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could have any influence in the matter I would try that he should have a portion of any fund which might be got up in Montreal for general election purposes. Talking over matters—and I think it is this that Mr. McMullen speaks of—it came out in conversation that probably the elections would cost in the district of Quebec, irrespective of his own, a sum of \$25,000 or \$30,000. I told him that as far as I could influence the matter I would endeavour to get something like that amount allotted to the district of Quebec. That is what took place between Mr. Langevin and myself. I did not at that time make any allusion to the position of the Canada Pacific and its Charter. I knew Mr. Langevin was a strong Lower Canadian, and I thought that his friends were all in favour of arranging the Pacific matter in such a way that there should be direct communication with the seaboard at Quebec and Montreal, and I assumed that in any matter in which he could support the views of the Lower Canadians he would do so, and we did not wish anything more. I never said anything more; I never reported that I had made any arrangement with Mr. Langevin, though, no doubt, I did mention it to Sir Hugh Allan, that if we got up a fund Mr. Langevin should have a part of it to the extent of \$25,000.

Q.—Did you communicate this to Mr. McMullen?

A.—It is not likely that I would do so; though Mr. McMullen appears to have become aware of it. But there has been so much spying and betrayal of private documents and abstraction of private letters in the course of this affair, that it is impossible to say how Mr. McMullen became possessed of it.

Q.—I do not understand you?

A.—I mean that nearly if not all the papers published in the press relating to this Pacific affair have been obtained by illegal if not criminal means. For instance, the 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.

Q.—What papers do you refer to?

A.—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.

Q.—In whose possession were they?

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

Q.—Have you them yet?

A.—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.

Q.—You say Sir Hugh Allan has them now?

A.—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.

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

A.—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.

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

A.—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.

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

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

Q.—What was the amount paid through you by Sir Hugh Allan for the elections?

A.—The first amount was \$10,000.

Q.—At what date?

A.—I think it must have been about the 8th or 10th of August. It was \$10,000 which