

RAILWAY SUBSIDIES BOODLE

HOW THE TORY GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS ITS SUPPORTERS.

Under the pretence of **encouraging railway enterprise** the Government of Sir John Macdonald made a **wholesale onslaught on the Dominion Treasury**. Ministers and members of Parliament supporting them, shared in this **sandalous division of public spoil**. The amount thus subdivided was very large.

The policy of the Government in giving these subsidies was not so much to promote the construction of important railroads requiring such aid as it was to **enable their supporters to make money by the sale of charters or contracts, or stock**, or as presidents and directors, and so obtain the reward they expected for their political services.

Below are appended the more important and notorious cases :—

PACIFIC JUNCTION RAILWAY.

President with a salary of \$3,000 per annum, DALTON MACARTHUR, M.P. Subsidy \$1,320,000. Length of railway 110 miles.

OTTAWA, WADERINGTON & NEW YORK RAILWAY.

Promoter and President,—DR. HICKEY, M.P. Subsidy \$3,200 per mile. He offered to sell the charter to American capitalists for \$15,000 in cash and \$500,000 in paid up stock.

NORTH-WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY.

Promoters holding charter:—JAMES BEATY, M. P. ("The Boy"), D. B. WOODWORTH, M. P., Mr. BILLY, M. P., Mr. RIOPEL, M. P., Mr. TUPPER, M. P.—Subsidy, 6,400 acres of land per mile. Length of Railway, 450 miles.

BAY CHALEUR AND PASPEBIAC RAILWAY.

Owners:—Hon. T. ROBITAILLE, L. ROBITAILLE, L. J. RIOPEL, M.P., Hon. Thos. McGREEVEY, M.P., R. H. McGREEVEY, Mr. ARMSTRONG, brother-in-law of Sir W. LANGEVIN—Subsidy \$600,000 with power to issue Bonds for \$600,000 additional. Length of Railway 100 miles.

GATINEAU VALLEY RAILWAY.

Promoters and Stockholders:—C. H. MACKINTOSH, M.P., (holds the charter), Alonzo WRIGHT, M. P., J. BRYSON, M. P.—Subsidy, \$160,000.

CARAQUET RAILWAY.

Promoter and owner of eleven-twelfth's of stock:—K. F. BURNS, M.P.—Subsidy \$176,000.

[OVER.]