

four papers which were published at the end of Mr. McMullen's second letter, must have been obtained by means which I think I may call criminal.

*Question*—What papers do you refer to?

*Answer*—I refer to the two telegrams and the receipts, the one from Sir John Macdonald to me, the one from me to Sir John Macdonald, the letter of Sir George Cartier to me, and the receipt of the Montreal Committee to me.

*Question*—In whose possession were they?

*Answer*—These papers were in my possession during the absence of Sir Hugh Allan in Newfoundland.

*Question*—Have you them yet?

*Answer*—No, I gave them to Sir Hugh Allan when he returned from Newfoundland; and it is quite obvious, at all events I am convinced of the fact, that those papers were either stolen from the private drawer in which they were kept while in my possession, or from the place in which Sir Hugh Allan put them.

*Question*—You say Sir Hugh Allan has them now?

*Answer*—I don't say he has them; I say I gave them to him on his return in September, 1872. I don't suppose these gentlemen had the originals in their possession, but they must have obtained them by bribing a confidential clerk or secretary who had access to them to copy them. For these reasons, I say I don't know how Mr. McMullen got his information. It is barely possible that he could have heard it from Sir Hugh Allan or myself.

*Question*—You were acting as confidential agent to Sir Hugh Allan with respect to the money?

*Answer*—No, I don't think I was. Sir Hugh Allan asked me to assist him in this affair. I think the preponderance of his motive was that my professional practice had led me in the direction of this kind of business—the organization of companies. I also took an interest as a public man in this particular railway, but I considered I was acting more as the solicitor of Sir Hugh than in any other capacity I can describe. I never was in any sense his agent.

*Question*—I think you were made the medium through which the moneys were paid for election purposes?

*Answer*—Only while Sir Hugh was in Newfoundland. I never had anything further to do with the moneys than this. I was present when those letters which I have described were talked about and signed, and when Sir Hugh Allan left for Newfoundland I was made the medium of communication with him with respect to three or four transactions.

*Question*—Did any other sums come into your possession other than those subscribed by Sir Hugh?

*Answer*—None whatever. I had nothing whatever to do with the distribution of the money subscribed for the elections.

*Question*—What was the amount paid through you by Sir Hugh Allan for the elections?

*Answer*—The first amount was \$10,000.

*Question*—At what date?

*Answer*—I think it must have been about the 8th or 10th of August. It was \$10,000 which he left in my hands to be given to Mr. Langevin. He wrote to Mr. Langevin, I think, informing him that the money was in my possession, and that on his giving me a receipt for it I would pay it. The first I heard of Mr. Langevin's action was his telegraphing me to meet him on the Quebec boat, which I did, on his way down to Quebec. He said he had received a letter from Sir Hugh Allan saying that on giving a receipt I would give him the money. He said he could not understand why such a receipt was asked from him. I told him I did not see that there was any reason for it either, and I did not think that there was any particular reason. He then said that he would have nothing to do with it; that he could not give me any receipt. He did not know what Sir Hugh Allan's reason was for asking it, and at all events he would not give any receipt.