

necessary to keep him off business for some time. It is in these circumstances that I went to Ottawa in the hope of inducing the Pacific to purchase his bonds and to decide him to start again for Europe or for the southern States. I submitted a memorandum to Sir Charles Tupper the 26th or the 27th of January, Sir Charles Tupper kindly consented to transmit it to the Pacific Company and promised me an answer for Monday the 4th of February.

But, the resolutions granting an advance of \$30,000,000 were known in the mean time and I never returned to Sir Charles Tupper's to ask him an answer to an agreement which Mr. Senécal could no more accept: we were all against the project. All that I regret is that in the ignorance of the proposed measure, I uselessly troubled the Minister of railways and made him an offer which a few days afterwards was altogether unacceptable by the person in whose name I was making it.

Montreal 26th March, 1884.

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