees £4.

Received

The Treasurer reported receipts of rates current £54.0, rates arrears £144.0, dog fees £4, Contractor's deposits £9.6.0, Government Endowment £353-6-4, Deputy Weighbridge 1/6. Total £374.3.10.

debit balance at Bank of Victoria Inglewood. £537.13.4.

Received

The Shire Engineer's report was read and received and dealt with as shown in report book.

do.

General BusinessAppointments of Committees

The following were appointed.

Public Works: The president and C^{rs} G. Hardy, Bissett and Gault.

Finance: The president and C^{rs} Potter, Laid, McCrea and Jackson.

Tenders

Constructing crossings Trench road.

Lowest tender M. Letts 54 12 0

Leaming and crossing west from C. Bailey's Pump-pit.

Lowest tender W. Jamieson £51.

C. Bissett moved that the lowest tenders be accepted. Seconded by C. McCrea. Carried.

General Business

C. Potter in reply to a question at last meeting by C. Laid as to whether the Council had been relieved under the new water bill of any of its liabilities in connection with the Loddon United Water Trust said they had not been relieved at all with the exception that they got a Chas. Street £1,200 back interest having been wiped off.

The Trust's liabilities were £20,000, and if they could not pay interest in the past it was certain they could not do so now. The proportion of the liability charged to East Loddon division was £500 upon which the

Trust was charged £150 a year interest. The only relief given the Council was that they were relieved of their part of the interest on £700, by which amount the Trust's capital debt had been reduced.

C. Laid explained that he had asked for the information to ascertain what steps the Trust had taken to get their liabilities reduced.

C. Potter said they had endeavoured to get a reduction made and would still do their utmost to that end.

C. McCrea moved that their representatives be asked to take any necessary steps to get their liabilities reduced.

Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried.

Instructions to Officers

By C. Bissett

Secretary to write Horng Shire Council asking if they would bear a portion of the cost of removing obstructions in Trench Crossing on the Loddon River. The Secretary was also instructed to draw attention to some dangerous trees and stumps on the main Inglewood road.

By C. Laid

Engineer report on what was required on the Trench and Echea road.

By the President

Enquired to submit a sample plan of the whole shire with estimate of cost of supplying each councillor with a copy.

By C. Bisatt

Enquired to get the formation remodelled on road from Pea Pea bridge to Salisbury bridge.

The matter of providing approaches to the Poupariro State School was left in the hands of the Engineer to carry out.

St. Hill said that he had been informed that all the obstructions on the closed roads in the North riding had been removed with the exception of 3.

The Secretary explained that there were 2 or 3 gates specified in the order absolute which were not directed by the Full Court to be removed. Probably those mentioned as being left were the ones complained of.

It was understood that St. Hill would peruse the order for removal and bring the matter up again at next meeting if necessary.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £313.1.7 were passed for payment on the motion of C. Jackson Seconded by C. McCrea

Carried -

The president expressed a hope that councillors would stay their hands as much as possible during the ensuing 12 months.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to.

Order and confirmed at September this day of November 1899

Korraw, Justice

Present at 11.30 am.

The president C. Coulter and Councillors
Lackman, McCrea, Hardy, Potter, Gill,
Coutts, Bissell and Laird.

Minutes of meeting held 20th October
1899 were read and on the motion
of C. McCrea seconded by C. Potter
Carried.

Correspondence.

From Railway Department

Intimating that the Commission
is not prepared to purchase the
Digger rights offered by the
Council. C. McCrea moved that the
Secretary again write to the depart-
ment asking it to take the bridge
over and that the assistance of
Mr. O'Neil W.S.A. be obtained.

Seconded by C. Lackman. Carried.

The president was empowered to
arrange with the caretaker for a
three months term pending results
of the above motion.

From Department of Lands and Survey

Stating that the Water Supply Dept
has intimated that there are no water
supply objections to the Council having
control of allotments 109 and 150, parish
of Hayswood, subject to the excision
and permanent reservation of 5 acres
of land about the tank with frontage
to Bullock Cr. and access to the
works and south road, also the

usual marginal frontage reserved
along the R.R., when it adjoins the
land over which control is desired.

On the motion of C. McCrea and
Hardy, the Secretary was instructed
to write asking that the whole of
the reserve be permanently reserved. Carried.

From Secretary to the select Committee in
inquiring into the law relating to local
governments, asking Councils opinions
as to date of closing municipal
year and date for making rate
30th September or 31st Decr.; as to the
abolition of local and government auditors
and the appointment of inspectors
of accounts; as to a minimum of
appeals to County Court, say on a valuation
not less than £50; as to appeals being
heard by Police magistrates in Courts
of Petty Sessions; as to a Revision
Court before a Police Magistrate.

It was decided to recommend that
the closing of the financial year be
as now 30th Sept. Satisfaction was
expressed with present arrangements
re the auditors and the minimum of
appeals on valuation.

Police Magistrate to hear appeals.
Appeal revision court being held
before a Police Magistrate.

From Loddon United Water Trust

Requesting Cheques for £5.9.4
making expenses for September
quarter and £21.7.1. share of

cost of redecking bridge over main
channel at Bridgenated

C. Laird moved that the amount
be passed for payment. Secured
by C. Hardy. _____ Carried

From Loddow United Water Trust

Stating that the Loddow Shire
Council had signified its willing-
ness to contribute its proportion of the
cost of repairs required to bridges
on Bridgenated Channel. _____ Received

From Cohen, Kiley & Woodnards, Solicitors,

Bardigo, on behalf of the Trustees
of the late D. Edmunds, asking the Council
to provide a crossing over a creek
upon a road near the Prairie
house station.

C. McEira moved that the Engineer be
amined and report at next meeting.
Secured by C. Jackson. _____ Carried.

Annual Meeting
at home

The same Councillors being present
The audited statement of receipts
and expenditure as read by the
Secretary was adopted on the
motion of C. Potter secured
by C. Hardy. _____ Carried

The auditors report certifying to
the correctness of the a/c's excepting
payments to Loddow Trust and
subscriptions to agricultural societies

was received on the motion of C.
Laird Secured by C. Jackson. _____ Carried.

Reports of Officers

The Treasurer reported receipts of rates
amounts £4.9.0, Dog fees 17/6. Cow
traders deposits £5.1.0, Nightbridge
fee £. Sale of timber W. J. Gault
£7. Total £17.1.0
ford's balance £261.11.9. _____ Received.

The rate collector reported collections
Treas of rates £4.9.0, dog fees
17/6. _____ Received.

The Shire Engineer's report was read
and received & dealt with as
shown in report book. _____ Do.

Closed roads case

Checked by the Council.

A communication ^{was recd} from the Shire
Solicitors concerning the plaintiffs bill
of costs in the above case. Before
being passed the amount was £185.1.5
after taxation it was £46.5.8.

On the motion of the President and
C. Laird the case was held over for
consideration at next meeting. _____ Carried.

General Business

Loddow U. Water Trust.

C. Laird moved that the Secretary write
to the Northern District members
in the Upper house asking them to
recommend to the Assembly that the

Liabilities of the Loddon United Water Trust to produce. Seconded by C. Jackson. Carried

On the motion of C^o Bissett and C^o Lisa permission was given the pres^{id} ent to use the shire roller for rolling the ground for sports at Dinger on Boxing Day

On the motion of C^o Bissett and Jackson it was agreed to allow the December meeting to lapse

In the motion of C^o Lisa and Smith the Engineer was instructed to have rabbits dug out at Calvert Dam and on road near St. Pius's farm at Talambar.

Notice of Motion

By C^o Bissett
That the meeting day be altered from Friday to Wednesday.

Accounts

Accounts amounting to £303. 11. 32¹/₂ were passed for payment on the motion of C^o Lisa seconded by C^o Jackson. Carried

An account from Michael Bussery for £27. 6 were ordered by C^o Gilb was referred to the Shire Engineer for report on the motion of C^o Lisa, seconded by C^o Potter. Carried

The meeting then stood and the Council adjourned to Friday the 19th day of January 1900.

Read and confirmed at Lupton this day of January 1900.

D. W. J. Smith President
East Loddon Shire