Answer. I was present during the whole meeting and acted as Secretary.

176th Int. State what was the first business done at that meeting, upon its organization, and the order in which that business was done?

Answer. The President first called the meeting to order; then Mr. Grosvenor called for the reading of the deed of conveyance of lands to Sherman and Dean, and also the contract between the Company and Sherman; then the reading of the minutes of the stockholders meeting of the year previous, together with the proceedings of the Board of Directors, which, upon motion of Mr. Grosvenor, was adopted, confirmed and ratified.

177th Int. Was the report of the President for the year, 1856 called for at the time the deed and contract were called for by Mr. Grosvenor?

Answer. It was, and was read, the report for the year previous was first read; and then the deed and contracts were read; following were read the proceedings of the Board of Directors between the years 1856 & 1857.

178th Int. What, if anything was said concerning the sale to Sherman and Dean, in substance at that meeting, after the reading of the deed and contract, and the report of the President for 1856, in reference thereto?

Answer. Some time was spent in talking about it; finally Mr. Grosvenor verbally moved that the sale made to Mr. Sherman be confirmed and ratified, which was done.

179th Int. Do you recollect whether any one at that meeting voted against that motion to confirm; state your recollections on that subject?

Answer. No one whatever.

180th Int. Was the business of reading the report of 1857 and the election of Directors proceeded with after this confirmation?

Answer. After that confirmation, the report of 1857, was read, and the election of Directors was proceeded with.

181st Int. Do you recollect whether any thing was said or done, as to any alteration of that deed and contract before the meeting adjourned; if yea, state what was so said or done?

Answer. There was a committee of three appointed to procure from Judge Sherman a release, to be submitted to the Board of Directors, I think, for approval; and after the adjournment of the meeting, Mr. Grosvenor, Mr. Radle and Mr. Newman, I think, conferred together with Judge Sherman respecting the release to be given.

182nd Int. When did your connection with, or employment by, the Company cease?

Answer. In the fall of 1858. I think.

183rd Int. Was this before or after Sherman ceased to be a Director of the Company and at the time your employment ceased was the

President?

Answer. It was after Judge Sherman ceased to be a Director. Charles Gould was the President of the Company.

184th Int. Before your employment by said Company as Secretary terminated, was a paper in the form of an affidavit handed to you to the contents of which you were required to make oath; and of yea, who delivered such paper to you?

Answer. Such paper was handed to me by Mr. Gould, the President to which he wished me to make oath. I read it and finding portions of it to refer to matters of record in the book of minutes and which it would be necessary to examine and I was doing it, when he came to me and asked me if I had signed that paper. My reply was that I had not had sufficient time to examine it, having been interrupted. He then told me to sign the paper immediately or give it to him. I then handed the paper back to him. He went into the adjoining room and a meeting of the Directors was held; said meeting having been previously called by me as Secretary and I followed after him, when the door was closed and I was not admitted. I remained in the adjoining room until the close of the meeting when Mr. Gould came to me and told me that the Board had suspended me as Secretary of the Company. I asked him if I was to consider from that that my services were no longer required by the Company. He said not until further action of the Board. I then left and did not return again.

185th Int. What length of time elapsed between the delivery by Gould to you of this affidavit and the time when he took it from you and went into the Directors' rooms, as you have stated?

Answer. I suppose about one hour, not to exceed one hour during which time I was frequently interrupted in answering calls, and disbursing moneys to captains for freight.

186th Int. Had you, before he took the affidavit from you read it entirely or only partly through?

Answer. My impression is that I had read it only partially I may have hastily read it through.

187th Int. Had you, before he took the affidavit from you, made any changes in it, by pencil-mark or otherwise?

Answer. I had erased with pencil in several places.

188th Int. Did Gould notice these erasures, and if yea, what did he say in reference to them, or in reference to your swearing to the paper as drawn?

Answer. I called his attention to the erasures, and told him in consequence of being interrupted I had not been able to complete it. He then said, I wish to have you sign that as it is, or hand it to me, and without any remark of mine I handed him the paper.

189th Int. Was that affidavit he made in reference to the controversy between Sherman and others and the complainants?

Answer. It was.