

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO, }
City of Ottawa.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION

Appointing CHARLES DEWEY DAY, ANTOINE POLETTE, and JAMES ROBERT GOWAN, Commissioners to inquire into and report upon the several matters stated in a certain Resolution moved by the Hon. Mr. HUNTINGTON in the House of Commons on the second day of April, A.D. 1873, relating to the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Present: THE COMMISSIONERS.

On this twentieth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, personally came and appeared before us, the above-named Commissioners,

WILLIAM EDWARD BLUMHART, of the City of Quebec, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith:

I reside in Quebec, but this summer I have resided temporarily in New Brunswick. My occupation is general agent of a company for building railways. I am not an engineer, but attend to the business portion of the agency.

Q.—Were you residing in Quebec during the years of 1871 and 1872?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Do you know Sir Hugh Allan?

A.—I don't.

Q.—Do you know Mr. George W. McMullen?

A.—No, I do not.

Q.—Do you know anything of an agreement made between those gentlemen relating to the building of the Pacific Railway?

A.—I do not.

Q.—Were you in a position to know anything of that matter?

A.—No.

Q.—You are then utterly without knowledge relating to that subject?

A.—Yes. I have no knowledge whatever, except what I have seen in the public prints.

Q.—Did you take any part in the general elections of 1872?

A.—I did.

Q.—Were you on any of the committees?

A.—I was on several committees, but not the General Committee.

Q.—Were you on any committees which were organized, as it was supposed, in favour of the promotion of the election of the Government candidates?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Do you know anything about the subscription of money for promoting the elections?

A.—I know that money was subscribed.

Q.—Do you know by whom?

A.—Several persons subscribed. I saw no names, nor any list of names of subscribers. I know there were subscriptions made. I do not know to what amount.

Q.—Do you know whether Sir Hugh Allan was one of the subscribers?

A.—I do not.

Q.—Do you know through whose hands any money came which was used by the Central Committee, or by any other committee?

A.—I do not.

Q.—How do you know that money was subscribed?

A.—I know that one gentleman told me that he had subscribed.

Q.—Was that Sir Hugh Allan?

A.—No. A gentleman from Quebec—a tradesman.

Q.—A tradesman in Quebec?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Do you know the names of any of the gentlemen who were on the Central Committee in Quebec?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Will you mention them?

A.—I know Mr. Beaudet.

Q.—His Christian name?

A.—Elisie.

Q.—Do you know the Hon. Mr. Langevin?

A.—I do.