Q. Handwriting that had been acknowledged by him to be correct, was it? A. I don't know what you call correct.

Q. Well, acknowledged to be his handwriting? A. Well, I have had notes, for instance, with his name signed on it.

Q. So that you are familiar with his handwriting? A. Well, some people write two or three different hands. This letter which was sent to me to copy I couldn't say whether that was his or not. I couldn't express any belief about it.

Q. Well, from your knowledge of his handwriting can you give any opinion as to the handwriting of this original receipt? (Objected to.) A. I took it for his. To the best of my knowledge it was his handwriting.

Q. In handing these papers over, as far as you know, in whose hands only were these papers since the time they were made? A. Well, they were in the hands of one gentleman in the town, and only one.

Q. Who was that? A. John Black.

[illegible] ever have them to your knowledge? A. No.

Q. Who got them back from Black? A. I did.

Q. Then in whose hands did they remain? A. Mine.

Q. Till when? A. Till I handed them to Stockton.

Q. Then, as far as your knowledge and belief goes, these papers from the time they came into your possession originally have been in your possession and Mr. Black's possession and Dr. Stockton's possession? A. Yes, I don't know of any others. They might have given them to somebody else.

Q. When you say "your possession," that would be the possession of yourself and Mary at the house, would it? A. Yes.

Q. You say you returned the receipt to Wilson. What did you get from him in exchange for that? A. A note

Q. What became of that note ultimately? A. I left it with Mr. Black for collection.

Q. Did you keep any copy of it yourself when you left it with him? A. No.

Q. Well, this paper that has been put in evidence here purporting to be a copy of the note—from whom did you get that? Have you any recollection about it at all? A. No, but I think it is Mr. Black's writing—I am not sure.

Q. Have you seen Mr. Black's writing? A. Yes, but this is in pencil.

Q. You have read the contents of it, have you? A. Yes.

Q. From reading the contents of it, have you any doubt as to whether it is a copy of the original note or not? A. I have no doubt but what it is.

Q. Who was the endorser of that note? A. John Anderson, a member for the County of York at that time.

Q. Mr. Wilson was a member for York at that time, was he? A. Yes.

Q. After this note fell due, was it paid? A. Through Mr. Black it was.

Q. Was it paid immediately when it came due? A. I could not say that.

Q. What do you mean by that? A. When I gave it to Black, I don't remember how long after, that he gave me the money.

Q. But was the note over-due when you gave it to Black for collection? A. I think it was. It must have been or I would not have left it. I applied to Mr. Wilson several times for payment and could not get it and then I gave it to Black.

Q. Previous to putting the note in Black's hands for collection had you called on Wilson for payment of it? A. I had written to him several times.

(Paper) Q. What is that? A. A copy of a letter dated April 17th, 1891, that I sent to Wilson.

Q. You copied that letter yourself and sent it to Wilson? A. Yes. I don't know whether I mailed it or sent it to him.

Mr. Blair—You could not swear you did either; you don't remember? A. No.

(Paper marked for identification, No. 11.)

Mr. Powell—Q. Looking at that letter, can you say that, previous to that time, you had called upon Mr. Wilson, or that Mr. Wilson was to pay you the money for that note? A. I had called on him, or wrote to him, before this, because this is to show that he did not come up to time as he promised.

Q. But, looking at that letter, what was his promise that he did not come up to before that letter was written? A. He promised to pay me at a certain time.

Q. Well, look at the letter and see what time it would be? A. Thirty days, I think.

Q. Do you say, looking at that letter, that he agreed to pay you the money within thirty days? A. That was the understanding.

Q. That was not done, was it? A. No.

(Paper). Q. What is that paper? A. A copy of a letter from me to Wilson.

Q. Do you see a memo at the bottom of that letter that you made—"mailed June 25?" A. Yes, I see that.

Q. What does that memo. mean? A. That it was mailed at that time.

Mr. Tweedie—Q. Is the memo. in your writing? A. Yes.

Mr. Blair—Q. Do you remember putting it on there yourself? A. Yes.

Q. When did you put it on there? A. I suppose when I wrote the letter.

Q. Will you swear you did? A. No, I won't.

Mr. Powell—Q. You would put it on at a time when it would be fresh in your memory? A. I could not tell when I put it on.

Q. Well, is that memo. correct that you have put there? A. It is.

Q. And that is a copy of the original letter which you at that time mailed to Wilson? A. It is.

Mr. Powell—I offer that paper in evidence.

Mr. Blair (interposing)—Q. You have no recollection at all apart from what you see on that paper as to that memo.? A. I know I wrote it

Q. You have no recollection of mailing it? A. No.

Q. And no recollection of when you wrote that memo. at the bottom? A. No.

Q. And you could not tell whether you put it there at the time or afterwards? A. No, I could not swear I put it there when I wrote the letter.

Q. So you could not swear at all as to what you did with the letter that you wrote, whether you mailed it or gave it to William, or sent it at all? A. There is no doubt I sent it, but I could not swear to it.

Q. Even looking at that memo. you could not swear you sent it? A. No, to the best of my opinion I sent it, or I wouldn't have written it, for I wanted the money.

Mr. Powell—Q. From the fact of that memo. being there, are you sure you did send it? The idea in putting that memo. there would be what? A. To show when I sent it to him.

Q. You feel certain that that is correct, do you? A. I do; that is, as far as my knowledge goes about it.

Mr. Tweedie—Q. Do you say you mailed the letter? A. No.

Q. Or that Wilson ever got the letter? A. I couldn't say.

Mr. Blair—I waive my objection.

(Letter put in evidence and marked No. 12).

Mr. Powell—Now, I offer in evidence the letter of April 17th, 1891, which has been marked No. 11.

Mr. Blair—It is quite clear that it is not evidence, but I will not object to it.

(Letter of said date received in evidence.)

Mr. Powell—Q. (Paper) What is this document? In whose hand writing is it? A. I couldn't say.

Q. Well, in your belief? A. It is like some that I have of Mr. Wilson's.

Q. From your knowledge of his handwriting——? A. I wouldn't swear that it was.

Q. Have you any belief about it? A. I believe it is to the best of my knowledge. Because I have had some of his that looked like it, and some that didn't.

Q. From your knowledge of his handwriting you believe it to be his? A. Yes.

Q. But you couldn't swear positively? A. No.

Mr. Powell—I offer this paper in evidence:

"FREDERICTON, N. B., Nov. 14, 1890.

DEAR MR. QUINN—I have been away to Southampton for two days. I will see Blair this morning, and see you today, sure.

Yours truly,

W. WILSON."

(Letter received in evidence and marked No. 13.)

Q. At this time, November 14th, 1890, your son had received no notice, had he? A. I don't know exactly what time he got the engrossing clerk. No, he wouldn't, for the house had not met.

Q. He wouldn't have the engrossing clerkship till the following session of the legislature? A. No.

(Paper) Q. The Attorney General asked you last night as to whether or not you kept copies of original documents. Would you just look at that for one moment. Whose handwriting is that? A. I couldn't say.

Q. You don't know whose it is? A. It is my own.

Q. What is it? A. It is a copy of a letter I got from Barry.

Mr. Tweedie—Q. The letter you got from Barry? A. My son.

Mr. Powell—Q. You kept that among the other papers, did you? A. Yes.

(Paper marked No. 14 for identification.)

Q. Coming down to the time when you gave up the receipt in Wilson's office, do you remember what took place on that occasion besides your handing over the receipt and getting the note? A. Yes; when he was making the note he said: "You ought to give us something."

Q. Did he say what for? A. No. He said: "You ought to give us something," and I said: "All right, put $50 on the back of the note." And he did so.

Q. What was this $50 put on there for?

Mr. Blair objected. He can only say what was said.

Mr. Tweedie—Yes, he might choose to understand an entirely different state of facts from those that existed.

Mr. Powell—Q. Before this endorsement was made on the note, and the note given which bears date September 17th, 1891, had William been appointed to any position? A. After the election he was appointed engrossing clerk.

Q. At the session of 1891 he was appointed engrossing clerk? A. Yes.

Q. That would be in the spring of 1891? A. Yes.

Q. This note would be after the appointment? A. Yes.

Q. Do you remember anything further that took place between you on that occasion about the $50; as to what he wanted it for or anything of that kind? A. No he did'nt say what he wanted of it.

Q. Or why he wanted it on? (Objected).

Q. Was anything said at that time in respect to what it ought to be given for—in consideration of anything? A. Well, I understood—(Objected).

Mr. Tweedie.—Q. What was said at the time? A. Nothing more than what I have said.

Mr. Powell—Q. You don't remember anything more that was said than what you have said? A. No. He said: "You ought to give us something," and I said to put $50 on the back of the note if that will satisfy you, or something like that.

Q. After your son William died, did you see anything of the endorser in connection with this note at all—Mr. Anderson? A. Yes.

Q. Where was this? A. He spoke of it to me I think on the street and he spoke of it to me in my house, I think, about the time of my son's death.

Q. You spoke about a conversation with the Attorney General taking place at your house? A. Yes.

Q. You don't recollect the exact time? A. No, it was just before the election—during the campaign—he was going out into the country, he told me, at that time.

Q. Well, that would be during the election campaign? A. Yes.

Q. You could not fix the date with any more precision than that? A. No.

Q. And you could not tell, I understood you to say to the Attorney General, whether it was before or after the receipt of Mr. Barry's letter? A. I could not place it either before or after.

Q. You had other conversations, you said, with him about the appointment? A. Yes, two other conversations.

Q. Where did the others occur? A. One on Carleton street, near his office, and the other opposite the Royal Gazette office.

Q. What was the conversation on Carleton street about? A. It was about the position that he had promised William—I wanted to get it settled in some way before the election came on.

Mr. Sivewright—Q. I think you said the Attorney General seemed to be quite angry at being approached in that way? A. Yes, he seemed to be quite. I don't know whether he was cross at the parties who had been with him or with me.

Mr. Powell—Q. On the other occasion, near the Royal Gazette office, what took place between you? A. Nothing more than applying for the position. I cannot remember exactly what was said, but he was promising all the time that he should get it—that was the sum and substance of it. I was always pressing and he was always promising.

Q. Was it on this occasion that he informed you that the office was filled temporarily by Mr. Wetmore? A. I don't know the exact occasion that he told me that.

Committe adjourns, to meet at 2.30 p. m., this day.

Committee meets at 2.30 p. m., pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Powell continues his examination of W. H. Quinn—Q. You spoke about having no feeling against Mr. Wilson? A. No.

Q. You had always been friendly with him? A. Yes.

Q. You had business transactions? A. Yes.

Q. Had you been friendly with the Attorney General? A. Yes, I always had.

Q. I understood you to say that you had some little feeling? A. Against whom?

Q. The Attorney General? A. Yes, for promising those things and not fulfilling them.

Q. For promising what? A. My son a position in that office? I had voted for Mr. Blair frequently.

Q. Your son was Secretary of the Government Committees in the City, was he not? A. I understood so.

Mr. Tweedie.—You don't know that of your own knowledge? A. No.

Mr. Powell.—You say you are still friendly with Wilson? A. Yes.

Q. Did Mr. Wilson call upon you since this matter came up during the present session? A. Yes.

Q. How many times? A. I think three or four—three at least.

Q. Did he stay any length of time on these occasions? A, On one occasion he did

Q. About how long? A. Maybe three quarters of an hour or an hour.

Q. Was it on private business or in connection with this? A. In connection with this business.

Q. What was his object? What did he say? A. The first time he came he inquired if I had a copy of that receipt.

Q. Was that all that he was after the first time? A. Yes

Q. Tell us what he said on that occasion? A. He asked me if I had a copy of that receipt, or asked my daughter if she had a copy of it, and my daughter said she thought there was one, and he asked her if she would find it—asked her to let him see it—and she said she couldn't find it just now—and he said: "If you find it I wish you would put it in an envelope and send it to me," and she said she would. The next day he came back and asked if she had found it, and she said no. He asked me if I had the receipt and I told him I had, and he asked when did I get it? And I said I didn't know. He asked me if I would let him see it; and I said no. He asked me how long did I have it; and I said I could't tell him. He asked me who had it; and I said John Black, and he said he was his greatest enemy in town. On the third occasion he came in and pulled a paper out of his pocket which said that he had said: "Quinn, for God's sake burn those papers! and that he went up and down the floor crying," and he asked me if there was any truth in that, and I said no; no truth whatever; I did not concoct it, and didn't know anything at all about it; and he said it was very hard on him, and I said: "Well, I didn't have anything to do with it." He asked me if I would write him something to that effect, and I said, "No, I will write you nothing, but you can contradict that column that is in that paper"—that is, those statements with regard to him crying, and asking to have the papers burned. I think that was the last time he called on me.

Q. You did not authorize him to contradict anything else? A. No. I said, "if you contradict anything else I won't stand it, but all that is in that column you can contradict."

Q. Was that all that took place on that occasion? A. Yes, that was the last time he came in. He said I never gave him anything towards the purchase of the office, and would I give him permission to say that—that I never gave him any money or anything towards that, and I said "no, I would'nt, for the reason ——"

(Objected.)

Q. Tell us again, as near as you can, what you said when he asked you to state that you had given him no money, or when he wanted you to authorize him to say that? A. He wanted me to authorize him to say that I never gave any money to him for to get that position for William.

Q. What did you say in reply to that? A. I said I wouldn't do that.

Q. Since this talk arose, during the present session has anyone else besides those you have mentioned waited on you in connection with this matter—Mr. Stockton, Mr. Phinney and Mr. Pitts? A. No.

Q. Do you recollect Mr. Randolph's clerk waiting on you in connection with this matter? A. Oh! he came in, not in connection with that—nothing more than to ask me whether what was said in the papers was true.

Mr. Blair—Q. Who was that? A. Mr. Porter, a clerk in Randolph's office; he is a friend of mine.

Mr. Powell—Q. At the time that your son William gave you this paper for you to copy and send to Mr. Blair, did he make any statement to you as to whom he got that paper from?

Mr. Tweedie—I would object to that as being immaterial, because, even if he had made a statement, it couldn't be given in evidence.

(Question disallowed.)

Mr. Powell—Q. Did your son William make any statement to you about the conversation he had with Wilson respecting the office?

(Objected to and disallowed.)

Q. At the time this declaration was taken up to you, had they a draft copy first or did they give you the copy that you signed last, or how was it? A. I think it was in writing first.

Q. Had they the declaration—the typewritten paper I mean—there more than once? A. No, but they had it there written in sheets before.

Q. And were corrections made in that? A. I think so; I am not positive.

Q. And afterwards this one was brought that you signed? A. Yes.

Q. Were both of them—the one in writing and the one made with the typewriter—read over to you? A. Mr. Stockton read the first one, and Mr. Phinney read the second one—the one that I have signed.

Re-examined by Mr. Blair:

Q. You say they were two papers presented to you? Who was it presented the first one? A. Mr. Stockton.

Q. What do you say he did? A. Brought some paper in sheets—not fastened together.

Q. Was that the second time he was there or the first? A. I couldn't say positively—I think it was the first.

Q. Do you swear that he professed to read the whole of that paper over to you—the one that was in writing? A. No, he read parts of it and added to it when he asked me questions.

Q. You are referring now to the time when you say he took down a statement from you? A. Yes.

Q. He took down in writing on paper your statement? A. Yes.

Q. Do you say that he read those statements over to you? A. Yes, what I gave him then. There were some written before he brought the papers there.

Mr. Pitts—Q. They were copies of the letters? A. Copies of the letters I suppose.

Mr. Blair—Q. You wouldn't swear to that? A. No.

Q. Do you swear that he read anything to you, except what you told him there? A. I don't think he did. I am not positive.

Q. Will you say that one word was altered in that paper that he first had there, or was it not only something added to it? A. I don't know whether it was altered or added to. He wrote some more.

Q. Do you say there was a word altered in it? A. I will not, because I did not observe it closely.

Q. You did not pay much attention to what was read, did you? A. I paid attention to know that exactly what I gave him was put down.

Q. Do you swear that he read to you what you had given him to put down just as you gave it to him? A. No, I won't. I think he went over it after he put it down, but I am not positive.

(Paper)—Q. Here is a copy of Mr. Barry's letter which you looked at this morning and finally concluded it was in your hand-writing? A. Yes.

Q. When did you make that copy? A. Immediately after I got Barry's letter I suppose.

Q. Where did you have it? A. I had it with the rest of the papers I suppose.

Q. Do you say that you did that immediately after you got it from Barry? A. I think so.

Q. Or did you make a copy of it immediately before you gave it up to John Black? A. I don't think it.

Q. What did you do it for? A. To have something to go on.

Q. Then you must have been letting the original go out of your hands? A. I don't think it was for that reason.

Q. Did you make it before you gave the original into Mr. Black's hands? A. I cannot tell you.

Q. Did you make it more than a week ago? A. Yes.

Q. You will swear to that? A. Yes.

Q. Did you make it more than two weeks ago? A. Yes, it must have been more than that. I cannot swear when it was made.

Q. Will you swear it was made more than a fortnight ago? A. I will.

Q. Will you swear it was made more than three weeks ago? A. I won't swear any more than I can tell you?

Q. You cannot give us any reason for your making it? A. I cannot.

(Paper previously marked No. 14 for identification put in evidence.)

Mr. Powell—Q. What is your best recollection of the time you made it? A. I have not much recollection about it.

Q. But as to whether it was more than three or four weeks ago? A. I could not swear, but I think it was more than that.

Mr. Tweedie—Did you make these copies at the direction of any person? A. Some I did and some I did not.

Q. Was this last copy of Barry's letter made at the direction of any person? A. Not to my knowledge.

Q. Well, have you any recollection? A. I have not.

Q. Will you say it was not made at the direction of some person? A. I will not.

Q. Who directed you to make copies of any of the letters? A. My son did.

Q. Did any person else? A. No.

Q. Well, your son evidently did not direct you to make a copy of this letter, which was made a few weeks ago? A. No.

Jeremiah H. Barry (sworn)—Examined by Mr. Blair.

Q. You are a barrister residing in Fredericton? A. Yes.

Q. Were you in professional co-partnership with me in 1889 and 1890. A. Yes.

Q. Do you remember the election of 1890? A. Yes.

Q. Who were the candidates for the Government? A. The candidates on the Government ticket were yourself, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Anderson and Mr. Bellamy.

Q. Who acted as treasurer in connection with the election fund? A. Well, I suppose I might be considered as treasurer, although I had no regular appointment.

Q. You were acquainted with Mr. W. A. Quinn? A. Yes.

(Paper No. 3.) Q. Do you recognize that letter? A. Yes, that is my handwriting.

Q. Did you write that letter at my suggestion? A. No.

Q. Was I aware from anything you know that you had written it or were going to write that letter? A. As I have already stated on another occasion I have no recollection of writing this letter, although it undoubtedly was written by me. My memory don't assist me now in saying that you had any knowledge whatever of it. In fact, at this time, if my memory is correct I don't think you could have any knowledge of it because you were out of town at the time.

(Objected to.)

Q. Well, you can state, as a matter of fact, whether I was or was not out of town? A. I think you were out of town the whole week between nomination day and election.

Q. Do you remember the day of the week that election day was? A. The election was on Monday, if I mistake not.

Q. What day would nomination day be? A. Seven days previously, I think.

Q. Do you remember what day of the month the election was on? A. I think it was on the 21st.

Q. You are wrong in that. It was the [illegible]. Your recollection is that after nomination day I was out of town? A. My recollection is that you were out of town the whole of the week.

Q. Did Mr. W. A. Quinn and you have any conversation? A. Mr. Quinn was about the office every day during the election, more or less.

Q. Did he say anything to you at all about a contribution to the election? A. He told me there was $200 that we could have when it was wanted.

Q. Was anything said by him to you, or anything stated at all in your conversation with regard to its being a subscription conditional upon an appointment to office? A. No.

Q. As a matter of fact, Mr. Barry, did Mr. Quinn, senior or junior, contribute one dollar to the election fund? A. Not that I know of.

Q. Did you ever receive anything from either of them, directly or indirectly, in connection with that election? A. No.

Q. Didn't you pay Mr. Quinn a small bill that he had for furnishing oil for the election? A. Yes, I think there was a bill for $2.12. I have got the receipt somewhere in the office.

Q. Do you recollect of Mr. Quinn going into the inner office when I was inside at any time? A. Yes, I remember his going in to see you.

Q. Can you locate the time? A No, I cannot locate it with any satisfaction; it was during the election campaign, but just at what time of the campaign I cannot state.

Q. Did you hear, from being personally present, anything that was said? A. No, I was in my room at the time, and you were in yours.

Q. After Mr. Quinn came out did I come out? A. Yes.

Q. How soon after? A. Well, it was almost immediately; it was within a very short time.

Q. Did I make any statement when I came out? A. Yes.

Q. What did I say? (Objected by Mr. Powell—Not pressed).

Examined by Mr. Powell:

Q. You had forgotten all about writing that letter, had you not. A. Yes.

Q. Have you a recollection within any degree of clearness or certainty as to where the Attorney General was between nomination day and declaration day? A. No, I have not. I think I have a list of his engagements, or had, which would enable me to state with accuracy, but I cannot speak from my general recollection.

Q. Don't you know, as a matter of fact, that he was in the city of Fredericton between nomination day and election day? A. Well, I think it probable that he was in the city—that is, getting in late at night and leaving next morning—but I don't think he was about the office, though he might possibly have been. I think he was holding meetings two or three times a day, and his being in the city would be his coming from one and going to another.

Q. You say you did not get the money that you wrote for by that letter? A. No.

Q. Did you make inquiries about the matter as to why you did not get it? A. No, I have no recollection of doing so.

Q. Not having got the money in answer to that letter, did you make enquiries of any person why you didn't get it? A. I cannot say—I may have or may not.

Q. Have you no recollection of speaking to W. A. Quinn or to Wilson? A. I have not.

Q. That has entirely gone from your memory? A. Yes, I have only an indistinct recollection of these details.

Q. Things that were occuring about that time, in your experience, would be things that a man would use all his ingenuity to forget? A. Perhaps it would be discreet for him to forget them, but sometimes he cannot forget them.

Q. About these matters you have no recollection whatever? A. I have no recollection beyond what I have sworn to.

Q. You have no recollection of writing the letter? A. No, although I know I wrote it.

Q. Have you a letter-press copy of it? A. I should judge from the appearance of it that I hadn't.

Q. Before you wrote that letter to Quinn were you not informed or didn't you know that William was an applicant for office? A. O, yes; in a general way. In fact I think during an acquaintanceship of thirteen or fourteen years I never knew a time when Mr. Quinn was not an applicant.

Q. At that particular time didn't you know he was an applicant for a particular office? A. Yes, in a general way.

Q. Didn't you know in a specific way? A. No, he never told me.

Q. But somebody else had? A. Yes, I heard that he was an applicant for the vacancy in the clerk's office, as I had heard of other offices he wanted.

Q. Did you ever speak to W. A. Quinn about it? A. I think likely I have.

Q. Have you any recollection of inquiring of either Wilson or William Quinn why you did not get this $200? A. No, I don't think I did.

Mr. Sivewright—Q. I suppose you assume the responsibility yourself with reference to contributions to the election fund without consultations with the Attorney General? A. Yes, I attended to all the details.

Mr. Blair—That letter of the 16th of January was directed to Billy, not to the old gentleman? A. Yes, I never had any communication with the old gentleman.

Q. Mr. Quinn said that a letter was brought to him by Billy from you. Did you ever send any letter to him? A. No, that letter was not written to the old gentleman.

Q. Was there anything which occured to your knowledge which you have not yet stated or been allowed to state, that would explain why you did not make any further inquiry of Mr. Quinn about a further contribution? A. I don't know of anything.

Q. Was there anything which occurred in the office that would be a good reason why you should not ask? After what you heard me say when I came out of the inside office would you have asked me any more about that? A. No, I don't think I would.

Mr. Powell—Q. Did you write that letter after Mr. Billy Quinn (so-called) was in the Attorney General's office or before? A. I don't remember.

Q. Don't you feel positive that you wrote it after? A. I don't feel positive. I have an impression that I did.

Q. Is it not your impression that the Attorney General was away during that week? A. Yes.

Q. Was he not away from the time that letter was written until the time of election? A. I think so.

Q. Then notwithstanding what you did hear occurring in the Attorney General's office you did write the letter? A. Well, I don't say that. I could not pretend to fix the time when this conversation occurred.

Q. Well if as a matter of fact you did not see the Attorney General from the time you wrote that letter till election day, then you did write that letter notwithstanding what occurred in the Attorney General's office?

(Objected to—disallowed.)

Q. What then did you mean by answering that question of the Attorney General's the way you did—when you said that what transpired in the Attorney General's room was a reason why you would not ask further about the money? A. Well, from the fact of having written that letter and knowing what took place between Quinn and the Attorney General I assume that the letter must have been written before the conversation, though my impression was rather the other way. My impression was that the conversation was previous to the election; my impression now is that it was after the election.

Mr. Blair—Q. Do you remember that after nomination day, which was on Monday, I went up the country Tuesday morning and arranged for a meeting, driving through to Harvey on Wednesday night? A. No, I don't remember that. I remember you had a good many engagements.

Q. Do you remember of my having made an arrangement to speak at Canterbury station following the Wednesday night that I was to speak at Harvey? A. I remember your having some engagements and my having to cancel them and find other speakers.

Q. Do you remember the night I spoke in St. John—what night it was? A. I think it was Friday night.

Q. Do you remember my coming up Saturday morning and being in the office Saturday morning and going off right after dinner sharp to McKean's Corner? A. I remember your coming up in a special train and holding a meeting somewheres up in the Parish of Bright Saturday night previous to the day of election.

(Paper)—Q. Whose handwriting is the most of that paper? A. It is mine; some five or six words your own I think.

Q. You found that recently, didn't you? A. I found that during the present week among some old papers.

Q. When was that memo of engagements made? A. That was made during the progress of the election of 1890.

Q. For your own information as to where I was? A. Yes.

Q. What does that "A G B" there mean? A. That would be yourself and your engagements for five days that week.

Mr. Powell—Some of those were cancelled were they not? A. Yes, they appear to have been.

Q. Can you state where Mr. Blair's engagements were then? A. No, I would not undertake to. These are the engagements arranged at the time but whether carried out or not I could not say.

Mary Quinn (sworn),—examined by Mr. Blair:

Q. You are a daughter of William H. Quinn? A. Yes.

Q. Something has been said here as to your having seen a copy of some paper made, a receipt, will you tell us what you know about that? A. Which receipt do you mean.

Q. How many receipts were there? A. Do you mean the receipt my brother got from Mr. Wilson?

Q. I mean the receipt which your brother brought home? A. Well, my brother brought it home and gave it to me and I read it, and passed it to my father, and he took charge of it.

Q. When was that? A. That was February 13th, 1890, he wrote that receipt, and that same day my brother brought it and gave it to me.

Q. Did you see Mr. Wilson sign it? A. No. I didn't see him sign it, nor write it either.

Q. Do you know his writing? A. I know his writing well.

Q. Where is that receipt now? A. Well, it is in Mr. Wilson's possession if he has not destroyed it.

Q. Did you see it delivered into his possession? A. No, I did not, but I gave it to my father and he delivered it to Mr. Wilson when he gave him the note

Q. You are prepared to swear to that? A. Well, I would because I know my father wouldn't tell a lie.

Q. You say when William brought it home he handed it to you? A. Yes, to read to my father.

Q. Couldn't your father read? A. He can but I was there and he generally asks me to read any writing that comes in.

Q. Your brother I suppose is not much a reader himself, and you thought perhaps you could make a better fist of it? A. That is hardly fair, I think that is a slight on your own profession to think that my brother, being a lawyer, wouldn't know how to read.

Q. Why should he bring it home to you to read it? A. Because I was there with my father all the time.

Q. But why would it be necessary for him to give it to you to read to your father when he could have done it himself? A. He brought it home and handed it to me and I read it to my father, that is all.

Q. He didn't ask you to read it to your father? A. O no.

Q. And you handed it to your father, you say? A. Yes.

Q. What did your father do with it? A. I don't remember exactly what he did with it right away, but after some time I remember it was handed back to me and I put it away.

Q. After how long a time? A. I couldn't say how many minutes, whether it was a few minutes or half an hour.

Q. Did you have any other papers that you put away at the same time? A. No, I put it away with other papers that I was in the habit of taking care of. I was in the habit of taking care of my father's papers.

Q. How long did you keep this paper? A. Until I gave it to him again.

Q. When was that? A. I cannot remember exactly the date.

Q. How long did he have it before you saw it again? A. When I gave it to my father then he took it and gave it to Mr. Wilson in place of that note.

Q. You did not see him give it to Wilson? A. No, but he told me.

Q. Did you have it in your own individual possession and control from the time it first came to the house on the 13th February until it was given to your father to give to Wilson? A. Yes, no person could get it.

Q. Did any person have it? A. No.

Q. Was it taken out of its place of keeping where you put it? A. No, it remained there until it was given to Wilson. I know he brought me home the note in place of it.

Q. When was it there was a copy made of it? A. I couldn't state exactly what date, but I know it was made. I couldn't give you any idea.

Q. Who made the copy? A. My brother.

Q. What was it made for? A. Well, merely just to have it for himself. My father held the original there in the house and Willie wished to have a copy to keep with him. Willie made the copy in the presence of my father and myself.

Q. Did you compare it very carefully? A. I did.

Q. What object did you have in comparing it very carefully? A. Merely that we wanted to have a true copy—anything that Willie wrote we generally compared them; he always instructed us that it was better to have copies of anything that way.

Q. For instance, if you got a note for money loaned or anything you always had a copy of the note made? A. Not always.

Q. What was the particular object of having a copy of this paper? A. Well, this paper was considered more important than most papers.

Q. You examined it very carefully, did you? A. Yes, on that account.

Q. Did you yourself compare it? A. Yes. Well, my brother read one and I looked over it to see that it was exact. I kept the original and he read his copy.

Q. Do you think you could identify the paper that was written at that time? A. I could if it was in my brother's writing.

Q. You had no mark upon it at all? A. Nothing more than at the bottom he had some time after made up the interest on it—it had those figures on it.

Q. There were no marks on it to distinguish it from any other writing of your brother's? A. No, but I knew this was the receipt he had copied.

Q. How did you know it? A. Well, it was a piece of paper he had torn off some we had in the house.

Q. Was there anything very remarkable about the paper? A. No

Q. You wouldn't like to swear to the identity of that copy because the paper was similar, would you? A. Well, I don't think I would be afraid to swear to it.

Q. I ask you whether you would undertake to swear it? A. I came prepared that anything I would say would be the truth.

Q. But I ask you whether you would swear to the identity of the copy just from the fact that it was like some paper you had in the shop? (Not answered).

Q. Now, you say he made this copy. Did you keep the copy? A. No, I kept the original.

Q. When did you see the copy again? A. I saw the copy again shortly after my father brought the note from Wilson.

Q. But you cannot tell us how long a time that was after the copy was made? A. No, I cannot tell.

Q. Nor what became of the copy except that William took it away? A. That is all.

Q. How can you swear that a paper which you say your brother made and which he took away and had in his own possession, and which you saw again was the same paper? A. Well, if I looked at it I could tell.

(Paper No. 4 shown)—Q. Will you undertake to swear from any private mark there is on that paper, that that was the identical copy? A. There is no private mark on it.

Q. Then how can you swear it is the identical copy? A. Well, I am sure it is

(Question repeated)—A. Because I know that is his writing and I know from what he told me that he did not make any other copy.

Q. Did he tell you that he never made another copy? A. Well, I don't see what occasion he would have for making another.

The Chairman—Q. Did you say your brother told you that he had never made any other copy? A. Yes.

Mr. Blair—Q. How can you swear that that is the very copy which you saw your brother make when he might have written off a dozen just like that? A. Well, that is a copy I know he wrote in our house.

Q. Don't you realize that unless it was utterly impossible for your brother to have made another copy that you couldn't tell that this is the one, or unless you had identified it in some way? A. Well, I don't know; that is the one he wrote in our house and that is the one I got back again.

Q. You cannot point out any mark on that paper that could not have been made on fifty copies of that receipt, could you? A. That is the one. He came into the store where my father and I were and handed it back to me.

Q. How long was this copy away from your sight? A. I told you before I could not tell you. He took it away after he wrote.

Q. You could not tell me whether it was six months or a year? A. No, after my brother brought it back I put it away.

Q. Where was your brother's safe? A. Down underneath his office in the hall below. He never could get it up.

Q. Have you had that paper in your possession since that time? A. It has been in the house locked up in the box ever since, with the exception of one time that my father took it out.