

constantly-varying outside temperature and direction and force of winds, without which no system of ventilation can be satisfactory.

We have, &c.,

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P.S.—Understanding that the desired alterations are immediately required, we venture to assert that, if instructed, the principal fault of ventilation could be rectified by us in four days from time of instruction.—WM. C. C., P. F. J.

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Mr. W. C. CHATFIELD, Architect, to the Hon. the MINISTER for PUBLIC WORKS.

SIR,—

Wellington, 7th August, 1891.

We have the honour, in compliance with your instructions, to report, for your information, progress of the works mentioned in our memorandum of the 4th instant.

Ventilation in the lantern skylight of the Chamber has been entirely altered, and will be completed by Saturday or Monday next at latest. The provisions for increasing ingress are well in hand.

The further instruction *re* ventilation of rooms and passages surrounding the Chamber referred to in our memorandum is also being worked upon as rapidly as possible.

We find, on examination of the rooms and passages, that the defects of ventilation were even worse than we anticipated.

We have issued instructions in *re* the following—viz., rooms 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, ladies', *Hansard* reporters', Cabinet, and certain Committee rooms, Clerks to House, extra clerks, messengers', and passages in general.

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