

Fenety.

These Accounts and Report were referred to a Committee at a Meeting of the Council held on the 7th May, consisting of Aldermen Cliff, Smith, and Bully.

On the 4th June the Committee reported as follows, and it was adopted unanimously:—

The Committee to whom was referred the Account of ex-Mayor Geo. E. Fenety, Esq., for amount expended in the purchase of a Clock and Bell, and placing them in the Tower of the City Hall, beg to report that they have examined the Account, and find it correct, and that Vouchers are furnished for all the payments.

The cost of the Bell, and hanging, is ...	\$571 79
The cost of the Clock, and fitting up in the Tower,	1,748 83
Deduct amount received by Mr. Fenety,	<u>\$2,320 62</u>
	628 79
Interest on money borrowed to 1st May 1878,	\$1,691 83
Balance, Principal and Interest, 1st May 1878,	<u>54 81</u>
	<u>\$1,746 64</u>

Your Committee beg to recommend that the thanks of the City Council be presented to Mr. Fenety for his generous and arduous services, and the great care and unremitting attention which from the beginning to the end he has given to the duty assigned to him by the City Council on the 17th May, 1877.

Respectfully submitted.

G. A. CLIFF,
THOS. W. SMITH,
ARTHUR E. BULLEY.

Committee Room, Fredericton, 29th May, 1878.

I am gratified that the work is now completed, and that the Citizens have as fine a time piece (so I am informed by judges) as England can produce. We might have obtained a Clock at a much less price; but is it wise in going into a great public operation like this—in the purchase of an article that is required to last and work well for a century and more, —to consider the saving of a few dollars, or even hundreds, and thus run the risk, through a false economy, of making a mockery of the whole business—instead of a first class time-piece have only a pretence for one—a false guide, for ever getting out of order, entailing constant expense, and great dissatisfaction to everybody?

I cannot omit this opportunity of returning my hearty thanks to the members of the City Council for their courtesy and kindness in listening to and acting with me, and thus