

THE HARBOUR BOARD OF
SKIBBEREEN.

IT is with much pleasure we learn from a reliable source that steps are being taken to form a harbour board for the " Old Customs Port" of Skibbereen. Its principal work at first will be the deepening of the llen; and we believe we are correct in stating that the engineering labours of this undertaking are likely to be entrusted to a gentleman whose lengthened services in connection with the Fastnet Rock have made his name (in West Carberry) a household word. The benefits that this movement of the Town Commissioners of Skibbereen will confer on the fishing villages of Goleen, Baltimore, Schull, Crookhaven, &c., are incalculable; and a harbour light is in contemplation for Baltimore. In the hands of such men as The O'Donovan, Lewis, Potter, and the parish priest (Rev. C. Davis), the matter will not fail for want of energy. We cannot but admire the admirably quiet manner in which this scheme has progressed so far, and how influences have been invoked without any of the fuss that generally prevails where parties are less unanimous. We will be happy to hear again from our correspondent.

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