

CORK RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

A MEETING of the committee of this body was held on the 18th ult. There were present—Dr. Colthurst (in the chair), Messrs. D. L. Sandiford, J. T. Nunan, T. Prendergast, P. J. O'Mahony, J. Tracy, J. Creed on, T.C.; W. Fitzgerald, J. Mulcahy, J. Banks.

Mr. Nunan proposed the following resolution—"That a deputation, consisting of Dr. Colthurst, Messrs. Banks, Tracy, and Sandiford, be appointed to go to London to oppose the Corporation Bill. "He said it was necessary they should oppose this Bill. Since 1881 they had no report as to the financial condition of the city, and they did not know what it was just now. They had two Acts of Parliament for building a mile of railway, and they were to have three Acts to build a small bridge. At that rate it would require 800 Acts of Parliament to build the Great Southern and Western Railway. Mr. Nunan proceeded to comment in a most disparaging manner as to the social status of some members of the Corporation, and said there were eighteen or twenty members that should not be in the council at all. He referred to those men, too, as liberal at the public expense in giving pensions, &c., but "close shavers" in their own private affairs.

Mr. Prendergast had great pleasure in seconding the resolution, and after the able statement of Mr. Nunan it was scarcely necessary for him to say anything. There must be a limit to the expense that was carried on in their city, and the sooner it was done away with the better for the entire citizens. They were sinking into debt daily, and if half the money they were paying at present on borrowed money was spent wisely in the city on improvements, they would have work and labour and business in every street in Cork. They could not have this while the taxation was so high.

Mr. Tracy having also spoken,

The Chairman put the resolution, which was unanimously adopted, and the proceedings soon after terminated.

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