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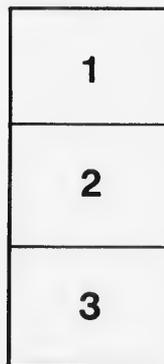
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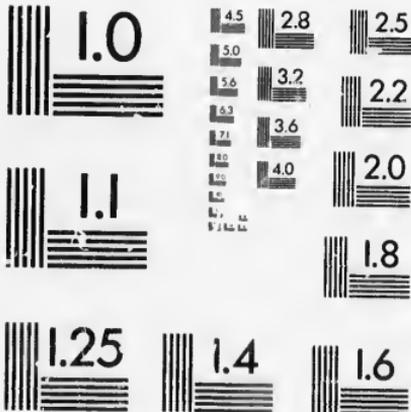
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Mr. Brown's Nomination Address.

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

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my ability will allow in making the City of Ottawa all that human effort can accomplish.

On nomination day last year I said: "I looked back with feelings of pride at the great and unsurpassed advances that Ottawa has made within the few years passed in the condition of her streets, her drainage, her population, her financial and her commercial standing, in the valuation of her property and in her increased railway facilities. I stated that our Capital was surely and easily sweeping forward to that state which would compel the rest of the Dominion to recognise its great importance, and to give it credit for its people's enterprise, owing to its supreme financial state.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I am sorry that I cannot say that Ottawa has made many advances during the past year; I cannot say that her drainage has been improved, (look at the sickness now scourging the city,) I cannot say that her financial state has been improved; I cannot say that her Mayor has been an active mayor (cheers and laughter). I would gladly say so if I could, but I cannot; but these matters I will deal with a little later on. I wish you to refer indirectly to Mayor Stewart's address, and to slightly call attention to my last year's candidature. Last year I entered the field as a candidate for the mayoralty, but I entered too late, a large number who would otherwise have given me their support, having given their word to vote for Mr Stewart, and who to a man I am pleased to say, for I always appreciate and esteem a man who stands by his word, who thinks as much of his word as he does of his bond, stood firm to the last and voted in opposition to me; but, notwithstanding that serious draw back, I polled about 1800 votes, and had it not been for some of the electors voting twice, three times, and as one man boasted in the Russell House, thirteen times for Mr. Stewart, the chances are I, and not Mr. Stewart would have been occupying the Mayor's chair during the year now coming to a close. Had I been fairly beaten I would not have murmured, and it was not until some of those who had voted more than once openly boasted of what they had done, that I took action to bring them to justice. I did not do so to make money, for I promised publicly, providing I was successful, to donate the entire revenue to the different charitable institutions of the city (cheers and continued cheers). I wanted to show that such infamous conduct could not be carried on with impunity (renewed cheers), and furthermore, to give explanation to the electors to the effect that it is not my desire to sit in the Mayor's chair by a fluke, or by corrupt means, (applause) and as an evidence of my desire in this direction, after hearing the learned judge pronounce the law defective, inasmuch that it had to be proven that the voter was seen marking the ballot before he could be prosecuted for voting more than once, I set to work and applied for an amendment to Section 6, 139 of the Consolidated Municipal Act, of 1883, which is now amended by adding the following sub-section:—"The receipt of any voter of a ballot paper within the polling booth shall be *prima facie* evidence that he has there and then voted." This, ladies and gentlemen, is enough, I hope, to show you that I desire when elected, no one will be able to successfully contend, not even my bitterest enemy, that by dishonorable

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means either on the part of my followers or myself, I secured the highest position that the electors have at their disposal, (terrific applause)

SECOND TERM.

Now Mayor Stewart appeals for a second term on the grounds that there is a time-honored custom in the City of Ottawa which he says is also observed in other leading cities of the Dominion, to accord the Chief Magistrate a second term. I am sorry that I have to state that our worthy Mayor is somewhat out of tune in his time honored custom statement; and his memory must be somewhat at fault, or he would call to mind the time when ex-mayor Bangs was running for a second term, when he, Mayor Stewart opposed him, instead of standing by what he now calls "a time honored custom," he worked and voted for another man. Oh, consistency what a jewel! Then again, did Mr. C. T. Bate, get a second term, certainly not; and there are others who did not get a second term. Why then appeal to the electors for a second term with so paltry a cry as "there is a time honored custom, etc." If Mr. Stewart had done anything of note for the city, if he had exhibited executive ability—and this reminds that Mr. Lewis, who is also a candidate for the mayoralty, says in his address to the electors, **I am honest when I say that in my opinion the City of Ottawa never required a firm executive head more than it does at present.** This is pretty hard on the present Mayor, but I cannot help that. It is not my statement. But I do say that if Mayor Stewart had devoted himself half as closely to the duties of his office as Mayor, as ex-Mayor McDougall; or Mackintosh, or St. Jean did he would have some ground to work upon to give force to his plea for a second term, but outside having the City Hall door painted white (next year we will paint it Brown) he absolutely failed in carrying out any of the many promises he made when appealing to the electors for their support last December.

BROKEN PROMISES.

Next in Mr. Stewart's address we find the following: "In the brief period of one single year it is not quite possible to accomplish as much as one would desire. I now, therefore, come back to you for a renewal of the confidence so generously confided in me in January last." Now I have stated, and facts bear me out, that Mr. Stewart has done absolutely nothing. Why therefore give him a second term to do the same thing over again; and ladies and gentlemen, listen to what Mayor Stewart said on nomination day last year: "Within two months of the time you elect me Mayor, if I do not master every detail of the civic machinery, I will resign and pay the expenses of electing a new Mayor." Is not this enough to amuse the most simple? Mr. Stewart will, according to his own words, master every detail in two months and after one year's service, during which he accomplishes nothing, appeals for a renewal of the confidence of the electors for another year. What modesty; but, ladies and gentlemen, I hope you will not allow yourselves to be fooled a second

time. (Cries we won't.) Remember the old maxim, "Once bitten, twice shy." (Laughter and applause).

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

I am one of the last to find fault, but when I find Mayor Stewart publicly misrepresenting matters, I must do so. He says in his address: "The holding of the Provincial Exhibition here this year resulted in the main satisfactorily, and was the means of directing the attention of our citizens towards the formation of a permanent Industrial Exhibition at Ottawa.

On Nomination day last year, Mayor Stewart gave as a reason why he should be elected the following:—

"Another reason why the year 1887 is going to be an important one for Ottawa is this—the Provincial Exhibition will be held here. If you elect me Mayor of the City of Ottawa for the year 1887, I shall endeavour with all the energy and such ability as I possess, to make the Provincial Exhibition this year a jubilee exhibition—something of which the people of Ottawa may feel proud." (A voice: a most dismal failure) And in his inaugural address, "It would be well to call this exhibition the Queen's Jubilee Exhibition, and to ask the Dominion Government to have the Dominion Exhibition grant this year placed at our disposal, in order to carry out the idea of having an exhibition of a natural character (laughter). Now what do we find? The *Journal* of July 21st, 1887, seven months' after Mr. Stewart had given utterance to the above, says:—

"Notwithstanding the indifference of the City Council, preparations are going on here for the approaching Provincial Exhibition. The city owes it to its position to make this exhibition one of the most successful ever held in Ontario." And had it not been for Mr. Ira Morgan and myself, the Exhibition would not have been held here. Why, Mr. Stewart telegraphed to Toronto that the Council had repudiated what the previous Council had done by a vote of 6 to 8, and did not want the Exhibition here, and instead of standing up on his chair and announcing that rather than have the honor of the City Council marred he would furnish the money himself and bring the Exhibition here, he sat in silence and sent off his famous dispatch. So much for McLeod Stewart and the Exhibition; and when the Exhibition had closed the *Ottawa Journals*, without exception, pronounced it a dismal failure. Please mark the contrast and smile; and furthermore, note what "Civic" in *Free Press* of Dec. 12th, 1887, says: "That the Provincial Exhibition was "a success" was, and is denied by all, citizens and strangers alike." So much for the Provincial Exhibition (laughter).

ANNUAL EXHIBITION.

Now I desire to say a word regarding the Annual Exhibition. Mr. Stewart in his address states that "the holding of the late provincial exhibition was the means of directing the attention of our citizens towards the formation of a permanent Industrial Exhibition at Ottawa." If Mr. Stewart told the truth he would have said that "ex-Mayor McDougal broached that scheme two years before Mr. Stewart came into office."

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Is not this rather a dubious way for our Mayor to word his address, and is it not curious that one who stated he would do so much, and has done so little, should equivocate so? A clear and open course requires no covering, it can protect itself; and I can assure you that at the expiration of my term of office as Mayor, if I cannot upon all subjects submit to the electors a straight forward and manly statement of my conduct, I will not present one under the cloak of suspicion.

BOARD OF WORKS.

Mayor Stewart, in his address refers to the street improvements that have been made during the past year, and while not saying so directly, indirectly infers that he was the means of having all the improvements made. Alderman Lewis, as reported in the *Free Press* of November 28th, says, "Have you seen Mayor Stewart's address? He takes all the credit to himself for every ounce of macadam put on the streets, every square foot of sidewalk put down, and everything else that has been done for the city during the past two years. I'd like to know what he had to do with it. The members of the Council, myself included, are more entitled to credit for whatever has been done this year than the mayor is." And a correspondent in the issue of the *Free Press* of December 5th, pertinently asks "What meeting of the Board of Works has he (Stewart,) ever attended or how much are the ratepayers indebted to him?" Comment on the above, I think, unnecessary. The electors I believe will readily see that the cloak with which Mr. Stewart is striving to retain office is one which when examined will be found to be of very poor shoddy and suspicious material.

FIRE AND LIGHT.

Touching the Fire and Light Department, Mayor Stewart is a little more truthful in his address than he is on any of the other subjects of public interest to which he has referred. He says, "upon assuming office in junction with the Fire and Light Committee, I continued the negotiations with the Minister of Public Works for the building and equipping of a Central Fire Station;" and in his inaugural address he stated that, "during the year 1886 I am glad to learn that the Fire and Light Committee entered into negotiations with the Dominion Government for further fire protection for the central part of the city." Consequently I cannot see why he should claim or infer that the scheme was either suggested or accomplished through his efforts. To ex-Mayor MacDougal, myself and the other members of the Council, is due all credit for the erection of the Central Fire Station.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Coming to the question of the electric light, Mayor Stewart truthfully states that additional lights have been secured for the city; but he fails to tell you that during my term of office as Chairman of the Finance Committee, ex-Mayor McDougal, Ald. O'Keefe and myself, were appointed by the City Council to investigate the merits of and report on the same; and the result of our united endeavors secured for the city a contract with the Electric Light Company second to none on this continent.—(Applause.)

ASSESSMENT AND POPULATION.

The assessment and population of the City are the next points touched upon by Mr. Stewart. Now, firstly, I claim that the increase in the assessment is largely due to the annexation of New Edinburgh, which was consummated before Mr. Stewart came into office; and secondly, I am pleased to know that Mr. Stewart was personally able in one year to increase the population of Ottawa by the round number of 800. I know that I could not do so, and I assure you I would not undertake it.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Concerning the Finance Department, Mr. Stewart in his address fails to give even an indirect opinion. He keeps shy of the question in the following language:—

“As the yearly financial statement will not be in readiness until the 15th January next, I am not prepared to forecast the exact financial position, but the ratepayers will have the gratifying reflection of knowing that the money has been judiciously devoted to works of a substantial character, and to much-needed permanent improvements.” He is not prepared to tell the electors what the financial statement for this year is, and dismisses the subject with the simple remark that “the ratepayers can rest assured that the money has been judiciously expended. (Laughter.) Now that is for the electors to decide, and I hope they will decide wisely when I tell them that the expenditure this year is over \$40,000.00 in excess of the appropriations, or in other words a mortgage of \$40,000.00 over the income of the year is placed on your properties; and the query is, “Where has the money gone to, or what have we got to show for it?” Here is a memorandum of expenditures and receipts:—

Memorandum of Expenditure and Receipts for 11 month's of 1887, Corporation of Ottawa, Caving out Water Works, Local Improvement and Education account.

Estimate for year.		Expenditure 11 months.		
22790	Police Department	20,476 51		
15840	Fire Department..	18,131 02	REVENUE ACCOUNT.	
12805	Salaries accounts..	11,587 95		
23610	Street Improv'm'ts.	50,025 15		
4900	Markets.....	7,724 15	<i>Licenses.</i>	
4800	Board of Health..	4,148 38	Liquor..	12,760.62
5965	Instalments & Int..	3,914 25	Auctioneer..	400.00
9000	Interest account..	9,122 68	Carters...	1,656.70
6696	Gaol & Jury Exp...	3,348 00	Liv. Stable	680.00
200	Registry Office....	147 50	Billiards..	938.00
700	Election Expenses.	688 75	Dog.....	838.00
600	Insurances.....	537 00	Total Licenses.....	17,273 32
100	Inquest.....	80 00	Markets.....	12,901 50
300	Charity account..	418 40	Police Court.....	3,006 07
2000	Local expenses....	2,237 38	Grades.....	61 00
2000	Printing & Advt'g.	1,733 00		
400	Stationery.....	445 40		
16850	Street Lights.....	11,876 69	<i>Rates.</i>	
2900	City Hall account..	3,756 87	1½ cts. on Amount	
200	Lansdowne Park..	970 06	of valuation	
1000	Corporation Grant.	500 00	\$12,700.000	190,500 00
1539	Miscellaneous....	1,981 20		
10000	1885 Account..	1,0000 00		223,741 89
5000	1886 ".....	5,050 00	Over-drawn.....	18,813 80
159195		168,900 54		
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Coming to my own services as one having to deal with the finances of Ottawa as an Alderman for four years, two years of which I was Chairman of the Finance Committee, I may be permitted to call your attention to what appeared editorially in one of Ottawa's prominent journals last year, November, 1886.

"The City of Ottawa is to be greatly congratulated on its present high financial standing, which was shown by the fact that last evening the whole of the 10 and 20 year's debentures of the new civic loan amounting to \$107,583.82 were disposed of in one amount, at premiums of 4 and 5 per cent, respectively. The amount of premium received compares most advantageously with that obtained in former years, the highest previous premium having been obtained in 1885, when 3 per cent was taken. Not only so, but the fact that one Ottawa firm of high standing has tendered for and accepted the whole, is another proof of the improved credit of the city, and it is not many years since, in 1875, the Corporation had to float six per cent bonds in England at par. Great credit is due to the members of the Finance Committee, and *Ald. Brown, the chairman, especially*, who during the last two years have so carefully managed the civic finances as to secure this immense improvement, and it is to be hoped that before long, as Alderman Brown said last evening, the city may be able to emulate Toronto and issue its debentures at 4 per cent." And again, Nov. 1876, "What a contrast between the financial credit of Ottawa city to-day, when her debentures command four or five per cent. premium, and the past when they commanded less than par. In 1874 the city floated £222,700 six per cents. at 93½ per cent.; in 1875, £92,400 at 95 per cent.; in 1876, £62,000 at 96 per cent.; in 1876, \$180,000 at 95½ per cent.; and in 1877, \$100,000 at 95 per cent. To-day, a premium of four and five per cent is easily obtained. So much for improved municipal government.

Does not this speak well for the progress made financially by the endeavours of those appointed on the finance committee and does it not show that while rapid advances were taking place in the increase of the valuation of our debentures, the financial showing of this year with a balance of over \$40,000.00 on the wrong side is likely, should similar results occur in the future, to so terrifically engulf us in a huge debt, that the financiers and capitalists will hesitate to purchase our debentures, or if they purchase at all instead of giving 104 will, as was the case in 1874, offer 93½ or perhaps less.

MR. McLEOD STEWART.

Last January according to the *Citizen's* report, Mr. Stewart appeared to the electors on his record as a citizen. His father had for forty years served the people faithfully as their representative, and had died in harness, and would also be found to serve them faithfully and as well as he could. Let us see how he has kept his promise.

PROPOSITION TO INCREASE THE WATER RATES.

Some people have strange ideas, others very absurd ideas, and others most illogical ideas, and when Mr. Stewart wanted to create a surplus and proposed in the Council in order to bring a

that surplus that they should increase the water rates, he made a most extraordinary proposition: and to which of the three ideas that affect some people which I have mentioned that his proposition should most advisedly be placed, I will place in your hands for decision. The proposition was so absurd that the *Free Press* of March 17th last, in its editorial columns had to say:—

“Mayor Stewart made an extraordinary proposition to the civic special committee on Tuesday. It was to increase the water rates for the purpose of creating a surplus which could be handed to the Board of Works for street making. It is surprising that Mayor Stewart as a lawyer is found espousing such a cause, and shows that he is not acquainted with the Water Works Act.”

Here we find a proposition made by Mayor Stewart to raise the cost of the water supply to create a surplus, a proposition to increase the taxation in water supply to create a surplus. What wisdom is therein exhibited? How surprisingly suggestive? Do not the citizens of Ottawa pay enough at present? Mr. Stewart thinks not. But Mr. Stewart lives in Stewarton, and does not pay water taxes, therefore why should he care for the extra cost according to his suggestion to be created.

ANNEXATION.

Mayor Stewart desires a second term, and in his plea to be returned informs the elector that “a committee charged with the consideration of annexing the cutlying districts, and the re-distribution of the wards having been appointed, a report is now before the Council for discussion and adoption. I have no doubt but that it will lead to favorable results.” Every one who hears me is aware that Mr. Stewart last year said that if elected he would bring Stewarton into the city; that the people of Stewarton were only waiting for him to occupy the chair to induce them to give their consent; and now what do we find, simply that nothing has been done. This is another of Mayor Stewart's broken promises. . . . But before ending my remarks on the subject of annexation, let me read you a few paragraphs from Ottawa's several newspapers. Previous to the election last year, on December, 29th, the *Citizen* said, “The advocates of the annexation of Stewarton to this city are jubilant over the prospect of the election of McLeod Stewart as Mayor of Ottawa. They say that only a little encouragement on the part of the city is needed to bring this fine suburb in.” On January 3rd, McLeod Stewart, as reported in the *Citizen* stated that his offices, and if his business interests were in the city and even his residence, he hoped would soon be there also, when the annexation of Stewarton was brought about. He has always been in favour of annexation. On January 6th the *Free Press* editorially announced, “Now that the contest is over, it is to be hoped that Mr. Stewart will show that he is sincere in the annexation movement by using his dominant influence in Stewarton to bring that suburb in. The friends of annexation out there should move at once in the matter, and avail themselves of Mr. Stewart's services.

March 4th the *Journal* was of opinion that, if the committee of the City Council to whom the subject of extending the city's limits has

been referred, are alive to the importance of the subject they will lose no time or opportunity to bring Stewarton and Rochesterville within the Corporation. The time for the change is ripe. The opposition formerly manifested to the project has very largely disappeared beyond, as well as within, the city limits.

On September 10th, Mr. Higman to a *Free Press* reporter said, "Almost everybody in Stewarton is anxious for annexation at the present time, and "Civic" in the *Free Press*, December 12th, just a few days ago, truthfully pronounces that Mr. Stewart has never moved one step in the matter except promising to bring it about. Now, Ladies and Gentlemen, in the face of all this evidence, in the face of all the urging that the people and the electors have put forth to induce Mr. Stewart to keep this, one of the many promises he had made, we find that nothing had been accomplished, and apparently no efforts made to stand honorably as a man should by what he promises.

PARKS.

Another spicy bit in Mr. Stewart's address is the following:—

"I am in favor of establishing parks in both the eastern and the western sections of the city under the "Parks Act of Ontario," at an early date, when land can be purchased by the acre instead of by the foot."

Is not this to say the least amusing if not disappointing. Why last year Mr. Stewart, our retiring Mayor, said that he would establish a park in Lower Town. Now he is only in favor of one. "To thee alone, Oh Judge, I state this fact, condemn me not for I am in earnest."

A CLEAN AND HEALTHY CITY.

On Nomination day, 1886, Mr. Stewart said. "If I am elected Mayor my first endeavour will be to make this a clean city, an attractive city and a healthy city. If you put me in the position of Mayor of Ottawa I will make it my very best endeavour to see that the Capital gets fair play at the hands of the Government, no matter what party may be in power. Now let us refer to the voices of others and see how our worthy Mayor has done as he said he would: Dr. Playter, in the *Free Press* of Nov. 26th, 1887, says:—"The epidemic of what appears to be "malarial" fever, with, in some cases, typhoid symptoms, in Ottawa, has given rise to a demand for more vigorous sanitary administration. Repeated warnings had been given that the sewerage system of the city was bad, and that there was a great deal of filth in some parts of the city. Nothing special was done to improve matters. A year ago, before the municipal elections, the present chief officer made promises that if elected his efforts would be to first of all make the Capital a healthy city. We have not been able to learn of a single effort having been made by his Worship in this direction."

The *Free Press* of the same date editorially says:—

The analysis of the Ottawa river water has demonstrated that it is not unwholesome, or disease producing, and it is becoming more painfully evident every day that the epidemic is due principally to stagnant sewage, bad drainage and defective or botched plumbing. In view of the possibility of

cholera appearing on this side of the Atlantic next season extraordinary precautions should be taken to place the city in a sound sanitary condition. We have normal and cheap water pressure, and all that is required is good drainage. The proposition made by Dr. Rogers, that a commission of competent engineers should be appointed by the city to thoroughly examine the drainage system, is one that should be carried out. If there are dips, pockets or leakage in the sewers, they should be discovered and remedied, otherwise the stagnant sewage accumulating thereat will continue to breed the deadly typhoid.

Dr. Rogers expresses himself in the following language "I claim the fever prevalent here is occasioned by the sanitary condition of the city largely due to the system of the drainage being defective." I say plainly the sanitary condition of the city of Ottawa, is exceedingly unsatisfactory, and unless remedied typhoid fever and diphtheria will tend to increase year after year, and should cholera reach our city which may be the case within the next few months, the death roll may be a terrible one, (cries of shame ! shame ! we want Brown !)

Mr. F. Powell in the *Citizen* of November 30th, comes to the rescue of Mayor Stewart in the following insulting language to the Medical profession.

"At a time when the papers are flooded with sensational writings, that can only serve to create alarm and to injure the city, and doctors avail themselves of a cheap medium of advertising their practice; while the gobemouches are frightened into a fever of excitement little less pronounced than malaria or typhoid, it is re-assuring to know that, in the future, there will be a practical inspector to regulate the plumbing and drainage of our houses and homes, which are doubtless two of the main causes of disease here as elsewhere." Now, Ladies and Gentlemen, I think that regarding what Mr. McLeod Stewart has done to make this a clean and a healthy city, and what he has not done has been touched upon sufficiently by me that no further remarks are necessary. But I am grieved; my heart feels sad when I think of the promises that Mr. Stewart made, you may say wilful neglect in the slightest degree, endeavouring to carry them out. For months past this destroying epidemic is a plague to our city, and it is not until the last moment, when our hospitals are filled with sick patients, our brothers, our sisters, our parents and our friends, stretched in sickness on their beds, and when the indignation of the people burst forth and demand relief that steps are taken to flush out the sewers, and by that process to endeavour to kill the disease. I ask you do you want for another year in the Mayor's chair a man who has promised so much, accomplished so little, and apparently cared but little for the welfare of the city or the lives of its inhabitants ?

BOULEVARDING KING ST. AND BEAUTIFYING THE CITY.

Mr. Stewart in his inaugural address said : "I had the pleasure of suggesting the idea of planting trees on and otherwise beautifying King street, thereby providing a grand boulevard from Rideau street toward Government House and Beechwood Cemetery." And on January 18th,

Citizen stated that in his (Stewart's) desire to beautify the city he will have the support of every intelligent elector, I was of opinion when Mr. Stewart gave expression to these sentiments that if the idea were carried out it would be of material advantage in the matter of actually adding beautification to our already handsome city, and when after having waited for several months and seen nothing done, I was more than disappointed; and Ladies and Gentlemen, had I come before you last year and said that I would add beauty to our city by having trees planted or by any other process, and if you had elected me you would find to-day that every promise I made I kept, and that your city received the benefit of my words.

METROPOLITAN STREET RAILWAY.

And now we come to a serious matter and that is the projected Metropolitan Street Railway. Last year in asking you to give him your support, Mr. Stewart stated that if elected he would not only make the Provincial Exhibition a Jubilee success but that owing to his being a director of the Metropolitan Street Railway, he would by the time the exhibition opened have cars running to the grounds along Elgin and Bank streets, every five minutes. As late as March 22nd, Mr. Stewart spoke to the City Council as follows, when suggesting his Park scheme. "With the increased facilities for street railway travel which we are to have within the next few months, this Park would be easily and readily accessible to all our citizens." Where are the rails? Where are the cars? Where is the slightest evidence of the Metropolitan Street Railway? Gentlemen, this is but another faded and broken reed.

THE HIGHEST AMBITION OF HIS LIFE.

ANOTHER ITEM FOR PERUSAL IS THIS :

On Nomination Mr. Stewart, said :—

"It is the highest ambition of my life to serve my fellow citizens in the city in which I was born. I want to feel that when I am taken away from here my loss will be felt with genuine sorrow and profound regret; and I want further to feel that when you visit my grave you can point to it and say "This is the grave of a citizen who tried to do his duty."

Now, let us see how he has carried out what he said. On February 17th one who voted for McLeod Stewart writes as follows :—

"What a contrast between the present Mayor and the last one. During the Provincial elections, Mayor McDougal was on hand on nomination day, and by taking the chair as an impartial officer maintained order, and contributed much to promote free and fair discussion. But how different on Tuesday! Where was his successor, Mayor Stewart? Out in Russell County. Had Mr. Stewart been at home attending to the duties for which he draws an indemnity, to preside over a public meeting of all shades of electors as was proper, there would have been no riot. Mr. Stewart's trip to Duncanville cost the city about \$200 for damages to the City Hall, apart from the disgrace. Were a man like Mr. McDougal Mayor, such a thing would never have happened."

The *Free Press*, of February 19th, said :

"Shortly after three on Tuesday afternoon, Ald. O'Leary was present in the hall, noting the scene of riot that was going on, went with a gentleman to Magistrate O'Gara's office, and having told him the state of matters in the hall, stated that he thought police interference would be necessary or the hall should be cleared. Mr. O'Gara asked why the alderman came to him, and Ald. O'Leary replied that as the Magistrate was one of the police commissioners he would have control and authority over the police, and could order them to interfere.

Mr. O'Gara stated that he had no authority over the police inside the City Hall, and asked: "*Where is the Mayor???*"

Ald. O'Leary—"I understand that he is out at Russell."

Mr. O'Gara then advised that nothing could be done unless Ald. O'Leary went to Mr. Lett and asked him as City Clerk to request the people to disperse. This Ald. O'Leary did, and accordingly Mr. Lett appeared in the gallery, and having stated that there was an immense crowd outside, suggested the adjournment, which was at once taken up and carried into effect.

If Mr. Stewart's highest ambition was to serve the City as he stated, how is it that when he is wanted in Ottawa in his official capacity and when the property of the City is placed in danger we find him away endeavouring to gratify his ambitious desires and apparently not caring for what takes place at home. Any gentleman aspiring to hold so dignified a position as is that of the Mayor of Ottawa should in my opinion even though he faltered in other directions, keep faith with the electors in his declaration that "the highest ambition of his life was to serve them." But why should we expect that McLeod Stewart would keep this promise when he failed to keep any of the others he made. Ladies and Gentlemen, in this contest as in the contest of last year, I desire every elector to throw aside politics and nationality, to not consider an Upper or Lower town but to join hands in one bond of sisterhood and brotherhood, all aiming to accomplish the one object, viz: to the advancing and strengthening of the sanitary, financial, and moral condition of our beautiful city.

In conclusion, Ladies and Gentlemen, I firmly and conscientiously state that whatever promises I make I will keep, and that I hope when you have thoroughly read and digested my address and the few words I have just spoken, you will cast aside all feelings of indifference regarding this contest and come to the polls next Monday, to cast your vote for the People's Candidate, for the man who will serve you faithfully and never give you cause to regret having supported him.

