

## THE "PARNELL" BRIDGE, CORK.

AT a meeting of the Town Council on the 4th inst. the Clerk and Law Agent, Mr. Alex. M'Carthy, read a lengthened report on the Corporation and Harbour Trust Bills now before Parliament. An animated discussion followed, after which Mr. Scott moved the suspension of the standing orders for the purpose of enabling him to bring forward the following notice of motion which appeared in his name on the notice paper :—

That the Bridge Committee be requested to prepare a detailed financial statement of the building of the bridge, showing all costs and expenditure in connection with it to the present, and the amounts for which the Corporation are still liable ; and that same be printed and circulated amongst the members of Council.

It was in connection with the report of the Parliamentary Committee. He did not think it was necessary that he should say one word to commend it to the members of Council. It would be of great assistance to them in informing them about the cost of the bridge.

Mr. Bogan seconded the motion.

Several members called " Question," and the Mayor demanded a show of hands.

The Town Clerk said it would be desirable to allow the motion to pass.

Mr. Ryan—Are you in a position to give the information?

The Town Clerk—Not now, but I may have it in time to suit you.

The standing orders were then suspended by unanimous consent.

Mr. Scott said it was not necessary to occupy the time of the Council discussing the motion, as every member was fully convinced of the expediency of having an account of the expenses in connection with this bridge brought out and placed before the public. The only object of having the motion passed was that the ratepayers might be satisfied about the large outlay upon it. It was all the more necessary as remarks had from time to time been circulated about the expenditure upon the bridge, some, if not all, no doubt, greatly exaggerated; and if that be the case, the sooner people were undeceived the better.