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PREFACE

The history of Fall River presented to the public in this volume is designed to fill a niche that has long been vacant, inasmuch as no record of the city's growth has been published in nearly thirty years. The aim has been to present a concise and accurate statement of the city's history that will be of value as a work for reference, as much as for general reading. Some matter already familiar to many readers has been incorporated, because of its importance, though in a condensed form, but a considerable proportion is new.

The work has been prepared under the direction of a committee of representative citizens appointed by Mayor John T. Coughlin, consisting of Former Mayor and Congressman Robert T. Davis, as Chairman; Leontine Lincoln, City Engineer Philip D. Borden, Judge John J. McDonough and Benjamin Buffinton. City Solicitor Hugo A. Dubuque, who was also appointed to the committee, was unable to serve.

The editor desires to acknowledge his great indebtedness to city officials, especially the City Clerk, Arthur B. Brayton, the officers of banking and manufacturing institutions, and various associations, and to scores of private individuals for their un-failing courtesy in the furnishing of material, and, in some instances, complete articles, as well as in the examination of manuscript. To the members of the committee appointed to pass upon the work, he also wishes to extend his thanks for their interest and encouragement, and to Michael Reagan, Secretary to the Mayor. Mr. Philip D. Borden has also been of great assistance, and was untiring in his efforts for the success of the work.

HENRY M. FENNER,
Editor.

Fall River, June 1, 1906.

Copy.

City of Fall River. *In Board of Aldermen.*

February 19, 1906.

Ordered,

That the History of Fall River now being compiled by the Smiley Publishing Company, of New York, and now in the hands of the committee consisting of Hon. Robert T. Davis, Hon. John W. Cummings, City Solicitor Hugo A. Dubuque, City Engineer Philip D. Borden, Leontine Lincoln, Esq., and Benjamin Buffinton, and appointed by His Honor, the Mayor, be indorsed by the Board of Aldermen. If the work is satisfactory to said committee, the City of Fall River shall purchase four hundred copies of the book, the cost of the same not to exceed the sum of one thousand dollars.

In Board of Aldermen, February 19, 1906.

Adopted.

(Signed) Arthur B. Brayton, City Clerk.

Approved, February 20, 1906.

(Signed) John T. Coughlin, Mayor.

A true copy.
Attest:

Arthur B. Brayton,
City Clerk.

To His Honor, the Mayor, February 21, 1906.

Fall River, June 6, 1906.

The undersigned members of the committee appointed by Mayor John T. Coughlin to pass upon the manuscript of the history of Fall River hereby signify their approval of the work as submitted to them.

Signed { LEONTINE LINCOLN,
PHILIP D. BORDEN,
JOHN J. McDONOUGH,
R. T. DAVIS,
BENJAMIN BUFFINTON.

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