

Durham has none, and they felt this. He would advise the people of this section to discuss the matter quietly with the friends in Durham and a good effect would be produced.

Mr. J. McMullen, of Mount Forest, impressed upon the meeting the need of being active and in earnest in this matter.

Mr. G. Stewart, of Normanby, made a few remarks against the rivalry existing between the two villages of Mount Forest and Durham.

H. H. Stovel, Mt. Forest, said three propositions were before the public. One was the eastern scheme, whose advocates proposed to take the road along or near the county line of Bruce and Grey to Warton. The next was the one from Mt. Forest through Durham to Owen Sound; and the third was from Mt. Forest via Holstein through the township of Egrement to Friesville and thence connect with the T. G. & E. at Fiesheron. He believed that running powers could then be got along that line to Owen Sound. We were, in Mt. Forest, determined in the matter; we would leave no stone unturned in order to secure it fairly, and we certainly would prefer, as we always had done, that it should go off northward through Durham to Owen Sound. No one could point to any act of Mt. Forest to the contrary, but if this could not be then we would be obliged to turn our attention to the matter that was being made to the east of us. He hoped this would not be necessary. He was glad to see that no one could say aught against the route, but that all were unanimous as to its ultimately being a success. He sincerely hoped the people of Durham would act in the matter and assist in securing the line as at present proposed.

Moved by D. D. Hay, seconded by T. M. Daly, M. P., and carried:—

That a delegation be appointed to wait upon the government, at an early day, asking a share of the Railway Subsidy in aid of the Stratford and Lake Huron Railway and that said delegation be composed of J. Corcoran, President of the road, with G. Snyder, M. P., T. M. Daly, M. P., T. Scott, M. P., A. Monteith, M. P., and Messrs D. B. Hay, J. Ingleton, N. McIntyre, J. Dickson, W. Frost, R. Kilgour, D. Yeomans, A. McKeljohn and the Rev. Wallace, and that the President of the road be chairman of committee.

This closed the proceedings.

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SATURDAY EVENING, SEPT. 6, 1873

Startling Disclosures.

McMullen Interviewed.

The Hamilton Times publishes a report, taken from its Chicago namesake of Wednesday, of an interview between a reporter and George W. McMullen, in which some new developments concerning the Pacific Scandal come out. McMullen states that after the preliminary arrangement made in Montreal in Sept. 1, 1871, between Sir Hugh and himself on behalf of the American capitalists, he told Sir Hugh all about it, and the Premier was well satisfied. McMullen goes on to say that Allan's celebrated affidavit is false in several particulars, and that he (McMullen) possesses and can produce receipts and orders signed by Ministers or their Committees, which prove the incorrectness of the affidavit. McMullen goes on to say:—

On the 30th of July two contracts were drawn between Sir Hugh Allan and Sir George E. Cartier. The first was a blind written so that it might be said "a contract of J. Y. 30" was withdrawn. The second was written by three different clerks, in Abbott's office, so that no one of them should be able to know its contents. It was negotiated over for several days, agreed to finally on August 5, and signed August 6. By this contract, Cartier bound himself to give the charter to Sir Allan in consideration of Allan's furnishing money for the elections. In case the charter was not satisfactorily awarded to Sir Hugh, the money was to be returned to Sir Hugh with interest.

McMullen says he can prove this by conclusive evidence. He can also prove conclusively that Sir John A. Macdonald knew of this arrangement, endorsed it, and confirmed the bargain unreservedly. He proceeds to state that instead of Allan's breaking off with the Americans in April, as stated in the affidavit, the first intimation of it was given to them on the 24th of October, and that he has all Sir Hugh's letters and telegrams to prove this. McMullen says that when the Dominion Parliament meets the whole transaction between Allan and the Ministry can be proved beyond a doubt, as there is further evidence now kept in reserve, which is overwhelming in all its features, and will be produced then. Whether Sir Hugh really suffered the loss of the \$305,000 which he disbursed, Mr. McMullen says:—

Sir Hugh is President of the Merchants' Bank of Canada, a very large institution, which in its current report shows a Government deposit without interest of over \$1,200,000; and as all its funds are directly in his control, it is safe to suspect that up to the present time he is "even." I understand that another Bank in Montreal furnished a portion of the sum by discounting notes secured by Allan's endorsement, and that these are still being carried. This Bank also has over \$300,000 of Government money on the equally liberal basis of no interest.

Mr. R. Gibbons, M. P. for South Huron, has resigned his seat in the Local Legislature. Tuesday, the 16th inst., has been fixed as the date for holding a convention at Seaforth, to nominate a candidate.

The writ for an election in Carleton County, N. B., to supply the seat made vacant by the death of the Hon. Mr. Connell, has been issued. The seat has been vacant for months, and the issue of the writ now is evidently to have the election come off about the time that the Commission has put on its first coat of white-wash.

Mr. Mackenzie has won the praise of even his opponents by his manly and dignified utterances in public during his visit to the Maritime Provinces. The St. John, N. B., Telegraph (Ministerial) speaking of his address at the Halifax banquet, says:—"Mr. Mackenzie was very frequently applauded during his speech, which was nearly two hours and a half in delivery. It was clear and forcible, and free from the rant of the 'denagogue.' He left on the whole, a favorable impression. At the conclusion he shook hands with a large number of admirers, and the assemblage dispersed a little before midnight."

A PRIVATE LETTER PUBLISHED.

Sir John A. and West Montreal.

Considerable sensation has been caused, especially in Montreal, by the publication of the following letter in the Montreal Herald of Thursday:—

OTTAWA, Sept. 1, 1873.

My Dear Pope:

I want you before we take any steps about John Young's appointment, to see about the selection of our candidate for West Montreal. From all I can learn William Woodman would run the best; he will very likely object, but if he is the best man you can easily hint to him that if he runs for West Montreal, and carries it, we will consider that he has an early seat in the Senate. This is the great object of his ambition. I don't think we should take any steps about filling up the appointment until we have our candidate ready and all competitors out of the field. There will be some difficulty in getting A. A. Stephenson to consent, but I suppose it can be done. Will you see to this at once, if your candidate is ready? Then we must take the necessary steps to procure Mr. Young's resignation, which I am pretty sure, he will send in when he finds that if he does not do so, we will appoint another inspector. Yours, sincerely,

JOHN A. MACDONALD.

In reference to the foregoing, Mr. Pope published the following letter:—

(To the Editor of the Witness.)

Sir,—Referring to the letter published in the Herald this morning, purporting to have been written by Sir J. A. Macdonald and addressed to me, I have to say that no such letter was received by me, has never been in my possession, nor did I ever see it until I read it in the Herald this morning.

Yours, &c., J. H. POPE.

Montreal, Sept. 4, 1873.

The Montreal correspondent of the Hamilton Times says, writing on Friday:

Great excitement prevails in the city over the denouement in the Macdonald-Pope letter affair. It seems Macdonald telegraphed Pope on Monday, who was rusticated in the Eastern Townships, that an important letter awaited him in Montreal. Pope accordingly came to town, and on Tuesday at 10.30 a.m. called at the post office for the letter. It was missing. An immediate search was instituted, but all to no purpose. On Wednesday poor Pope, half-distracted, rushed through the post-office, in company with Postmaster Freer, turning over letters and hustling clerks, but no one saw the letter again till it appeared in the columns of the Herald yesterday morning. Messrs. Pope, Kerr, and White of the Gazette, commenced an investigation into the cause of the disappearance of the letter, which did not result in anything further being known this morning. Mr. Freer, Postmaster, having made a deposition before the Police Magistrate, that a party, or parties unknown, had stolen a letter addressed, Hon. J. Pope, from the Montreal office, and asking that Hon. J. Young, L. H. Holton, A. A. Dorion, and Messrs. Perry, Stewart and Wilson, of the Herald, be subpoenaed as witnesses, this was accordingly done, and this morning all these gentlemen made depositions stating that they knew nothing how, when, or by whom the letter was stolen from the office. One G. G. point was made, viz., that Sir John owns the letter to be genuine. Workman is in a bad way; he has killed his political influence. A. A. Stephenson vows vengeance; and, take it altogether, the Conservative compact is in deplorable uproar. A despatch has been received from Ottawa calling on the authorities to take stringent measures to ferret out the guilty parties.

The Globe's Montreal correspondent, writing on Friday, says:—

An investigation was held this morning before the Police Magistrate with closed doors. On information of the Postmaster, and on his statement that he believed Mr. E. G. Penny, of the Herald; Hon. Messrs. John Young, Holton, and Dorion could give material evidence in the matter, these gentlemen were subpoenaed to appear as witnesses. They were all examined, and the facts elicited were these:—On Wednesday last Hon. John Young found among his letters, in his Post-office box, an open note signed by John A. Macdonald, and addressed to "My Dear Pope." Around the note was a slip of paper, on which were the words, "Forwarded by a friend for the information of the Hon. Mr. Young." Mr. Young, on reading this letter, thought some one was hoaxing him, and crossed over to the Herald office, where he happened to meet Messrs. Holton and Penny. He showed them the letter, and they were of opinion the signature was genuine. Believing that the letter disclosed a plot to commit a serious public crime, he consented to its publication in the public interest. It was marked "private," but the corner of the left hand page was clipped off. Edward Radford, Sir John's private secretary, testified that he wrote the letter at Sir John's dictation, that Sir John signed it, and he addressed and posted it. No clue has been discovered as to who sent the letter to Mr. Young. There was a crowd round the Court, and great complaint was made that the proceedings were not held in public.

The correspondent of the Mail telegraphs a report of the investigation, giving the evidence at some length. The facts disclosed are precisely the same as those contained in the foregoing summary. We add the following evidence from the Mail's report:—

Several of the post office clerks were brought up, sworn, and made depositions. Among them was Thomas Harding, one of the general delivery clerks. He recollected on that day the arrival of the Ottawa and Brockville mail, and was positive no one asked him for a letter to the address of the Hon. J. H. Pope, nor did he deliver that letter. On Wednesday, between 9 and 11 a.m., he was asked for a letter for the Hon. J. H. Pope. He looked for the letter but could not find it where he supposed he had placed it. It then struck him he had seen the letter on the previous day. Mr. Pope showed him a telegram to the effect that there was a letter of importance for Mr. Pope in the Post Office to his address. Witness cannot account for the disappearance of the said letter in any way, nor has it been discovered in the office, nor can any one say how it disappeared.

Edward Radford, clerk in Sir John Macdonald's office at Ottawa, and who addressed the missing letter, deposed that the letter in question was in his handwriting. It was dated September 1st. He wrote the letter at Sir John's dictation, and afterwards Sir John signed it. He addressed it, putting the original in an envelope, which he directed to the Hon. J. H. Pope at Montreal. The envelope now shown to him was the same. The word "private" was written on the corner of the letter when it is torn off. He also mailed the letter.

The inquiry will be continued until the whole mystery is solved.

The Royal Commission.

Ottawa, Sept. 5.

The Commission opened business at noon. Victor Emdin, of Montreal, was the first witness called to-day. He was examined with reference to the names to monies subscribed for the Montreal election fund. He could give no satisfactory evidence as to the amounts subscribed, who subscribed, or if money was obtained from Sir Hugh for a consideration. He was a member of Cartier's Election Committee, and knew of money being spent during the election.

Louis Beaubien, M. P., was next called, but did not answer. Sir John Macdonald stated that he had received a telegram from Mr. Beaubien, saying he was ready to come up at any time, but he had special business to attend to, and hoped he would not be called till he was absolutely required.

The Chairman ordered a telegram to be sent to Beaubien.

Sir F. Hincks was next called and requested to read letters that passed between him and Beaty, of Toronto, that they should be appended to his evidence. The court then adjourned till three o'clock. Mr. Hincks then read the letters, which were very long, and related to the period when Mr. Beaty was in negotiations with Sir Francis on behalf of an American capitalist.

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Fergus, Aug. 25th, 1873

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GUELPH, Sept. 5, 1873.

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Guelph, Sept. 4, 1873

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GUELPH, Aug. 1873

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