

ANGLESEA BRIDGE, CORK.

AT a meeting of the Cork Corporation on the 20th ult., a letter was read from the engineer by whom this bridge was designed (Mr. T. Claxton Fidler, of London) in reference to the hydraulic machinery necessary in connection with it. The letter mailed the firms who proposed to tender, and they all appeared to be English and Scotch firms. He asked that when the tenders were opened they should be sent to him to report on.

The Town Clerk said he had received some tenders.

Mr. Tracy objected to these tenders being opened. He said it was very distinctly understood that Irish parties were to have an opportunity of tendering for this machinery, but according to Mr. Fidler they had been all excluded. Surely, they were not to say, "No Irish need apply."

The Mayor concurred with Mr. Tracy, and said there was such an understanding, and he thought the matter required explanation.

Mr. Robert Walker, jun., having been sent for, stated that Mr. Fidler wrote to him saying that he communicated with Irish firms, and the result had not been satisfactory, and it produced no tender. When Mr. Fidler brought up his report he would fully explain the matter.

It was then decided that the Town Clerk should write to Mr. Fidler for an explanation.

With our issue for April 1st, 1880, we gave an elevation of this bridge. Mr. Alex. Rooney, of Queenstown, is the contractor.

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