

## THE MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

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*To the members of the City Council :*

GENTLEMEN,—

Last year it was my privilege to enter pretty freely into the affairs of this corporation, reviewing the occurrences of the previous decade, elaborating the then position of civic affairs, pointing out omissions and defects, and offering such suggestions for the future as the experiences of the past showed to be desirable.

I might almost be excused from again addressing you, and the citizens of Halifax, through you, were it not that events seem to multiply so rapidly that an annual review seems a necessity, in order to note progress, and to provide a permanent record of a year's work.

The departmental reports are based upon the general civic year, which runs from May to May, and all the statements and returns made, conform to these dates, but as the period of issue of these reports is six months later than the close of the Corporation year, my remarks will be made to embrace more recent occurrences, thus making a connecting link with the succeeding year.

It cannot be amiss, in so far as it comes within the scope of a mayor's duties and observations, to have an annual stock taking, shewing the advancement of our city in its financial, industrial and legislative interests. That there has been a substantial and permanent gain since my last review is very evident. The hope expressed by me in concluding the address of 1885, "that the current year will enable us to bring to a successful ending some of the important subjects which have for years been before this and previous councils" has been to