

wanting in earnestness of purpose to promote, as far as I am able, the interests of this city, as well as of this vast Dominion.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN MACDONALD.

ADDRESS OF ÆMILIUS IRVING, ESQ., Q.C., TO THE
ELECTORS OF HAMILTON.

To the Electors of the City of Hamilton:—

GENTLEMEN,—In soliciting your votes in my favor as a supporter of the present Government, I ask your attention to some of the most prominent measures which have been carried under their auspices.

We are now about to test, in this constituency, the efficacy of one of the most important of those measures, a New Election Law, which, in cities like Montreal, Toronto and London, has been found to work satisfactorily: This law secures vote by ballot, and has abolished the property qualification of candidates—reforms long agitated and much needed, but not taken up in earnest until Mr. Mackenzie obtained power.

It was equally necessary to pass an Act defining the practice for the trial of Controversed Elections, and thereby providing means for the more certain discovery of corrupt practices. These changes in connection with the new Election system will unquestionably secure Parliamentary representation in accordance with the voice of the people.

The Government has been successful in the formation and development of a plan for the construction of the Canada Pacific Railway, at an expenditure not in excess of our capacity to bear taxation, and framed to meet the general interests of the Dominion so fairly that it has secured the hearty co-operation of all the Provinces.