

CORK HARBOUR WORKS.

THE Harbour Commissioners had under consideration on Wednesday the monthly report of Mr. Barry, their engineer, with regard to the progress of the construction of the deep water quays at both sides of the river. The report not being deemed altogether satisfactory by the commissioners, Mr. Scott made a statement on the position of the board with regard to the works. £6,262 had already been expended at the south side, exclusive of plant, which cost £1,140. They contemplated spending on the north quay £36,000, and they had already expended £8,579, and though they had to-day only 16 blocks out of 800 in their places, they had the claims of the Great Southern and Western Railway Company to face if they had not the work at the north side finished within the time prescribed by their Act of Parliament. He advocated abandoning the present system of leaving the works in the hands of their own officers and giving them to a contractor to finish. His ideas were favourably received by the board, and he gave notice for the next meeting of his intention to move that their engineer should furnish them with specifications and the probable cost of doing the remainder of the work by contract.

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