

Government to support the charges made against them. Lewis's conduct in telling the electors that if they voted for DICKER the price of their lands would be reduced, but that if they voted for LAUDER it would not be reduced, was *wrong and outrageous*. It was unpardonable to speak of it without condemning it, and he was sure it would be denounced by the Reformers in the strongest manner possible. He did not believe Mr. McKELLAR would take his word.

Now is it credible! Can any one believe the fact! That the Hon. Mr. McKELLAR sat by when Mr. MOWAT made the above declarations and knowing the utter falsity of them, and the perfect innocence of Mr. Lewis, never opened his lips to set either Mr. Mowat or the public right on the question. Was not the silence of the former Commissioner of Public Works, under the circumstances, to say the least, mean, spiritless and cowardly? So far as Mr. Mowat is concerned, it must be admitted that he was ignorant of the facts of the case, but it cannot be denied, at the same time, that he showed more anxiety to clear Messrs. BLAKE and McKELLAR of all odium than he did to ascertain, by full and fair investigation, the real truth involved in the matter. The following depositions from many of the most respectable electors of the county of Grey, together with the correspondence and extracts which follow, will completely exonerate the writer, who was made the principal defendant in the case, as well as the Government, from all the charges brought against him and them by Messrs. CAMERON, LAUDER and Company, in connection with the so called "Pro-on Outrage." They will also satisfy every reasonable man, that Mr. Mowat's speech at Woodstock, and the resolution which was moved by him, and passed by the House during the Session of 1872-3, were not only unjust, but based upon a series of supposed facts, which never had an existence except in the brain of Messrs. CAMERON, LAUDER & Co.

ONTARIO:
Township of Melancthon,
County of Grey,
to wit.

I, Charles Palmer,
a resident elector
in the municipality
of Melancthon in
the County of Grey,
yeoman,

Solemnly declare, that I went to J. W.

Lewis, Esq., on the 27th day of December, A. D., 1871, about two p. m., of said day in the above named municipality in company with one Donald McAulay, of Proton.

That I accompanied the above gentleman from place of our first interview on the above day to May's Hotel where we had supper together, after which we went to a public meeting at Pate's Hotel, a few rods distant.

That said meeting was addressed by Mr. Nixon in the interest of Mr. Dickey, and by Mr. Dodds in the interest of Mr. Lauder, after which, at the request of electors Mr. Lewis made a few remarks.

That I have a clear recollection of what was uttered at said meeting, and did not hear Mr. Nixon or any person say that those who wished to get the benefit of Mr. Lewis' re-valuation would have to vote for Mr. Dickey or any words that could be truthfully construed to imply such.

That I did not hear Mr. Lewis say anything about having seen the Hon. Edward Blake on his way thither, and of having received any instructions from him at any time.

That I did hear Mr. J. W. Lewis say he had seen Mr. McKellar and that gentleman had assured him the Government would carry out the same liberal measures they advocated in opposition.

That Mr. Lewis did at said meeting advise the electors to vote for Mr. Dickey, but in conclusion informed them he would do his utmost for them irrespective of how they would vote.

That at the close of said meeting I returned with Mr. Lewis to May's hotel where I remained in his company until about one or o'clock a.m., the following morning.

That I did not see Mr. Lewis show any book purporting to contain entries of his or any re-valuation of any particular lot or lots.

Did not hear Lewis say anything about writing the word "satisfied" in connection with any lot; but did hear him say if the electors would vote against a supporter of the Government it was evidence they were satisfied with the management of their affairs by the late Government.

That the evidence given before the Proton Committee of the Ontario Legislature entirely misrepresented the sentiments and acts of Mr. Lewis when in my company.

That a gross delusion was practised on the people of the municipality by the Crown Lands Department by the issue of circulars on December 14th, 1871, having the Assistant Commissioner's name subscribed, informing the people they could value their own lands, which circulars were used in support of Mr. Lauder's election, and had a powerful influence in his favor.