

been referred, are alive to the importance of the subject they will lose no time or opportunity to bring Stewarton and Rochesterville within the Corporation. The time for the change is ripe. The opposition formerly manifested to the project has very largely disappeared beyond, as well as within, the city limits.

On September 10th, Mr. Higman to a *Free Press* reporter said, "Almost everybody in Stewarton is anxious for annexation at the present time, and "Civic" in the *Free Press*, December 12th, just a few days ago, truthfully pronounces that Mr. Stewart has never moved one step in the matter except promising to bring it about. Now, Ladies and Gentlemen, in the face of all this evidence, in the face of all the urging that the people and the electors have put forth to induce Mr. Stewart to keep this, one of the many promises he had made, we find that nothing had been accomplished, and apparently no efforts made to stand honorably as a man should by what he promises.

#### PARKS.

Another spicy bit in Mr. Stewart's address is the following:—

"I am in favor of establishing parks in both the eastern and the western sections of the city under the "Parks Act of Ontario," at an early date, when land can be purchased by the acre instead of by the foot."

Is not this to say the least amusing if not disappointing. Why last year Mr. Stewart, our retiring Mayor, said that he would establish a park in Lower Town. Now he is only in favor of one. "To thee alone, Oh Judge, I state this fact, condemn me not for I am in earnest."

#### A CLEAN AND HEALTHY CITY.

On Nomination day, 1886, Mr. Stewart said. "If I am elected Mayor my first endeavour will be to make this a clean city, an attractive city and a healthy city. If you put me in the position of Mayor of Ottawa I will make it my very best endeavour to see that the Capital gets fair play at the hands of the Government, no matter what party may be in power. Now let us refer to the voices of others and see how our worthy Mayor has done as he said he would: Dr. Playter, in the *Free Press* of Nov. 26th, 1887, says:—"The epidemic of what appears to be "malarial" fever, with, in some cases, typhoid symptoms, in Ottawa, has given rise to a demand for more vigorous sanitary administration. Repeated warnings had been given that the sewerage system of the city was bad, and that there was a great deal of filth in some parts of the city. Nothing special was done to improve matters. A year ago, before the municipal elections, the present chief officer made promises that if elected his efforts would be to first of all make the Capital a healthy city. We have not been able to learn of a single effort having been made by his Worship in this direction."

The *Free Press* of the same date editorially says:—

The analysis of the Ottawa river water has demonstrated that it is not unwholesome, or disease producing, and it is becoming more painfully evident every day that the epidemic is due principally to stagnant sewage, bad drainage and defective or botched plumbing. In view of the possibility of