

MARK TWAIN'S SATIRE ON NEW YORK.—Mark Twain, in a recent speech at the St. Nicholas Society, satirized New Yorkers to their faces, as few after-dinner speakers have the courage to do, and we have been asked to reproduce the following quotations from his speech as given by the N. Y. "Evening Post." His first remarks savoured of his earlier manner, the "acrid Asiatic mirth" which has sometimes offended his readers; but, when he came to speak of the adherence to civic duty among New York men, he was most solemn:

Gentlemen [he said], you have the best municipal government in the world, and the purest and most fragrant. The very angels envy you, and wish they could establish a government like it in heaven. You



SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Post Office, Hochelaga, P.Q." will be received at this office until Wednesday, 2nd January, 1901, for the construction of a building for Post Office, Hochelaga, P.Q.

Plans and specifications can be seen and forms of tender obtained at this Department and at the Resident Engineer's Office, Room 411, Merchant's Bank Building, St. James St., Montreal.

Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the form supplied and signed with their actual signatures.

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The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By Order

JOS. R. ROY,  
Acting Secretary.

Department of Public Works,

Ottawa, December 15th, 1900.

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got it by a noble fidelity to civic duty. You got it by stern and ever-watchful exertion of the great powers with which you are charged, by the rights which were handed down to you by your forefathers, by your manly refusal to let base men invade the high places of your government, and by instant retaliation when any public officer has insulted you in the city's name by swerving in the slightest from the upright and full performance of his duty. It is you who have made this city the envy of the cities of the world. God will bless you for it.

Mr. Clemens praised the city's street-railway system, of which he said:

This has all been forced upon you by the abnormal appreciation you have of your hackman. We ought always to be grateful to him for that service. Nobody else would have brought such a system into existence for us. We ought to build him a monument. We owe him one as much as we owe one to anybody. Let it be a tall one. Nothing permanent, of course. Build it of plaster, say. Then gaze at it and realize how grateful we are—for the time being—and then pull it down and throw it on the ash-heap. That's the way to honour your public heroes.

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