

allowed his sound opinions upon this question to be overborne, and consented to the building of an all-rail line from Lake Superior before it was "consistent with the public interests," and also before it was possible without imposing a seriously "increased burden of taxes upon the people."

To my former constituents, specially, I now desire before concluding to address a few words. Not content with slandering me, Mr. Mackenzie has thought proper gratuitously to slander you. At Orangeville he said, "I have no objection to Mr. Macpherson holding any sentiments he pleases; but I want him to state truthfully what he felt, and while he is talking of corruption I want him to tell us how he secured his election in the Saugeen division some years ago. I was there at the time, and I think he ought to know something about the corruption of that occasion."

Challenged thus by Mr. Mackenzie, it is due to you that I should state emphatically and unqualifiedly that I did not know and never heard of any elector having been corruptly influenced to support me, and I do not believe that one was so influenced in my favor. I observe that Mr. Mackenzie said he was in the constituency during the contest. I did not see him, and do not recollect having heard of his being there. If there was bribery and corruption then it must have been organized in the interest of my opponent, and perhaps under the direction or with the knowledge of Mr. Mackenzie. I say again what I said in my former pamphlet, "I was appointed to the Senate at Confederation in consequence of being then your representative in the Legislative Council of United Canada. I have, therefore, always felt that it was to you—to the trust you reposed in me—that I am indebted for a seat in the highest Legislative Body of the Dominion. I continue to entertain a warm regard for your welfare, and to be ever ready to do all in my power to promote your interests." I have endeavored to discharge my duty faithfully to you and to the country, and I shall continue to do so, to the best of my ability, undeterred by the slander and hate of unscrupulous and malevolent self-seekers and placemen.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,

Your very obedient Servant,

D. L. MACPHERSON.

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