

electors to vote for Mr. Dickey, he being a supporter of the Government, they would be more likely to be influenced by the representation of their friends than their opponents, but assured them, vote for whom they would, he (Lewis) would continue to do his best for them.

6. I am well acquainted with an elector named William Nethercut, who resides in Melancthon, and, contrary to the evidence of William Hughes before the Proton Committee of the Ontario Legislature, declare that Mr. Nethercut was not influenced to vote for Mr. Dickey through any sentiment of Mr. Lewis, having been an active member of Mr. Dickey's committee several days prior to Mr. Lewis's arrival in this community during the Dickey-Lauder canvas.

7. That a circular over the signature of the Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands, in effect, telling the people they could value their own lands, and requesting them so to do was freely used in proof of the achievements of Mr. Lauder and had a powerful effect in his favor.

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."

J. J. MIDDLETON.

Solemnly declared before me
at Dundalk, in the County
of Grey, this 24th day of
October, A.D., 1874.

HENRY GRAHAM,
Justice of the Peace,
in and for said County of Grey.

ONTARIO:
TOWNSHIP OF PROTON, COUNTY
OF GREY, to wit.

I, Donald McAulay of the
Township of
Proton, teacher
and yeoman,

Do declare that I met J. W. Lewis, Esq., at about 2 o'clock, p.m., at May's Hotel, Dundalk, on the 27th day of December, 1871, and accompanied him the remainder of that afternoon, and in the evening went with him to a meeting held at Pate's Hotel, in the Township of Proton, and during said meeting was constantly near him.

That the meeting in question was addressed by Mr. Nixon on behalf of Mr. Dickey, and by Mr. Dodds on behalf of Mr. Lauder, and afterwards, at the urgent request of electors, by Mr. Lewis, for a few minutes, in support of Mr. Dickey's candidature.

That at the above meeting neither Messrs. Nixon nor Lewis said anything respecting those supporting Mr. Dickey receiving better terms in the matter of the re-valuation of their lands than those supporting Mr. Lauder,

That Mr. Lewis did not say anything respecting having searched for the Hon. Edward Blake and having obtained a pledge from him.

That he did declare he had seen the Hon. A. McKellar at the American Hotel on his way, and that gentleman assured him the Government would carry out the same liberal measures they advanced in Opposition.

That Mr. Lewis at said meeting did advise the electors to support Mr. Dickey, he being a supporter of the Government could do more for them than Mr. Lauder, but assured them, vote for whom they would, he (Lewis) would continue to do his utmost for their getting the full benefit of the re-valuation.

That at the close of said meeting I accompanied Mr. Lewis to May's Hotel, where I remained in his company until between one and two o'clock a.m., the following morning, and did not see him produce any book purporting to contain entries of his re-valuation, or any portion thereof, and from a full recollection of what occurred, am certain nothing of the kind was said nor done, nor was anything said about writing the word "Satisfied," in connection with any particular lot.

That I met Mr. Lewis the day of the election at one of the polling places in Proton, and on arriving he was interrogated by several ratepayers respecting the acceptance of his re-valuation. When attempting to reply, Mr. Joseph McArdle, Postmaster at Ronaldsay, and Deputy-returning Officer, rushed out of the house on to the road in a very excited manner where Mr. Lewis was, and harangued the electors not to listen to Mr. Lewis, and pointing to a circular over the name of the Deputy Commissioner, assured them they could value their own lands. He farther stated that Mr. Lewis had striven to get up a mob of roughs the evening previous at Cedarville. These sentiments of the Deputy-Returning Officer caused a general row, or a row commenced at once after the expression of these sentiments.

And I have made this declaration, solemnly 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."

DONALD McAULAY.

Solemnly declared before me
at the Village of Dundalk,
in the County of Grey,
this 10th day of October.
A.D., 1874.

J. J. MIDDLETON,
Reeve of Proton.