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Is not this rather a dubious way for our Mayor to word his address, and is it not curious that one who stated he would do so much, and has done so little, should equivocate so? A clear and open course requires no covering, it can protect itself; and I can assure you that at the expiration of my term of office as Mayor, if I cannot upon all subjects submit to the electors a straight forward and manly statement of my conduct, I will not present one under the cloak of suspicion.

#### BOARD OF WORKS.

Mayor Stewart, in his address refers to the street improvements that have been made during the past year, and while not saying so directly, indirectly inters that he was the means of having all the improvements made. Alderman Lewis, as reported in the *Free Press* of November 28th, says, "Have you seen Mayor Stewart's address? He takes all the credit to himself for every ounce of macadam put on the streets, every square foot of sidewalk put down, and everything else that has been done for the city during the past two years. I'd like to know what he had to do with it. The members of the Council, myself included, are more entitled to credit for whatever has been done this year than the mayor is." And a correspondent in the issue of the *Free Press* of December 5th, pertinently asks "What meeting of the Board of Works has he (Stewart,) ever attended or how much are the ratepayers indebted to him?" Comment on the above, I think, unnecessary. The electors I believe will readily see that the cloak with which Mr. Stewart is striving to retain office is one which when examined will be found to be of very poor shoddy and suspicious material.

#### FIRE AND LIGHT.

Touching the Fire and Light Department, Mayor Stewart is a little more truthful in his address than he is on any of the other subjects of public interest to which he has referred. He says, "upon assuming office in junction with the Fire and Light Committee, I continued the negotiations with the Minister of Public Works for the building and equipping of a Central Fire Station;" and in his inaugural address he stated that, "during the year 1886 I am glad to learn that the Fire and Light Committee entered into negotiations with the Dominion Government for further fire protection for the central part of the city." Consequently I cannot see why he should claim or infer that the scheme was either suggested or accomplished through his efforts. To ex-Mayor MacDougal, myself and the other members of the Council, is due all credit for the erection of the Central Fire Station.

#### THE ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Coming to the question of the electric light, Mayor Stewart truthfully states that additional lights have been secured for the city; but he fails to tell you that during my term of office as Chairman of the Finance Committee, ex-Mayor McDougal, Ald. O'Keefe and myself, were appointed by the City Council to investigate the merits of and report on the same; and the result of our united endeavors secured for the city a contract with the Electric Light Company second to none on this continent.—(Applause.)