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MR. ABBOTT'S REPLY.

GENTLEMEN,—I feel much honored by the requisition you hand me, which, on a cursory glance, shows the most distinguished names in Montreal on both sides of politics. I regret the scenes which have attended the discussion of the report of the nomination committee: but I cannot doubt that the signers of the present requisition fairly represent to me the deliberate wish of the solid and thoughtful proportion of the English speaking citizens. It is for that reason only that I have determined to accept the candidature, as I have not sought municipal honors, and only allowed myself to be considered a candidate, because I was assured that my doing so afforded the most favorable chance of having an English speaking mayor, with the generous assistance of our fellow citizens of French Canadian origin. In doing so, I desire simply to say that, if elected, I shall endeavour to do my duty.

The objections to my candidature seem to rest chiefly on suspicions that I may violate my obligations as the municipal head of the city, by undue partiality to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, either by procuring advantages for it or by aiding to remove its station from the East end. With reference to the former, I know of nothing which the company desires or is likely to desire from the city, but permission to increase its facilities for becoming one of the first cities of the continent, without any assistance from it whatever. And with regard to the latter, I know that the company regards its Eastern terminus as the most advantageous and most profitable that it could possess; that no western station could ever become in any degree a substitute for it, and that the only accommodation which it may require at the West end, would be a passenger station on one of the leased lines for the use of Western residents. And if I may appeal to the past, I think the fact that at the most critical periods of the legislation respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway during the past six years, I never spoke or voted in its favor, may be taken as a reasonable indication of what my action would be if any similar occasion should arise in the council.

As to the imputations, and I may say abuse, that have been lavished upon me, I will only say that I have lived in Montreal for nearly half a century, during which my character and conduct have been before my fellow-citizens. And I desire no other or better defence than the requisition I have received.

Your ob't servant,  
 J. J. C. ABBOTT.