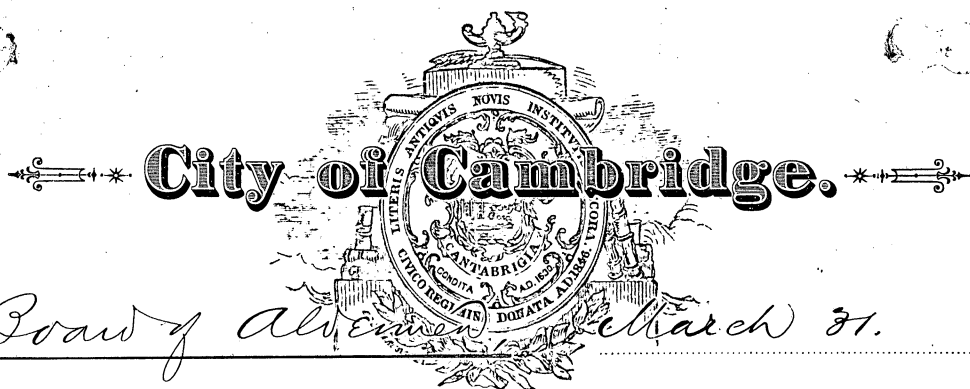




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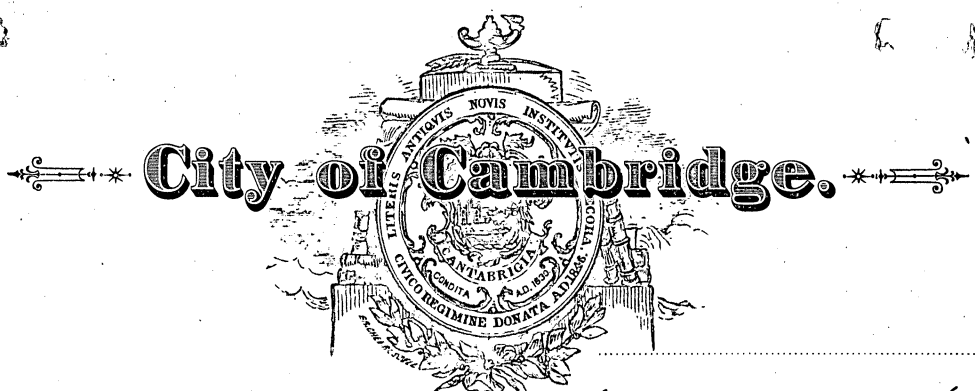
In Board of Aldermen March 31. 1885.

The Joint Special Committee appointed under authority of an order approved Jan. 9, 1885, to confer with a similar committee of the City Council of the City of Boston, in the matter of the proposed new bridge across Charles River, - and to which were also referred petitions relating to the necessary approaches to the bridge on the Cambridge side, - would herewith partially

Report,

Your committee has given careful consideration to the subject matter, and has met the Boston Committee in conference thereon.

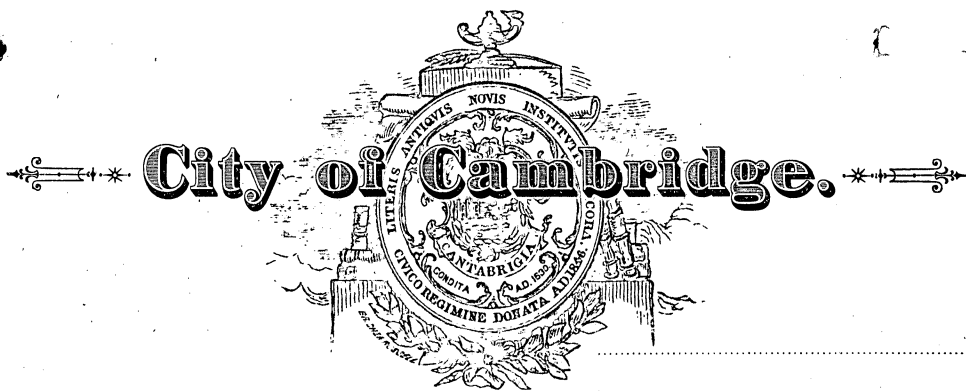
The two committees are unanimously of the opinion that an iron bridge with stone abutments should be constructed across Charles River between the two cities. They further agreed that the bridge should be 70 feet in width, with a 50 foot draw. The estimated cost of such a bridge of the width named, as heretofore agreed upon by the Engineers of the two cities is \$416,000. It was further agreed by



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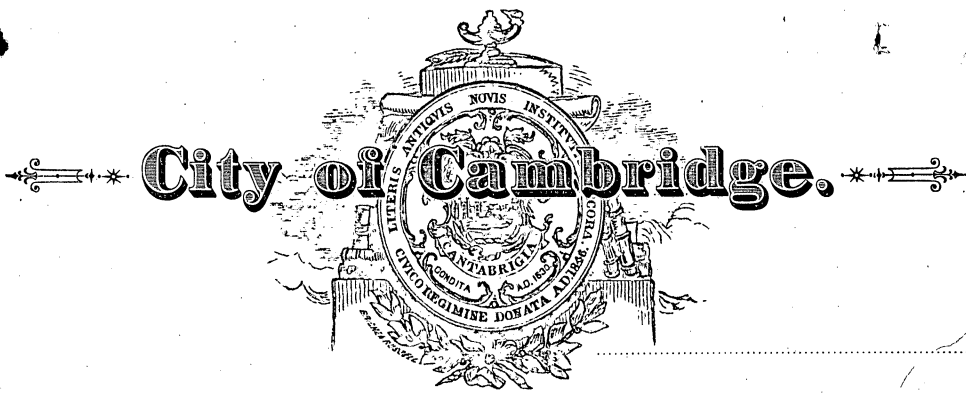
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the two committees that the location of the proposed bridge should be between West Chester Park in the City of Boston, and First Street extended in the City of Cambridge. Your Committee was informed by the Boston Committee, that they were unanimous in the opinion that the work of construction of the bridge, should be carried on by one of the parties only, and under the direction of one engineer. It was proposed by that Committee, that the City of Boston, should assume the work of building the bridge, according to plans and specifications to be furnished to this city, for the sum of \$225,000. - to be paid by the City of Cambridge. This sum could be paid in instalments as the work progresses. The total cost of the structure would thus be estimated at the sum of \$450,000. - to be borne equally by the two cities, and would include the cost of engineering, inspection of material, and the entire supervision. The City of Boston would thus assume the entire responsibility of constructing the bridge. This proposition was submitted by the Boston Committee, as coming from that Committee only, and would therefore require ratification by the City Council ^{of Boston}, but said Committee would recommend it in their report and urge its adoption.



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The Committees of the two cities met in conference on the 12th. February last, but inasmuch as this committee wished to ascertain what arrangement, if any, could be made with the Charles River Embankment Company, and other persons interested, with reference to the improvements proposed to be made by them on the Cambridge side of the river, and in respect of the land required to be taken through their territory for the approaches to the bridge, - it was deemed proper to delay the presentation of any report upon the matter of building the bridge, until after consultation with the Embankment Company and other parties in interest. Several meetings with them have been held, and propositions were submitted by your committee, to them, as a basis for an agreement, upon the terms of which the necessary approaches to the proposed bridge, were to be obtained, and the improvements contemplated in the charter of said company were to be carried forward to their completion, within a given period. The matter of completing the negotiations with the company aforesaid, and the other parties in interest, was referred to a sub-committee of



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which His Honor the Mayor was chairman, and to which the City Solicitor was joined, and a contract, based upon the propositions aforesaid, was duly prepared, and has been signed by the Embankment Company and the owners of lands adjacent, - which contract is herewith submitted for the approval of the City Council.

Your Committee is of the opinion that steps should be taken immediately, towards the building of the proposed bridge, and that the City Council should now express its opinion upon the question. For this purpose the Committee submits the accompanying resolution and recommends its adoption. Should this resolution be adopted by the City Council, and one of like purport also adopted by the City Council of Boston, then the details of building the bridge may be ^{arranged} ~~authorized~~ by contract or otherwise with that city, subject to the approval of the City Council.

Your committee would further recommend the adoption of an accompanying resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign and execute the aforesaid contract with the Embankment Company and the other persons interested.

For the Committee.

Washington E. Riddiout

The undersigned hereby expresses his dissent from the conclusions of the foregoing report, and the recommendations relating to the passage of the resolutions accompanying. He believes that no necessity exists for the building of the proposed new bridge, and that the further consideration thereof should be postponed indefinitely.

Very Respectfully
Francis F. H. Sturtevant

One of the Committee appointed
on the part of the Common Council,

Reports (partial)
Joint Special Committee
of Conference with Boston,
in matter of proposed new
bridge, -

Resolutions recommended.

March 31. 1885.

Also. Referred.

In Common Council Apr 8
Tabled for 2 weeks

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—CITY OF CAMBRIDGE—

In Board of Aldermen, March 31. 1885.

~~Ordered,~~

Resolved,

That the mayor be authorized and requested, in the name and on behalf of the City of Cambridge, to sign, seal and execute a certain contract made March 23^d 1885, by and between the Charles River Embankment Company and other parties whose names are thereto subscribed, - parties of the first part, and said City of Cambridge party of the second part, said contract being now before this board.

(April 7. 1885.) Adopted. In concurrence.

Attest: Justin A. Jacobs. City Clerk.

In Common Council, April 22. 1885.

Adopted in concurrence.

Attest:

John W. Duffie,

Clerk pro tempore.

April 25. 1885 approved

Wm. Russell Mayor.

Resolved 22

authorizing the mayor to
sign and execute a
contract with the Charles
River Embankment Co.

March 31. 1888.

March 31. 1885.

Leave on the table
for one week.