

I have long looked for, in Parliament, I want the people of Canada to see what a record one of *my Judges* has, and how competent he was to pronounce upon the honesty of one of his fellow men. It will be impossible for me to do more than summarize the several points to which I desire to direct your attention in this letter, but I will yet have an opportunity to go more into detail, particularly if I can draw you out before the public. It is a wonder your hand did not become paralyzed when you penned the Report alleging that I had been guilty of bribing a man to betray his employers, for it must have called to your mind the several periods in your political history when you, for your own personal advantage, induced, if you did not bribe, certain public men to betray their colleagues and political friend Alexander McKenzie. You surely have not forgotten that eventful period in your history when you induced the Hon. E. B. Wood to betray his colleagues, and placed on record that famous letter which for brevity and fullness of meaning is without a parallel. I refer to the "Speak now" letter. Of course you have tried to convince the public that you did not hold out the promise to this same E. B. Wood, but your denial has not met with any favor. It is a singular circumstance, however, that your Government shortly afterwards rewarded this same man with a Chief-Justiceship. You cannot have forgotten the bargain and sale made between you and R. W. Scott when you induced him to leave the Speaker's chair and desert his leaders, and then rewarded him with "The Crown Lands or nothing." This public act of yours forever stamped you as a man who for greed and gain would forsake his principles and betray his party. You well know that you had howled yourself hoarse in denouncing "Coalitions," as debasing and dishonorable, and yet, as I say, for the sake of your personal aggrandizement, you did not hesitate in the case of a party emergency, to bolt your principles of a lifetime, and induce a man to act a treacherous part towards his colleagues.

But there is a matter in connection with this same R. W. Scott and yourself which went a great length to satisfy the public that you made a corrupt bargain with that gentleman.

On Nov. 22, 1871, this same R. W. Scott on behalf of, and as one of, the shareholders of the defunct Canada Central Railway, petitioned the Ontario Government for aid from the Railway Fund for that portion of the road between Sand Point and Pembroke, stating in the petition that: "The Company was unfortunately unable to avail itself of the subsidy of 12,000 acres per mile before the expiration of the charter under which it was conferred." A few days after the presentation of this petition Sanfield McDonald was defeated, and this same R. W. Scott was taken into your Government. In February 1872, your Blake-Scott-McKenzie Government was graciously pleased to comply with the petition of R. W. Scott, and granted \$119,250 to the Canada Central Railway, although you knew, as well as I did, that this same R. W. Scott had never complied with the terms of the original charter, and had not built the road along the Ottawa River, as therein provided. You knew it was only a makeshift to build the road twenty-eight miles to Carleton Place and then call