

PART VIII.

POLITICAL ADDRESSES AND PARTY "PLATFORMS."

ADDRESS OF JOHN MACDONALD, ESQ., TO THE
ELECTORS OF CENTRE TORONTO.

TORONTO, May 11, 1875.

*To Messrs, J. K. Kerr, Thomas Moss, M.P.; J. B. Boustead,
J. M. Wingfield, D. Spry, John Downey, A. M. Smith,
John Smith, Robert Jaffery, John Musson, Dr. Aikins,
and others:—*

GENTLEMEN,—

You advise me that at a meeting held in the "Albert Hall," Yonge Street, on Saturday, the 8th inst., I am nominated as the representative of the Centre Division of this City for the Dominion Parliament, and that the nomination received the unanimous approval of those present; and you further assure me that it meets with the approval of the Liberal party of the Division.

Allow me to thank you and such electors as have so expressed themselves for this mark of their confidence; allow me also to add that while the offer is very flattering, it is to me at the same time very embarrassing. If I were to consult my health and my personal interests I would feel compelled to decline. If I weigh the matter as you present it (although it imposes a large amount of personal sacrifice), I am unable to rid myself of that sense of obligation which (under such circumstances) a man owes to his fellow citizens.