

ROBBERY OF A BANK PARCEL.

Our town for the last eight or ten days has been thrown into much excitement, on the rumour of a bank parcel, containing a considerable amount in National notes, having been purloined, in its transit from one branch to another, and that on its arrival at its destination in Roscrea, when opened, it contained instead of cash—several sods of turf!! The facts as stated by public rumour: About ten or twelve days ago in a tin box was forwarded from the Head Office in Dublin to the Manager at Limerick. In this box were two parcels of notes, one for Limerick, and another for Nenagh and Roscrea, in one brown paper parcel. The manager at Limerick took the parcel for his branch, and apprised the manager at Nenagh of his having the parcel for the other two branches, with instructions to send a special messenger to Limerick for same. In accordance with these instructions, the Nenagh manager dispatched one of the officers of his branch, who returned with the parcel, which, on being opened, contained two bags or parcels covered with canvas, which was made up in this manner for the first time. The notes for Nenagh were counted and found right, and the parcel for Roscrea was locked up in the iron safe of the bank, to which there are two keys, one kept by the teller and the other by the manager, but to which there could be no access unless both were present with their respective keys. The manager of Nenagh (Mr. E. J. Kennelly), in a day or two after, forwarded the Roscrea parcel to the manager there (Mr. J. Carol), duly apprising him of its transmission. The mystery commences now, for on opening the canvas bag, Mr. Carroll, instead of having the trouble to count so large a sum as seven thousand five hundred pounds, of the Roscrea National notes, had comparatively very little trouble in reckoning three or four, or perhaps half a dozen, sods of "turf!" We believe it has not yet been ascertained where the exchange was effected. Each parcel was duly sealed with the seal of the Head Office of the National Bank in Dublin. The Secretary of the London Board (Mr. King), the Head Inspector (Mr. Coghlan), and another Inspector (Mr. M'Kenna), with three of the detective police, have visited Roscrea, Nenagh, and Limerick, and used every exertion to bring to light this extraordinary circumstance, but without success. The Manager at Nenagh has been suspended, and on Monday morning last received his final dismissal.

Tuesday, Four o'Clock.

Up to the present moment the matter remains enveloped in impenetrable mystery, and time alone can unravel the circumstances connected with the transaction.