

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 this } (Signed,) HECTOR L. LANGEVIN.
 twenty-sixth day of September, 1873. }
 (Signed,) CHARLES DEWEY DAY,
Chairman.

„ A. POLETTE,

„ JAMES ROBERT GOWAN,
Commissioners.

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 thirtieth 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,

The Hon. GÉDÉON OUIMET, of the City of Quebec, Provincial Secretary and Minister of Public Instruction for the Province of Quebec, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith :

Having heard read that portion of the charge contained in the Royal Commission, which reads as follows :

“ That in anticipation of the Legislation of last Session, as to the Pacific Railway, an agreement was made between Sir Hugh Allan, acting for himself and certain other Canadian Promoters, and G. W. McMullen, acting for certain United States Capitalists, whereby the latter agreed to furnish all the funds necessary for the construction of the contemplated Railway, and to give the former a certain per centage of interest, in consideration of their interest and position ; the scheme agreed upon being ostensibly that of a Canadian Company, with Sir Hugh Allan at its head.”

I have no knowledge of such an arrangement, and I would add, that from communication with Sir George Etienne Cartier, Sir Hugh Allan and some of the Directors of the Northern Colonization Railway, I was induced to think the contrary.

I do not know G. W. McMullen.

I do know Sir Hugh Allan.

I have never had any knowledge touching this arrangement, or any other of the kind.

I have no knowledge that the Government entertained the idea of entering into an arrangement of this kind. I say this because of frequent communications with the late lamented Sir George Cartier, who certainly entertained altogether contrary opinions.

I don't know that the Government, or any member of the Government, entertained the idea of entering into arrangements with Americans, or of forming any company for the purpose of constructing the Pacific Railway in which American capitalists were to be included.