THE WELLESLEY BRIDGE, LIMERICK.

On Monday last the citizens of Limerick witnessed an important event in the annals of the city of the "Violated Treaty"—viz., the opening of the Wellesley Bridge free for vehicular and pedestrian traffic. This bridge (a swivel one) was erected about fifty years ago from the designs of Alexander Nimmo, C.E., at a cost of £85,000. The Mayor, accompanied by the officers and members of the Corporation, walked in procession to the bridge, and on being handed the keys, said he found great pleasure in discharging the very important duty of declaring the bridge free. He felt proud of not only occupying the position of Mayor of Limerick, but proud also of being the instrument through which this great boon was obtained by the public. He need not refer to the many years they had been struggling to get it. Now that they had secured it, it would be one of the proudest records of his mayoralty, and the one event that would be inscribed on his chain of office, for it was a work from which more public advantage would be derived than any that was carried out during the last ten years at least.