

has to do with the original inception of this great project—the matter of good faith and national honour.

This veteran bill has been under rather heavy fire for some time. It has been spoken of as the granting of a charter, but the company is not asked for the granting of any charter because that charter was long since granted. It was granted under circumstances which seem to have been overlooked, it seems to me, in the discussions that have taken place. This bill was regarded as being quite innocent for many years, and probably it remained in that state of innocence until latterly when, for some reason or other, it has turned to iniquity, if one reads the newspapers and from what one hears spoken of it. Of course, we all know, or it is said that we are all born in sin, and I suppose it was born in sin. If it was born in sin it had rather respectable parents, and may I point out to you who they were

The original gentlemen who were the incorporators of this company were very respectable men. Most of them are now dead, but it might interest you to know who they were, since many of you are very young men and do not know much about those old days.

The first name is George Cox. He was once the Mayor of Ottawa.

The next is Mr. McLeod Stewart. He was the chief promoter who had the vision to see this great project and to urge its acceptance upon the people of Canada. He was Mayor of Ottawa also, and is now dead.

The next is Gordon Burleigh Pattee, with whom my friend, Sir George Perley was associated. He and his father were very well known lumbermen here. He is now deceased.

The next is Henry Kelly Egan. Sir Henry Egan was quite a respectable citizen of Ottawa; lately dead.

John W. McRae; a very well known citizen of Ottawa.

Thomas Birkett; once a member of this House.

Olivier Durocher; once Mayor of Ottawa.

Alexander MacLean; once Trade Commissioner in Japan for Canada.

Francis McDougall; now deceased, and who was once Mayor of Ottawa, father of Mr. Joseph McDougall, who represented Ottawa for some years in the Local Legislature.

John Charles Rogers; associated with Mr. MacLean as King's Printer.

Dennis Murphy; head of the Ottawa Transportation Company and a very well known citizen of Ottawa.

Charles Berkley Powell. This gentleman is also associated with my friend Sir George Perley in the firm of Perley and Pattee. He represented Ottawa in the Local Legislature also.

John E. Askwith; a very well known citizen of Ottawa, and who for many years was our Police Magistrate.

Hon. Francis Clemow; for many years a member of the Senate; now deceased.

Sir James Grant; then a member of Parliament. He was a very eminent physician and attended upon Her Royal Highness, Princess Louise.

Honore Robillard; Member of Parliament at that time.

Thomas Ahearn. Mr. Ahearn is a rather well known citizen, President of the Ottawa Electric Company, and Director of the Bank of Montreal and many other great institutions.

George Patrick Brophy; a well known man at that time.

Alexander Harvey Taylor; a well known man.

Peter Whelan; a very well known resident of Ottawa.

Richard Nagle; David Maclaren; William Scott; Joseph Kavanagh; Philip D. Ross. Mr. Ross was one of the chief proprietors of the Ottawa Journal newspaper.