

THE STATE OF CROSSHAVEN PIER,
CORK.

MR. R. HUES, of South Mall, Cork, recently addressed a letter to the Cork Harbour Board in reference to the condition of this pier. He says:—

"I regret to see that nothing has been done towards repairing the pier at Crosshaven, which is in a very bad state; and if some steps be not taken I believe the structure will be permanently injured. You receive dues on all goods landed in the harbour, which are intended for maintaining and keeping in repair the harbour and all public piers erected in it, and on this ground, and believing that the pier when built would be properly maintained by the harbour authority, a sum of £200 was subscribed by parties outside your board and the county grand jury, being two-thirds of the amount subscribed by either of the above boards towards the erection of this pier, and I don't think it is either fair or just to allow their money to be, I may say, thrown away by the parties bound to keep the pier in repair, and who are receiving a revenue for that purpose. This sum of £200 was chiefly subscribed through my instrumentality, and, therefore, I feel myself more or less bound to endeavour to preserve the structure for which it was subscribed; and I trust the necessary repairs will be executed by you as the responsible parties, without obliging me to communicate with you again on the subject,"

The Harbour Board, according to the chairman's remarks, are in doubt whether they are liable at all or not to repair the pier. Finally it was agreed to instruct the engineer of the board to report on the condition of all the piers in the harbour. We think there can be very little doubt but the Harbour Board are responsible for the due maintenance of the pier. If a serious accident were to occur attributable to the neglect of the board in seeing to the safety of the pier, they might be wakened up one morning rudely to the grave responsibilities of their position.

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