
VOTING MACHINE EXAMINED.

Bardwell Votometer Tested by the New York State Commission.

The New York State Commission on Voting Machines, consisting of Prof. Robert H. Thurston of Cornell University, H. De B. Parsons, and Philip T. Dodge, made an official test of the Bardwell votometer, a newly patented voting machine, yesterday. The device is the invention of Arthur T. Bardwell of Springfield, Mass., and the test took place in the inventor's office, at 52 Broadway. No decision was reached by the Commissioners as to whether or not the use of the machine in elections in this State should be authorized.

The machine differs essentially from the Standard and all other devices which have already been approved by the Commissioners. A key, and not a button or lever, is the means by which the voter registers his ballot, and it is as easy to vote a "split" as a straight ticket. The only instructions that confront the voter are, "Turn the key where you want to vote." In yesterday's test a straight ticket, National, State, and local, was cast in three seconds, and a "split" ticket, taking candidates from seven parties, was voted in thirty-seven seconds.