

File No. 10178 Continued.

CORRESPONDENCE.

the White Diamond Tool Proofing for work at the City Jail, would say:

FIRST

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There can be no question whatever of my considering that tool proof material, generally, was specified, for the reason; I have never in all specifications submitted to the City Solicitor any specifications, for approval, with one item specified, without including (or equal thereto). I invariably do this, knowing that the City Solicitor is not supposed to know what in building construction there may be other than the one specified, and he naturally depends upon the Building Inspector, on that line, to know that he does not approve specifications contrary to law, for securing best prices by competition, or violates rulings made by all law officers that there must be the full latitude of bidding.

It, therefore, remains as there appears no clause of this kind I could not have considered the specifications in any other way than that tool proofing generally was meant.

SECOND

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The specifications were prepared by the architect and the only parts directed by me was to have the concrete work fully specified, and a standard of locking device named; which standard was one approved by three members of the Board of Awards after an inspection made by them, all of which was done previously to preparing the specifications.

As to the architect acting with best intentions of depriving no one method from being bid on (although it is certain that strong efforts were made on him and the Inspector of Buildings for favoritism) no one will question. And he has prepared the specifications fully up to the widest latitude.

You will note, on page 19, - Window Guards specified Tool Proof Steel - on page 34, the scope of the work is fully intended for Tool Proof Steel as therein noted.

On page 35, under head of Plate Work, it says - Cell fronts to be constructed of tool proof grating, and speaks of round or hexagonal bars, flat bars, &c.

Also on page 35, under title - Cell Doors - Tool Proof Work. These embrace all the work in question, namely - Window Guards, Cell Fronts, Cell Doors.

Now it clearly follows that any tool proof materials can be used.