

THE LIGHTING OF PARNELL
BRIDGE.

AT a recent meeting of Town Council of Cork,

Mr. Fox drew attention to the lighting of Parnell Bridge, which cost them £180 a-year. From that office to the Custom House, or from Union Quay to the Passage Railway, there were not so many lamps as there were on Parnell Bridge. It was a great waste of public money to have so many lights, all for the purpose of flaring up patent gas-jets.

Alderman Mayne asked if it was a fact that the lighting of Parnell Bridge cost so much as £180 a-year.

Mr. Fox—I certainly say it does, and I defy anyone to prove the contrary. There are 36 jets on it, and every jet costs us £5 a-year.

Mr. Harris said they should bear in mind that Parnell Bridge, unlike any of the others, was open for shipping traffic, and it, therefore, was right to have it well lighted. They might consider the question of asking the Harbour Board to contribute towards the lighting.

Mr. Giltinan (locum tenens for the Town Clerk) said it was only fair to say that all those 36 jets were not lighting after 10 p.m.

The Mayor thought that made the matter worse if they were paying £5 a year for each jet. Are you sure Mr. Fox, about this charge of £5 a-year.

Mr. Fox—Perfectly certain, Mr. Mayor. I have been on the Gas Committee, and know the charges for each jet.

Mr. M'Mullen (city engineer) said some of the jets were put out at ten o'clock, and sometimes at ten minutes to ten, when the last train leaves. The gas is supplied by meter, and the charge for each jet does not amount to £5.

The matter was referred to the Standing Committee.

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