

my ability will allow in making the City of Ottawa all that human effort can accomplish.

On nomination day last year I said: "I looked back with feelings of pride at the great and unsurpassed advances that Ottawa has made within the few years passed in the condition of her streets, her drainage, her population, her financial and her commercial standing, in the valuation of her property and in her increased railway facilities. I stated that our Capital was surely and easily sweeping forward to that state which would compel the rest of the Dominion to recognise its great importance, and to give it credit for its people's enterprise, owing to its supreme financial state.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I am sorry that I cannot say that Ottawa has made many advances during the past year; I cannot say that her drainage has been improved, (look at the sickness now scourging the city,) I cannot say that her financial state has been improved; I cannot say that her Mayor has been an active mayor (cheers and laughter). I would gladly say so if I could, but I cannot; but these matters I will deal with a little later on. I wish you to refer indirectly to Mayor Stewart's address, and to slightly call attention to my last year's candidature. Last year I entered the field as a candidate for the mayoralty, but I entered too late, a large number who would otherwise have given me their support, having given their word to vote for Mr Stewart, and who to a man I am pleased to say, for I always appreciate and esteem a man who stands by his word, who thinks as much of his word as he does of his bond, stood firm to the last and voted in opposition to me; but, notwithstanding that serious draw back, I polled about 1800 votes, and had it not been for some of the electors voting twice, three times, and as one man boasted in the Russell House, thirteen times for Mr. Stewart, the chances are I, and not Mr. Stewart would have been occupying the Mayor's chair during the year now coming to a close. Had I been fairly beaten I would not have murmured, and it was not until some of those who had voted more than once openly boasted of what they had done, that I took action to bring them to justice. I did not do so to make money, for I promised publicly, providing I was successful, to donate the entire revenue to the different charitable institutions of the city (cheers and continued cheers). I wanted to show that such infamous conduct could not be carried on with impunity (renewed cheers), and furthermore, to give explanation to the electors to the effect that it is not my desire to sit in the Mayor's chair by a fluke, or by corrupt means, (applause) and as an evidence of my desire in this direction, after hearing the learned judge pronounce the law defective, inasmuch that it had to be proven that the voter was seen marking the ballot before he could be prosecuted for voting more than once, I set to work and applied for an amendment to Section 6, 139 of the Consolidated Municipal Act, of 1883, which is now amended by adding the following sub-section:—"The receipt of any voter of a ballot paper within the polling booth shall be *prima facie* evidence that he has there and then voted." This, ladies and gentlemen, is enough, I hope, to show you that I desire when elected, no one will be able to successfully contend, not even my bitterest enemy, that by dishonorable