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A.—None at all.

Q.—When Sir George and yourself entered into this agreement of the 30th July, varying the terms of my telegram, its terms were settled before there was any discussion about money matters?

A.—Yes, immediately after those terms were settled the discussion about money matters came up.

Q.—Then his letter, my telegram to him of the 26th, and his letter of the 30th July, were all before the conversation took place about the money matter. Then on receiving my telegram, or after having ascertained that I objected to the agreement of the 30th July, you replied to me next day that I might treat your letter as waste paper?

A.—I am not sure what day it was, but it was a day or two afterwards, at all events.

Q.—You authorized Sir George, also, to telegraph me that your letter might be regarded as waste paper, and that the agreement was my telegram of the 26th July?

A.—I did.

Q.—Therefore, any sums you may have advanced to aid in the elections, must have been after you were aware that I had rejected that letter of the 30th July of Sir George?

A.—I cannot say when the actual payments were made.

Q.—The agreements were made on the afternoon of the 30th July, and on the 31st you replied that your letter was waste paper?

A.—I am not sure when the payments were made, but I regarded them, at all events, as having been paid without reference to that matter.

Q.—You say that you considered it to be to your interest to support the Government and its policy in the various subjects you have mentioned?

A.—I did.

Q.—And that there was a danger that that policy might be discontinued or reversed in case of a change of Government?

A.—I apprehended it might be so. I did not know that there would be, but I apprehended that there might be.

Q.—Now in that communication in that paper, respecting the recouping, he (Sir George) says, "You or your Company." What Company does it refer to?

A.—I am not able to explain what Company was meant. I can only judge from analogy. Sir George had said before that the Americans were to have nothing to do with it, therefore he could not have meant them. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company was not formed, except provisionally, and had no fund. The only other Company that he could have possibly meant, was my own firm, and that never paid any of the money.

Q.—Sir George did not know of the agreements between you and the Americans, and could not have any reference to them?

A.—No; he did not know anything about it.

Q.—You never showed him that agreement, or made any communication to him on that matter?

A.—I did not, nor to any member of the Government.

Q.—And you kept that away even, I take it, from the other gentlemen connected with the Canada Pacific Railway?

A.—Except talking about it in general terms to Mr. Macpherson and the other gentlemen in Toronto, there was no knowledge of it whatever.

Q.—Sir George did not know of it; you never told him?

A.—No, he did not know of it; at least, not from me.

Q.—I need not ask you about the loan to me of \$4,000?

A.—I have clearly stated that.

Q.—Not a word of truth in it?

A.—None.

Q.—Not only no \$4,000, but no dollars at all nor cents?

A.—None.

Q.—You have stated that you did not give authority to Mr. Abbott to make arrangements with Mr. Langevin as spoken of in Mr. McMullen's letter?

A.—I do not remember speaking to Mr. Abbott at all on the subject.

Q.—I remark that you state that you gave a discount to 'La Minerve' newspaper. Was that a business transaction?

A.—A business transaction entirely.

Q.—Had it any reference at all to the Government or to the Pacific Railway?

A.—Not the slightest.

Q.—As a matter of fact, was that arrangement between the proprietors of 'La Minerve,' or with the individuals composing the firm?

A.—It was not with the proprietors of 'La Minerve.' It was with an individual and not with the Company.