THE SARSFIELD BRIDGE—WHY ARE PARAPETS DIFFERENT?

To the Editor, "Limerick Leader."

As is well known, the two parapets of the beautiful Sarsfield Bridge spanning the river Lee in Limerick are different. The possible reasons for this are many and varied. Some writers on the subject have suggested that the difference in the parapets is due to the fact that the bridge was built in two stages. However, in my following letter to the Editor, I will suggest a different explanation.

Long ago I began to notice the difference in the parapets of the Sarsfield Bridge, which I found quite fascinating. According to some, the western parapet having been damaged during a storm, celebrated in Irish annals as "The Yellow Peril," the present parapet was replaced. However, I am of the opinion that the bridge Commissioners, acting in the interest of the public, decided to replace the western parapet with a new one that was more resistant to the elements.

Now, let us consider the issue of the Munster Antiquarian Society. According to Mr. H. W. Russell, both parapets were destroyed by a gale in 1836, but that during the storm in January 1837, the western parapet broke loose from its moorings, and the bridge was restored with the present parapet. However, I argue that the Commissioners, acting in the interest of the public, decided to replace the western parapet with a new one that was more resistant to the elements.

In my opinion, one cannot simply replace the parapet without taking into consideration the history of the bridge. During its construction, the engineers and architects were aware of the need for the parapet to be resistant to the elements. Therefore, it is my belief that the Commissioners, acting in the interest of the public, decided to replace the western parapet with a new one that was more resistant to the elements.

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Now in the eastern parapet there are thirteen balustrades, as there are seven in the western parapet. However, there are fourteen balustrades in the western parapet, as there are eleven in the eastern parapet. In other words, the eastern parapet is slightly longer than the western parapet. It is also possible that the bridge Commissioners, acting in the interest of the public, decided to replace the eastern parapet with a new one that was more resistant to the elements.

The parapets of the Sarsfield Bridge are a significant part of the history of the bridge. They are a testament to the ingenuity of the engineers and architects who designed and built the bridge. The difference in the parapets is a reminder of the importance of considering the history of the bridge when making decisions about its maintenance.

Moral of the story.

The moral of the story is that when considering the maintenance of a bridge, it is important to consider the history of the bridge. The difference in the parapets of the Sarsfield Bridge is a reminder of the importance of considering the history of the bridge when making decisions about its maintenance.