

5. In addition to the above I assisted in revising the proof sheets, as they came from the press, and attended numerous conferences with you in the discussion and consideration of every questionable item.

I have been constantly engaged in these duties from the time I undertook the office in November, 1854, up to the publication of the work in January, 1856, a period of 14 months. In the early stage of the work I was compelled to work double time in order to meet the views of the House, otherwise I could not have placed the manuscript in your hands at so early a period as I did. While the manuscript was in progress I seldom left my work before 12 at night, and I think I may fairly compute my extra time at 4 months, making in all a period of 18 months of fair business hours, I have been engaged on this truly important work.

I am still engaged in transcribing and completing the table of the Statutes (No. 3.) which I hope shortly to have ready and hand to you.

I have had much pleasure in assisting you in the arduous duty assigned to you by the Legislature, and have the gratification of being assured by you that I have done so to your entire satisfaction.

It would be presumptuous in me to fix any value upon my services. I prefer leaving this entirely to the judgment and liberality of the Contingent Committee of the Legislature.

I beg leave to subscribe myself,

Dear Sir,

Your faithful and obedient servant,

W. C. KEELE.

DOCUMENTS ACCOMPANYING THE FOREGOING REPORT.

1. Printed Copy of the Index.
2. do. do. of a portion of the Tables.
3. do. do. of the Tables to the Statutes of Lower Canada.