

THURSDAY, 3rd November.

SYLVESTER HADLEY, sworn and examined.

By Mr. McCarthy :—

Q. You are a resident of the town of Chatham? A. Yes.

Q. And you are the father of Charles Hadley? A. Yes.

Q. You have been in public life I think here, have you not, for some years?
A. Yes, for a number of years, off and on.

Q. And you have always been in alliance with the Reform party? A. Not always. I am considered a Reformer, but not very strong. I have voted both ways in parliamentary elections.

Q. For how many years have you been with the Reform party? A. More or less for 40 years.

Q. Have you ever attended Reform conventions? A. Yes, I have, in years gone by.

Q. Will you tell me the conventions you have attended? A. I do not know that I could tell you all of them. I have attended conventions when Mr. McKellar used to run, and I think I attended one when Mr. Stripp ran.

Q. Did you attend the convention at which Mr. Campbell was nominated? A. I was at a public meeting in Bright's Opera Hall; I do not think it was a convention; it was at a public meeting; you might call it a convention. I went there as a hearer.

Q. You were there when Mr. Walker was in the chair? A. Yes.

Q. And when Mr. Walker was elected as the president? A. Yes.

Q. And when Mr. Campbell resigned or ceased to be president? A. I am not positive about that. I was there when Mr. Walker was nominated.

Q. Then Mr. Campbell at that time was in the chair? A. It might be so.

Q. We have it that it was so. After Mr. Walker's nomination, do you remember that Mr. Christie was nominated as vice-president? A. Yes, I think so.

Q. Then do you remember Mr. Christie's speech? A. No.

Q. You remember he made a speech? A. I think he did, but I could not give a word of it now.

Q. Then you were there when Mr. Campbell was put in nomination; because that was the next thing that was done, or rather Mr. Flint was re-elected secretary-treasurer; that was the next thing? A. I do not recollect about that.

Q. Well, you remember Dr. Samson nominating Mr. Campbell as the candidate?
A. I could not tell you who nominated him.

Q. Well, some person nominated him; you remember it was done? A. Yes.

Q. And you remember that Mr. Campbell accepted the nomination? A. Yes.

Q. And that Mr. Campbell made two speeches? A. I recollect about a speech, and it was pretty much a Knight of Labor, I considered it a Knight of Labor speech; I did not fancy the speech very much.

Q. You are not a Knight of Labor? A. No.

Q. Did he make a speech of that kind. A. Yes.

Q. And then he made another speech? A. I do not know as regards the other speech.

Q. The first speech was after he was nominated, and explaining his platform. Don't you remember his explaining that he had already been nominated by the Knights of Labor? A. Well, he did in this speech.

Q. And don't you remember his explaining and arguing that the platform of the Knights of Labor and the Reform platform were pretty much the same? A. No. I recollect one thing he said about the Knights of Labor; he said their platform and his views agreed very nearly, or something to that effect.

Q. You do not remember his using the expression that their platform must have been hewed by some Grit? A. No.

Q. That some Reformer must have sawed the lumber to make their platform of? A. No.