

NEW BRIDGE TO CAMBRIDGE.

FEBRUARY 18, 1885.

Alderman Mullane absent.

A conference was held with the committee appointed by the City Council of Cambridge.

Mr Wightman explained the plans of the bridge made by him.

Alderman Curtis stated that the Boston committee had come to the conclusion that the bridge should be 70 feet wide, with a 50 foot draw. The estimated cost of such a bridge was \$416,000. They were also of the opinion that the plans made by Mr Wightman should be adopted, and that the bridge should be built under his direction. They would propose that the City of Boston should assume the whole work of building the bridge, including all engineering and supervision, for the sum of \$225,000. to be paid by the City of Cambridge from time to time as the work progresses. This proposition would, of course, have to be submitted to the City Council for approval.

Mayor Russell, representing the Cambridge committee, stated that his committee had not yet arrived at any definite conclusion, but would take the matter under consideration, and would confer with the Boston committee again. He wished to know whether the City of Boston would undertake to build the bridge and divide the actual expense with Cambridge.

Alderman Curtis stated that his committee had not considered that proposition, but would do so if the Cambridge committee

desired it:

VOTED,

To recommend the passage of an order authorizing the Mayor to petition the General Court for the passage of an act reducing the width of the draw opening to 36 feet.

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