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## Mr. Brown's Nomination Address.

Delivered in the City Hall last Monday, when accepting the candidature for the Mayoralty for 1888, in response to the request of over 3,000 Electors.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—ELECTORS OF OTTAWA—It is with exceeding pleasure that I appear before you here to-day as a candidate for the Mayoralty for 1888, and that pleasure is made all the stronger when I am privileged to look into the faces of so many of the intelligent electors of the Capital, and to exhibit to them a requisition nearly three miles and a half long, neither gotten up or solicited by me. I was entirely free from having anything to do with this unprecedented exhibition of confidence in me on the part of the electors of Ottawa; and when a so large and influential requisition was placed in my hands, when over three thousand of the electors signed their names to a request to have me place myself in the field as a candidate for the Mayoralty for the coming year, I felt that were I to refuse to accede to their wishes I would be acting a part unbecoming a citizen, and entirely at variance with those features, which are conspicuous, in all whose natures permit feelings of gratitude, thankfulness, and pleasure. Ladies and Gentlemen, I am almost impowered with this enormous exhibition of confidence, and to find words to satisfactorily express my thanks is an impossibility. (Loud and boisterous cheers.)

Requisitions have been presented on previous occasions to others, but when or where in Canada, has any man been honored with such a requisition as has been presented to me on this occasion. I cannot name the place; who can? Silence tells the story; but, ladies and gentlemen, I am not satisfied with telling you how greatly I appreciate the honor that the electors have bestowed upon me in allowing me to be presented with an address of such dimensions as this is, (Mr. Brown here exhibited an address signed by the most influential electors of Ottawa, which was almost long enough to twice go around the City Hall.) I must say more; I must say that if elected, and if this requisition speaks the truth, and I believe it does; if it represents the hearts of the electors who have signed it, and I believe it does; if it is the voice of those who want a live, an active and a competent Mayor, and I believe it is, I will not falter in so far as