

*Answer*—Mr. Betournay, now Judge Betournay, was Chairman of the Committee, and I think any cheques that were drawn, were drawn by him.

*Question*—Cheques upon whom ?

*Answer*—Cheques upon the Metropolitan Bank.

*Question*—Did you understand the funds were deposited there ?

*Answer*—I understood that the funds of the Central Committee were deposited in the Metropolitan Bank.

*Question*—Who drew those cheques ?

*Answer*—Mr. Betournay usually, I think. I saw him draw a good many cheques.

*Question*—Do you know anything of the amount ?

*Answer*—No, I do not. I think the largest amount paid out was for canvassers. This system of canvassing has always prevailed in Montreal. The canvassers got their pay every Saturday.

*Question*—Do you know of any understanding between Sir Hugh Allan and the Government, or any member of the Government or their supporters, for raising money for the elections ?

*Answer*—I do not.

*Question*—Is there anything more that you have to state in relation to this matter ?

*Answer*—Nothing in relation to those charges.

To Sir John A. Macdonald, through the Chairman :

*Question*—You say that you know that Sir George Cartier, in order to counteract any apprehended American influence, attempted to strengthen the Inter-Oceanic Company ?

*Answer*—I am aware of it.

*Question*—Do you know that Sir George favoured the introduction, as corporators in that company, of some leading Lower Canadians for that purpose ?

*Answer*—I am aware of it.

*Question*—Can you mention their names ?

*Answer*—The names mentioned at the time were Mr. Tourangeau and Mr. Simard. Mr. Tourangeau was one of the members of the House for Quebec East at that time, and Mr. Simard was the member for Quebec Centre.

*Question*—They were corporators in Mr. Macpherson's Company ?

*Answer*—Yes.

*Question*—You know pretty well all the names of the corporators in that Company, and in the Canada Pacific Company ?

*Answer*—Yes. I have looked at them frequently.

*Question*—Are there any American names mentioned in either of those companies ?

*Answer*—I think not.

*Question*—Do you remember anything about an original draft of the Canada Pacific Railroad Charter ?

*Answer*—I think that Mr. Abbott caused the original draft of that Charter to be printed before the Session.

*Question*—Before the Session of 1872, there was a draft of the Act of Incorporation of the Canada Pacific Railway Company ; there were Americans included in that ?

*Answer*—There were.

*Question*—Mr. McMullen's name was in it ?

*Answer*—I think so, and Mr. Smith's, of Chicago.

*Question*—That draft was abandoned ?

*Answer*—Yes. I think it was never introduced at all into Parliament.

*Question*—How do you account for its being abandoned ; was it because of Sir Hugh Allan's connection with Americans, and consequently that such an Act would not be acceptable to Parliament ?

*Answer*—That was, I understood, the reason for its non-presentation.

*Question*—You then understood from Mr. Abbott, who was promoting the Bill which is now on the Statute Book, that all connection with the Americans had been abandoned ?