

stating that he is leaving New York for Chicago, there to join Mr. Ogden, and the two are going to Puget Sound. They say no meeting can be held till 15th November, which will not do at all.

I hope in ten days or so to have contract signed, and would like immediately after to go to England, to raise the money to build the line. I have disbursed \$343,000 in gold, which I want to get repaid. I have still to pay \$13,500, which will close everything off.

I will go to New York as soon as the contract is signed, say about 7th October, and would be glad to meet you there at that time.

Yours truly,
(Signed,) HUGH ALLAN.

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Letter No. 18.

MONTREAL, October 24th, 1872.

DEAR MR. McMULLEN,—No action has yet (so far as I know) been taken by the Government in the matter of the Pacific Railroad. The opposition of the Ontario party will, I think, have the effect of shutting out our American friends from any participation in the road, and I apprehend the negotiation is at an end.

It is still uncertain how it will be given (the contract), but in any case the Government seem inclined to exact a declaration that no foreigner will have directly or indirectly any interest in it. But everything is in a state of uncertainty, and I think it is unnecessary for you to visit New York on this business at present, or at all, till you hear what the result is likely to be.

Public sentiment seems to be decided that the road shall be built by Canadians only.

Yours truly,
(Signed,) HUGH ALLAN.

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Letter No. 19.

MONTREAL, 11th Nov., 1872.

DEAR MR. McMULLEN,—You really know as much about the Pacific Railroad contract as I do, and that is not much.

I am assured that the Government have resolved to form a new company, but under what conditions, or who the parties will be, I am ignorant. It is said that the whole matter will be arranged by the end of the month, and if so, we will soon know it.

I have not changed my views of what it ought to be.

Yours truly,
(Signed,) HUGH ALLAN.

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