

lent our public parks, the City Hall should pre-eminently and impressively be the citadel of municipal service."

Letter From Mayor.

Leon F. Robert's letter
City Clerk Joseph Midgley

"May 15, 1935

Honorable J. William Sanbury
Jamestown, New York.

"Dear Mr. Sanbury:

"I am very sorry that an engagement made previous to receipt of your invitation to participate in the program you have arranged to commemorate the conclusion of payments upon the City Hall, prevents me from being with you Wednesday night.

"It is nice to know that the City Hall has finally been cleared of incumbrance, even though the weight of obsolescence is bearing heavily on the present worth of all the future rights to unencumbered ownership.

"There is little I can say that will add to the glory of the event, other than to express appreciation of the fact that this administration has had the privilege of retiring a debt which for forty years has eaten steadily at the trough of municipal expense.

"Very truly yours,

"LEON F. ROBERTS,

"Mayor"

Myron A. Fish Speaks.

Mr. Fish, who aside from former Mayor Carlson, is the only other surviving member of the Common Council of 1895, spoke humorously of the events of forty years ago. President Grover Cleveland was in his second term and Levi P. Morton was Governor of New York. Mark Hanna was booming McKinley, while William Jennings Bryan was active in a crusade for free silver at a ratio of 16-1.

Locally, Jerome B. Fisher, Arthur C. Wade and Cyrus E. Jones were booming McKinley for the Presidency. John T. Wilson, Charles E. Weeks and Louis Heine-man were prominent in the Democratic party.

Mr. Fish then referred to the building and the men on the Council at the time. Eleazer Green, he said, made a good mayor.

In referring to the municipal water plant which was then getting under way, Mr. Fish said he voted for the proposition the same as "Sam Carlson, but I never got credit for it." Nowadays people talk in millions instead of thousands, said Mr. Fish and if he knew that the people were going to be able to pay back the national debt as the people here have paid for the city hall he would feel better.

In concluding he said:

"Sam and I are the only ones left. I'm thirteen years older than he is but maybe I'll beat him out yet."

The other speakers expressed their appreciation and pride in having had a hand in the paying off of the City Hall debt and told of their experiences while in public office.