

encouraging every effort put forth for the obtainment of the Clock. Indeed I may say that during my twelve months' intercourse with the Council, it was the most pleasant period of my public life, especially because I found among the members, without an exception, a responsive disposition to have the City improved and embellished in sundry ways outlined last summer, to be carried out this summer,—among these may be mentioned the removal of the old Barrack fences on Queen Street, and planting of the Square with trees, &c. &c.

Nor can I finish this Report without bearing testimony to the zeal and great services rendered to the City by Mr. James White. I may say that I am indebted to him for every step I have taken in the business after laying my plans before the City Council—in the advice and information he has afforded—for his intelligence in Clock mechanism, for his suggestions, for his earnestness in the correspondence we have both kept up with the makers, when we felt that there was too much delay—and, for his singleness of purpose and self denial, in devoting so much of his time as a private citizen (time he has made no charge for,) in the public service, in order that the City Hall of Fredericton should have a Clock placed within its Tower, second to none in America.

Mr. John Babbit and Mr. Henry Chestnut have also rendered valuable assistance. Both of these gentlemen took a lively interest in the Clock from the commencement, and have encouraged the progress of the work throughout by their counsel and sound practical suggestions. Mr. Chestnut was present and assisted in raising the Bell to the Tower in June last. While the Clock was being put up he devoted day after day in assisting Mr. White, in adjusting the works, the weights, the pulleys, &c., and for which time he made no charge.

In conclusion, I beg to remark that I make this Report to the Citizens on my own account,—and am alone answerable for any mistakes or omissions it may contain,—in deference to them as well as in justice to myself. It is also to prevent any misunderstanding on the part of future Councils as to the manner in which the debt was contracted, and the means suggested for paying it off, without its ever becoming a part of the ordinary taxes of the City.

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