O'Halloran Bridge

THE new footbridge from the Custom House Park to the Potato Market which was erected last week is to be called after Sylvester O'Halloran, the great Limerick historian, antiquarian, scholar and doctor.

The name was put forward by the Civic Trust and was passed by the City Council. The new bridge is due to be opened during Civic Week.

Alderman Jim Kemmy put forward the suggestion from the Trust at this week's meeting and it was carried.

"I must confess I never heard of him," said Cllr. Paddy Madden.

Immediately Cllr. Frank Prendergast got to his feet to agree with the suggestion, stating that Sylvester O'Halloran "was one of the greatest scholars of the city and country."

He said that only two years ago a book was written about him. A scholar, he worked in medicine, was a natural Irish speaker, was a pioneer of eye surgery.

Cllr. Prendergast said that the late Mr. O'Halloran's grave had been restored in Killeely by local historian Mr. Kevin Hannon, who did much work in researching facts about Mr. O'Halloran.

"There have been many outstanding Limerickmen but he is probably one of the greatest," said Cllr. Prendergast.

Alderman Kemmy also pointed out that the National Monuments Committee were also for the proposal.