

before the elections, because, I added, that this question would militate against him in the Province of Quebec, and particularly in Montreal East. I said to him, also, that Sir Hugh Allan had told me that he owed his commercial prosperity in a great measure to the Conservative party, and that I thought that Sir Hugh or his Company would aid him by influence or otherwise in his election. Sir George thereupon said, that he could not entertain much hope that Sir Hugh Allan or his Company, meaning the Montreal Ocean Steamship Company, would come to his assistance, but as for himself (Sir George) he had several times put his portfolio in danger to maintain or obtain the subsidy for the Allan Company. Sir George told me this in that energetic language which he ordinarily used, and which is well known to those who were familiar with him. I had the honor to occupy myself in the election of Sir George at the last elections, and, notwithstanding that his friends urged him to let us make his election on the basis of the railway policy, and particularly the Pacific, he would not consent, saying, that he would conduct his election on his own personal merits.

I have not any knowledge that Sir Hugh Allan advanced a sum of money to aid in the election of Ministers and their supporters. I went a few times to Sir George's Central Election Committee, but I know nothing of the distribution of the money. Of course I know, from personal experience, that it was necessary to spend money on that as on other elections.

No member of the Government ever told me that Sir H. Allan had advanced money for the elections, nor did Sir H. Allan ever tell me.

This conversation with Sir George Cartier, in reference to the road, that I have mentioned, took place at several intervals, and I think that the last conversation I had with him was two or three days before the polling in the Eastern Division of Montreal, in which Sir George was a candidate.

Question—Do you know the date on which the polling took place?

Answer—Late in the month of August.

Being asked if I can give any explanation or if I have any idea why my name is mentioned in McMullen's letter, as having received \$6,000, I declare that I have no idea how my name came to be mentioned. The charge is wholly false.

And further deponent saith not, and this his deposition having been read to him, he declares that it contains the truth, persists therein, and hath signed.

Sworn, taken and acknowledged on the } (Signed,) GÉDÉON OUIMET.
thirtieth day of September, 1873.

(Signed,)

CHARLES DEWEY DAY,
Chairman.

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A. POLETTE,

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JAMES ROBERT GOWAN,
Commissioners.

LIST OF EXHIBITS.

- A. “Sealed Packet,” addressed “Hon. Henry Starnes,” and subscribed “Sir Hugh Allan”—“G. W. McMullen.”
- A 1. Letter from Sir Hugh Allan to Hon. J. J. C. Abbott, consenting to the opening of the sealed packet, dated Montreal, 2nd September, 1873.
- B. Letter from James Beatty, Jr., to Sir F. Hincks, dated 17th July, 1871.
- C. Reply of Sir Francis Hincks, dated July 20, 1871.
- D. Letter from James Beatty, Jr., to Sir F. Hincks, dated July 24, 1871.
- E. Reply of Sir F. Hincks, dated 26th July, 1871.
- F. Letter of Hon. D. L. Macpherson to *Mail*, dated 8th July, 1873, contain reply to Sir Hugh Allan.