

BALTIMORE FISHERY PIER.

AT the meeting of the Cork Grand Jury on 16th ult., Mr. Jackson, County Surveyor for the West Riding, said that the Baltimore Pier had been lately handed over to the Grand Jury by the Board of Works, and it would be necessary for them to appoint a caretaker over it. He believed it was in contemplation to form a Harbour Board for Baltimore, but in the meantime somebody should have care of the pier. He also wished to have power given him to summon a Kinsale trader who had placed about 130 tons of ballast on the Baltimore Pier. He was afraid some damage had been thus caused to the pier. The pier had been erected by the Board of Works, at a cost of some thousands of pounds, and there was at present a bulge in it which he thought was caused by the large quantity of ballast having been placed on it.

Mr. Longfield (Grand Juror) did not think that a pier which cost several thousands of pounds could be a very good one if it were not capable of bearing 130 or 150 tons of ballast.

Mr. Jackson said the pier was built of large concrete blocks, and being new, it required some time to settle before being tested to such an extent.

Mr. M'Carthy Morrogh (Grand Juror) said that if the Grand Jury decided to appoint a caretaker, he had a good man to propose for the position.

Mr. Coote—Who is he?

Mr. M'Carthy Morrogh—His name is John Brown.

Mr. Coote—I thought he was dead.

The appointment of John Brown as care taker, at £5 a-year, was then made by the Grand Jury, and the county surveyor was directed to prosecute the Kinsale trader if he offended in like manner again, or if he refused to remove the ballast lying on the 11 pier at present.

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