

December, A. D., 1871, at the Cedarville Hotel, both of us having met for conversation with the said J. W. Lewis, and that to the best of our belief there was no formal notice given either by Conservative or Reformer for a public meeting.

That the affidavit made, that Mr. Lewis said, if he had made an error he could correct the valuation, we deponents to the best of our belief did not hear J. W. Lewis repeat such words.

That the affidavit made, that Mr. Lewis said, that if their lauds were reduced they would be expected to vote for Mr. Dickey," these words to the best of our knowledge and belief were not said in our hearing.

That the affidavit made that Mr. Lewis said, that if the electors would vote for Dickey the valuation would be lower," these words to the best of our knowledge and belief were not said in our hearing.

That the affidavit made that Mr. Lewis said "when he addressed the people he was the Government agent," these words to the best of our knowledge and belief were not said in our hearing, and further deponents say that at conversational meeting there was no public address made.

Deponents further say that at the conversational meeting with Mr. Lewis at Cedarville Hotel on the 28th December, 1871, Joseph McArdle, at that time Clerk of the Township of Proton, came there and used violent language, occupying the floor and would allow none to speak on any thing but what suited himself, and from the manifestation of ill feeling and violent language used by him it appeared to us he had come to raise a row if possible.

Deponents further say, that having carefully read over the affidavits made before the Select Committee appointed by the Ontario Government, that they appear to us to grossly misrepresent the language used by Mr. Lewis.

And we, deponents 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, entitled "An Act for the Suppression of Voluntary and Extra Judicial Oaths."

JOHN MCKENZIE,
DONALD BELL.

Solemnly declared before
me at Proton in the
County of Grey, this 15th
day of October, A. D.,
1874.

JOHN VERT,

Commissioner in Queen's Bench
for taking affidavits in and for the
County of Grey.

I, Alexander McPail, of the Township of Proton, in the County of Grey, yeoman, solemnly declare:

That I am an elector in the municipality of Proton, and was so in the year 1871.

That I am the person mentioned in Joseph McArdle's evidence before the Proton Committee of the Ontario Legislature as the "Beave" of Proton who took quite an active part in Mr. Dickey's election."

That I did not take an active part in Mr. Dickey's election, having attended only one meeting for or against him.

That I was present at the polling place near Ronaldson on the day of election and saw Mr. J. W. Lewis come there.

That contrary to Mr. Abbott's evidence, I did not go after Mr. Lewis to Cedarville and induce him to come to Ronaldsay on the above occasion or any other time.

That the disturbance that occurred was caused by Mr. McArdle coming from the polling booth on to the road (where Mr. Lewis was) with hat and coat off, calling on the electors in an excited and exciting manner to not give Mr. Lewis a hearing, as well as other offensive sentiments.

That a disturbance did commence by some of Mr. Lauder's friends endeavoring to assail Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Dickey's to protect him.

That I verily believe there would have been no disturbance on this occasion but for the influence of Joseph McArdle, the Deputy Returning Officer.

That a circular was exhibited at the polling place in Ronaldsay on the day of election over the signature of the Assistant Commissioner, informing the people they could value their own lands.

That the above circular was freely used to influence the electors in Mr. Lauder's favor with apparent effect.

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, entitled, "An Act for the Suppression of Voluntary and Extra Judicial Oaths."

ALEX. MCPAIL.

Solemnly declared before me at Dundalk, in the County of Grey, on this 19th day of October, 1874.

HENRY GRAHAM, J. P.

I, NEIL MCKECHNIE of the Township of Proton, in the County of Grey, yeoman, solemnly declare:

That I am an elector in the Township of Proton, and was so in 1871.

That I was at the polling place at Ronaldsay, on the day of the poll during the above year, and saw Mr. J. W. Lewis arrive there.