

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO, }

*City of Ottawa.* }

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION

Appointing CHARLES DEWEY DAY, ANTOINE POLETTE, and JAMES ROBERT GOWAN, Commissioners, to enquire 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, deposed 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.

*Question*—Were you residing in Quebec during the years of 1871 and 1872?

*Answer*—Yes.

*Question*—Do you know Sir Hugh Allan?

*Answer*—I don't.

*Question*—Do you know Mr. George W. McMullen?

*Answer*—No, I do not.

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

*Answer*—I do not.

*Question*—Were you in a position to know anything of that matter?

*Answer*—No.

*Question*—You are then utterly without knowledge relating to that subject?

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

*Question*—Did you take any part in the general elections of 1872?

*Answer*—I did.

*Question*—Were you on any of the committees?

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

*Question*—Were you on any committees which were organized, as it was supposed, in favor of the promotion of the election of the Government candidates?

*Answer*—Yes.

*Question*—Do you know anything about the subscription of money for promoting the elections?

*Answer*—I know that money was subscribed.

*Question*—Do you know by whom?

*Answer*—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.

*Question*—Do you know whether Sir Hugh Allan was one of the subscribers?

*Answer*—I do not.

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

*Answer*—I do not.

*Question*—How do you know that money was subscribed?

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