

time. (Cries we won't.) Remember the old maxim, "Once bitten, twice shy." (Laughter and applause).

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

I am one of the last to find fault, but when I find Mayor Stewart publicly misrepresenting matters, I must do so. He says in his address: "The holding of the Provincial Exhibition here this year resulted in the main satisfactorily, and was the means of directing the attention of our citizens towards the formation of a permanent Industrial Exhibition at Ottawa.

On Nomination day last year, Mayor Stewart gave as a reason why he should be elected the following:—

"Another reason why the year 1887 is going to be an important one for Ottawa is this—the Provincial Exhibition will be held here. If you elect me Mayor of the City of Ottawa for the year 1887, I shall endeavour with all the energy and such ability as I possess, to make the Provincial Exhibition this year a jubilee exhibition—something of which the people of Ottawa may feel proud." (A voice: a most dismal failure) And in his inaugural address, "It would be well to call this exhibition the Queen's Jubilee Exhibition, and to ask the Dominion Government to have the Dominion Exhibition grant this year placed at our disposal, in order to carry out the idea of having an exhibition of a natural character (laughter). Now what do we find? The *Journal* of July 21st, 1887, seven months' after Mr. Stewart had given utterance to the above, says:—

"Notwithstanding the indifference of the City Council, preparations are going on here for the approaching Provincial Exhibition. The city owes it to its position to make this exhibition one of the most successful ever held in Ontario." And had it not been for Mr. Ira Morgan and myself, the Exhibition would not have been held here. Why, Mr. Stewart telegraphed to Toronto that the Council had repudiated what the previous Council had done by a vote of 6 to 8, and did not want the Exhibition here, and instead of standing up on his chair and announcing that rather than have the honor of the City Council marred he would furnish the money himself and bring the Exhibition here, he sat in silence and sent off his famous dispatch. So much for McLeod Stewart and the Exhibition; and when the Exhibition had closed the *Ottawa Journals*, without exception, pronounced it a dismal failure. Please mark the contrast and smile; and furthermore, note what "Civic" in *Free Press* of Dec. 12th, 1887, says: "That the Provincial Exhibition was "a success" was, and is denied by all, citizens and strangers alike." So much for the Provincial Exhibition (laughter).

ANNUAL EXHIBITION.

Now I desire to say a word regarding the Annual Exhibition. Mr. Stewart in his address states that "the holding of the late provincial exhibition was the means of directing the attention of our citizens towards the formation of a permanent Industrial Exhibition at Ottawa." If Mr. Stewart told the truth he would have said that "ex-Mayor McDougal broached that scheme two years before Mr. Stewart came into office."