The Given Contested Election Case.

The Given and Weaver contested election case is now in the hands of an examiner. The Court of Common Pleas appointed Gen. C. H. T. Collis, with powers to receive testimony. Yesterday, in the office of the examiner, the case was partially heard. The evidence occupied four hours, and was as follows:

James W. Flavell, a witness on behalf of the contestant, sworn—I was a member of the 19th Pennsylvania cavalry; I am not now; was discharged in November; belonged to Co. B; was a private; the regiment left Baton Rouge on the 2d of August; but I remained there, on detached duty, until the latter part of October, when I was ordered to General Sheridan; the camp of the regiment was within a square of my quarters up to the 2d of August; February 5th, 1864, the regiment was consolidated into six companies; the next consolidation was at Baton Rouge, in August, 1865; at this consolidation there were about 200 men in the regiment; the sick and wounded numbered a third more; on October 10, 1865, I was detailed at Baton Rouge as clerk; the regiment was not in or near that point, not within 1,000 miles of it; there were then only two men of the 19th cavalry there; they were Hyzer and myself; on the 10th of October the officers of Co. B were Capt. Frank Reeder and Lieut. Joseph C. Castle; Reeder was acting Lieutenant-Colonel; we had no second lieutenant; John Wilson was not an officer of the company, nor had we any private of that name; William Downey was orderly sergeant when the company left Baton Rouge; Henry Lee was not an officer of Co. B; there was no such man in the company, nor was William Smith nor Henry Moore; I know of one Cook, a corporal in Co. I; never heard of William Reynal or John M. Munch; there is a Hicks, an orderly in Co. B; a Sergeant Wilson was in the regiment, but not in Co. C, and he was mustered out shortly after the regiment left Baton Rouge; there was no Robert Anderson or Christian Bluthard, or David H. Lane, nor Daniel Farney; I know one Smith, but his name was not William; never heard of Maxendrey Kercher, nor James L. Wagner, nor John Wilson; never had but one Wolf in the whole regiment, and he deserted at Union city in 1862; looking at the return for Co. B, 19th Pennsylvania Cavalry, I find the following names of men who belonged to Co. B on that day: Augustus Strickler and John Mulholland, sergeant; when Co. B left Baton Rouge it was 60 strong.

Cross-examined—I had notification that I was not consolidated into Company B when I arrived at Cairo, about a month afterwards; I joined Company B at Baton Rouge in August following; Sergeant Downing kept the company roll; I was in camp every night; after they left and went up Red river I knew nothing of them.

Re-examined—On the 10th of October none of the company headquarters were at Baton Rouge: there was not a cavalryman within twenty miles of the place; there was no election held in October last in Baton Rouge; there was a post office there, and a hospital with soldiers in it, but only four or five of our men.

Charles A. Dunkelberg, a witness called by Mr. Weaver, sworn—Am captain of Company C, 2d Pennsylvania Veteran Reserves heavy artillery; have reported here by order of the War Department; my company is now three miles from Petersburg; have been captain twelve months, enlisting in 1861; we were in Petersburg after the 4th of April, 1865; the company at first numbered 130 men, now I have 113; on the 10th of October I had a few men more; it was recruited in Wayne county, but since recruiting I have had new men from all parts of the world; John Yeager was not an officer of the company; a man of that name had been discharged two years before; Charles Howe was never an officer of the company; he was a private, and was discharged twenty months ago; William Snyder and Joseph Bishop were not officers; there were privates of those names, but both were discharged a year ago; my company never was at Burkesville; looking at the election returns for my company I recognize Charles Howe, James Snyder, John Yeager, all discharged a year before; Joseph Fisher, who was absent, sick, on October 10th; Stephen Brown, who was in Surrey county, forty-five miles away; John W. Mung, who deserted four years ago; Fred. Willie, George Wilhelm; Nicholas Schup, Isaac Shelley, all discharged a year ago; Henry Geahn was with the company only four weeks. John Harvey was discharged in July, 1865; Peter Wirum died in fall of 1864; John Johnson died four years ago; Casper Schaff is with the company; James Wenderwork was in Surrey county, Va., on October 10; John Ottens was in Surrey county.

The captain thus specified every name on the roll, all of whom were discharged, some two and three years ago. He resumed his testimony by saying that there was no election in his company on October 10. Two gentlemen came to the camp and asked to open a poll, but permission was refused, as only five men were in camp; I told those five to go and vote with Company K, if they wanted to, but only one, William Nelson, went; he, Lieut. Sheets and myself were all the votes of my company; we voted with Company K.

Cross-examined—Surrey county is not in the same direction as Burkesville; four of our companies, D, B, A and I were there on the 10th October; I had twenty men on detached duty at Surrey county; my company was detached at different points.

George N. Doolittle sworn—I live in Factoryville, Wyoming county; was First Lieutenant Co. I, 3d regiment Pennsylvania veteran heavy artillery; was mustered out Nov. 13, 1865, but was with company on 10th of October. The company was in the city of Richmond in barracks; before that we were stationed in the outskirts; we went there in April; the company was together with few exceptions; a private, Robert J. Murphey, was in my company, but not present on October 10; Thomas C. Jones was present; a Wm. Smith was also; there was no such name as John W. Taylor; I know the names of all the men in my company present on the 10th of October, but not of all those who did not belong to the company.

The roll was handed to witness. He picked out a score of names; nearly all were deserters, who had left in the spring or fall of 1864. The Lieutenant closed by testifying that there was no election held in his company on the 10th of October. I was with the company all day. Twenty-five or thirty men were messengers for Gen. Ord's headquarters in another part of the town.

The examination here closed.

Skating in Canada—"Skating Rink" in Montreal—The Preservation of Ice.

The best classes of the people in the larger towns of Canada do not usually skate in the open air, but during the past few years have been building what they call "rinks" or skating-houses, which they use instead of ponds or lakes. The advantages of the "rinks" are, apparently, that they facilitate the production of ice, the water being of but little depth, and as the ice is covered, it is protected from the rain and snow storms which tend to destroy it or render it useless. Thus the ice may be kept better and longer than it could be without the house. There are many rinks in Canada and one or two in the United States. The best are in Quebec and Montreal. For the purpose of giving our readers some idea of "rink" skating, we copy from the Montreal *Gazette* an account of skating in Canada:

This popular winter amusement of nearly all classes in a position to pay a share of the expenses of a rink, broke out in its present form among the gay belles of Quebec, in or about the year 1853. It rapidly extended throughout the province—ultimately growing to the proportions of an extensive commercial undertaking, in which, of course, the social element predominated. The ladies of Quebec originally skated on a space enclosed within one of the wharves on the St. Lawrence, where, from the nature of the place, they were subjected to much inconvenience, "outsiders" frequently rushing in with all the hauteur and self-importance of the true born American, and disturbing many a little manœuvre intended for the entrapment of some promising commercial bejeweled and bewhiskered D'Orsay, or some gruffer and larger pedigreed marching lieutenant. Some of this bewitchingness could not well be thrown away on an intercepting stevedore, or aimed at the susceptible heart of the unfortunate fellow who scudded about on borrowed skates, and a change for the better was therefore determined upon at a council of war, in which some of the pettiest heads in the city solemnly came together, and finally hit upon the exclusive, but necessary and convenient scheme, since so successfully carried out. "Rome was not built in a day," and neither was the rink of the present period. It rose to its present proud shape from a very humble beginning—a barn-like shed run up in a hurry, and dingy, narrow and obscure, which was erected outside of St. Louis Gate, and was irreverently called the "cattle shed." The fair dames, the portly matrons and the sylph-like damsels, who gyrated in it on "the light fantastic toe," had long ere this invented the Bloomer costume, and fearlessly claimed it as their own when accused by a bold, shameless bachelor of our acquaintance, with copying Miss Lucy Stone's toilette. They were not evidently ashamed of the proportions of their ankles, and all through the movement displayed a courage and power of invention truly masculine. The original rink had primitive windows on a level with the ground, through which the *gamins* of the town would peep to see "ladies and gentlemen skate in a house;" and every now and then would shout, "There goes the girl with the golden boots," "Look at that swell with the hi-glass," "Here comes the belle with the feathers," the basso profundo of an attendant portly sergeant breaking in every now and then with, "Clear out, boys, or I'll put some of you in chokey." So much for a beginning ultimately and shortly destined to lead to the erection of palatial edifices over half a continent, in which the merry game of the rink could be played by night and by day, and the arts of the drawing-room displayed on a field calculated to attract and dazzle unwary bachelors. Montreal, Boston and Halifax, soon followed the example of Quebec, the first rink erected in the city springing into existence in 1859, the year in which the Montreal club erected its building on Upper St. Urbain street. Since then the Victoria rink has been constructed in a style and manner which far distances all other edifices of a similar character, and there is every reason for the belief that henceforth the "institution" will be a permanent one, a knowledge of skating being fully as essential to a lady as the gentler but less healthful "practice" at the piano or the accomplishments of social life.

VICTORIA SKATING RINK OF MONTREAL.

This rink was constructed during the season of 1862, and was first opened to its subscribers as a club, for use on the 24th of December of that year. An act of incorporation was obtained, under which the club holds and manages its real estate, of a value now of about $30,000, while the capital stock is kept within the limit of 300 shares, of $50 each; or $15,000.

The building is situate on Drummond street, on a lot 120 by 227 feet. The area for skating is 202 feet by 80 feet wide, covering a space of about 16,000 square feet. This is spanned by a semi-circular framed roofing, rising to a height of 52 feet, and constructed in such a manner as to give an apparent lightness of effect, combined with strength, the arched principals of the roof spring immediately from the ground. The skating area is surrounded on all sides by a platform ten feet wide for promenading, and in the centre of one side is a recess in which, extending over the platform, is a handsome and commodious gallery for the music, which is supplied weekly by fine military or other bands.

The rink is lighted during the day by large windows on three sides, and at night by six pendant rings or stars, each containing forty-eight burners, and by a bracket light attached to each of the principals of the roof, containing in addition one hundred and ninety-two burners, making with those in the orchestra some five hundred jets, by which the building is brilliantly and effectively illuminated.

There is also a small gallery at the west end, over the entrance door, from which an excellent view of the whole may be obtained.

The building is entered by a spacious hall, on each side of which, and opening on the platform, are separate dressing rooms for ladies and gentlemen, with hat and cloak rooms attached. These rooms are furnished with numerous boxes, each with lock and key, and of sufficient size to hold the skates, boots, &c. They are also warmed and thoroughly comfortable.

The superintendent lives on the premises, occupying rooms over the entrance hall.

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100,000	State of Pennsylvania Five Per Cent. Loan	90,555 00
54,000	State of Pennsylvania Six Per Cent. Loan	53,250 00
125,000	City of Philadelphia Six Per Cent. Loan	112,812 50
20,000	Pennsylvania Railroad First Mortgage Six Per Cent. Bonds	20,900 00
25,000	Pennsylvania Railroad Second Mortgage Six Per Cent. Bonds	23,750 00
25,000	Western Penna. Railroad Mortgage Six Per Cent. Bonds	23,750 00
11,000	300 Shares Stock Germantown Gas Company, principal and interest guaranteed by the City of Philadelphia	13,537 50
7,150	143 Shares Stock Penna. Railroad Company	3,580 00
5,000	100 Shares Stock North Pennsylvania Railroad Company	3,250 00
40,000	Deposit with the United States Government, subject to 10 days call	40,000 00
20,000	State of Tennessee Five Per Cent. Loan	18,900 00
170,700	Loans on Bonds and Mortgage, first liens on City Property	170,700 00
1,066,850	Par. Market value	996,560 00
	Real Estate	38,000 00
	Bills receivable for insurance made	121,013 37
	Balances due at Agencies—Premiums on Marine Policies, Accrued Interest, and other debts due the Company	40,511 44
	Scrip and stock of sundry Insurance and other Companies, $5,133 Estimated value	2,910 00
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		$56,035 73
		$1,233,630 18

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	$809,587 43

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