

Answer—Yes, and towards the close of the session, that was the general impression in regard to the Canada Pacific Company.

Question—Mr. McMullen must have known that at the time?

Answer—He must have known it, but I have no knowledge that he did know it.

Question—You say, with respect to the expenditure of money for the elections in Montreal, you were on the Committee for the Western Division?

Answer—Yes.

Question—You don't know personally what was the expenditure in Montreal East?

Answer—I do not. I think it was very large.

Question—You say the largest item in the expenditure was the payment of canvassers?

Answer—Yes, the payment of paid canvassers. That was a plan which was adopted by both sides.

Question—Both parties had paid canvassers?

Answer—Yes.

Question—Was there a very large expenditure for that purpose besides other expenses in Sir George Cartier's election?

Answer—There must have been from the number of paid canvassers. I cannot form any estimate of the amount, but it was several thousand dollars, judging from the whole expenditure that took place.

Question—Do you know anything about a sum of \$25,000 being raised by the supporters of Mr. Jetté for his election?

Answer—Nothing but the report prevailing at the time. There was a very large sum raised, and I understood it was \$25,000.

Question—To assist Mr. Jetté in defeating Sir George Cartier?

Answer—Yes.

Question—Do you not know, that by some mysterious process, a good deal of Sir George Cartier's money went to the other side?

Answer—That was the impression at the time. There is no doubt about our being sold. Men who had been working with us were found on the day of the election to be working for the other party. That was the case in both the Eastern and Western Divisions. I do not know whether we were outbid or not, but these men were found working on the day of the election on the other side.

Question—You have read Mr. McMullen's letters, in which he makes charges of corruption against the Government, and in fact, everybody else?

Answer—I have.

Question—I think he has included you?

Answer—He has.

Question—Would you be kind enough, with the permission of the Commission, to state exactly your relations with Sir Hugh Allan, and also what were his relations with your newspaper?

Answer—The copyright of the *Gazette* was purchased from Sir Hugh Allan and Mr. Brydges by T. & R. White, our firm, in 1870. The plant of the office was leased to us; leased upon the understanding, or upon the condition, that after a certain expenditure in the way of salaries, the profits should be divided, and that we should have the right to purchase within ten years for \$30,000. The papers were made out, at Mr. Brydges' request, in the name of Sir Hugh Allan, hence our relations in the first instance with Sir Hugh Allan, rather than with Mr. Brydges. After some time we became anxious to complete the purchase upon the terms agreed upon, and applied to Mr. Abbott, by whom the papers had been drawn in the first instance, or rather revised after being drawn by a Notary, we applied to him to arrange with Sir Hugh Allan for the purchase. Sir Hugh Allan was quite willing, but he thought he should be paid in cash, which was not convenient for us to do then. While these negotiations were going on through Mr. Abbott, the Montreal Northern Colonization Railway was the prominent subject of dis-