

other than local tenders will not be considered.

Of course the judgment of the council awarding the contract has to be exercised in cases of this kind, for instances may arise where it would be advantageous to the citizens to award a contract to an outside firm, while under different conditions it would be decidedly the reverse.

A strange coincidence occurred last week in another city, where the council on opening tenders for construction of a certain work found the figures very high. The two tenders received were both from local firms, and some of the aldermen lost no time in expressing their belief that the tenders had been "fixed," with the result that the council will endeavor to have outside firms tender on the work.

If municipalities wish to confine the furnishing of their supplies and construction of their works to local firms, it would be only doing justice to manufacturers of municipal supplies that the notices and advertisements should state that only local tenders would be considered, thereby avoiding injustice to outside tenderers and time and trouble for all concerned.

Since writing the above, the Council who awarded the contract to the local firm at the higher price have reconsidered their decision and have decided to advertise for new tenders.

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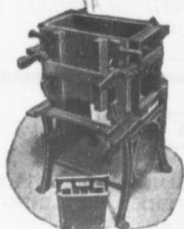
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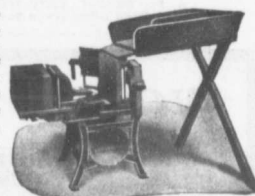
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