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That immediately after the arrival of Mr. Lewis the Deputy Returning Officer, Mr. Joseph McArdle, ran out of the house in an infuriated manner onto the road where Mr. Lewis was and harrangued the electors to draw Mr. Lewis away, using other very offensive language to Mr. Lewis.

That a disturbance ensued caused solely by the action of the deputy returning officer, in which several electors were abused.

That Mr. Lewis strove to quell the disturbance which would not have occurred but for the prompting of the deputy returning officer.

That I firmly believe many were induced to vote for Mr. Lauder through a circular over the signature of the Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands, in substance, informing the electors they could value their own lands.

And I have made the above declaration solemnly and conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of an Act passed in the thirty-seventh year of her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act for the Suppression of Voluntary and Extra Judicial Oaths."

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Solemnly declared before me
at Dundalk, in the County
of Grey, this 18th day of
Oct., A. D., 1874.

HENRY GRAHAM, J. P.

I, WILLIAM NETHERCUT, of the Township of Melancthon, Yeoman, solemnly declare:

That I am the person mentioned in Wm. Hugh's evidence before the Proton Committee of the Ontario Legislature as having changed vote through influence brought to bear on me through Mr. J. W. Lewis.

That I was not influenced to vote for Mr. Dickey in the Dickey-Lauder contest here by any utterances of Mr. Lewis, having been one of Mr. Dickey's committee several days prior to the arrival of Mr. Lewis in this community during the above contest.

That I was present at the meeting at Pate's addressed by Mr. Lewis, for a few minutes, and firmly believe he did not utter the words attributed to him in the evidence in support of the "Proton Outrage" charges.

And I have made this declaration solemnly and conscientiously, believing the same to be true, and by virtue of an Act passed in the thirty-seventh year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act for the Suppression of Voluntary and Extra Judicial Oaths."

WILLIAM NETHERCUT.

Solemnly declared before me at Dundalk, in

the County of Grey, this 19th day of Oct.,
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J. J. MIDDLETON,
Reeve or Proton.

ONTARIO,
TOWNSHIP OF PROTON, COUNTY
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We, Duncan
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ert Gillespie,
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yeomen,

Solemnly declare, that we are electors in the municipality of Proton, and were so in the year 1871.

That we met Mr. J. W. Lewis in Cedarville the evening previous to the polling day in the Dickey, Lauder contest, in South Grey.

That at said interview there were about eight or ten rate-payers present conversing with Mr. Lewis in a friendly way about current matters, including the election, when Joseph McArdle, then Township Clerk, entered the room where we were seated, and at once assailed Mr. Lewis and others in a violent and offensive manner, without the least provocation, accusing Mr. Lewis of having been sent by the Government, having, when valuator, placed the lots of Tories higher than Reformers; that he was unworthy of being believed, as well as other similar utterances.

That Mr. Lewis replied, declaring the Government had not sent him, that when valuating he had not discriminated between the lots of Tories and Reformers, and in proof produced a memorandum book, and read from it the valuations of McArdle's lot, his wife's, and a few others.

That repeatedly McArdle was requested to conduct himself civilly, without effect.

That a chairman was, contrary to intention, toward the close of the interview, appointed, for the sole purpose of controlling McArdle in his unsufferable insolence.

That McArdle abused the mover of the Chairman when in the act of doing so, and left the room at once and did not return.

That Mr. Lewis did not say, as mentioned in McArdle's evidence before the Proton Committee of the Ontario Legislature, that "if the electors lands were reduced, they would be expected to vote for Dickey," or any words implying such, or that "if he had made an error he could correct it."

That Mr. Lewis at said meeting conducted himself good-naturedly and civilly, and any disturbance that transpired was caused by Joseph McArdle unaided by any person.

That during said contest a circular over the signature of the Assistant Commissioners of Crown Lands, bearing date 14th December, 1871, inviting people to value their own lands, was freely used by Mr. Lauder's canvassers to influence the electors in his favor, which we believe was success