

# Ferryman's fee

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IN connection with the application by Mr Roderick Mackenzie, ferryman, Melkleferry, for an increase of salary and that the ferry dues be increased, the road surveyor's report was to the effect that Mr Mackenzie was a good, reliable man.

His income, approximately, amounted to £106 per annum. Of that sum, £36 was paid by the county council; the remaining £70 being derived from the ferry dues. Out of that sum the ferryman had to pay his assistant 26s per week with keep. After he paid that amount there was not much left for himself.

The men had to be on duty 16 hours per day. Very few cattle were being ferried across. Sheep was one of the chief sources of revenue.

Members of Sutherland Road Board agreed after some discussion that ferry fares under 1s should be increased by 50 per cent and that the price for stock ferried across should be increased by 100 per cent. It was also agreed to increase the ferryman's salary by 50 per cent.