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A.—I am aware of it.

Q.—Do you know that Sir George favoured the introduction as corporators in that Company, of some leading Lower Canadians for that purpose?

A.—I am aware of it.

Q.—Can you mention their names?

A.—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.

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

A.—Yes.

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

A.—Yes. I have looked at them frequently.

Q.—Are there any American names mentioned in either of those Companies?

A.—I think not.

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

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

Q.—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?

A.—There were.

Q.—Mr. McMullen's name was in it?

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

Q.—That draft was abandoned?

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

Q.—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?

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

Q.—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?

A.—Yes, and towards the close of the Session that was the general impression in regard to the Canada Pacific Company.

Q.—Mr. McMullen must have known that at the time?

A.—He must have known it, but I have no knowledge that he did know it.

Q.—You say, with respect to the expenditure of money for the elections in Montreal, you were on the Committee for the Western Division?

A.—Yes.

Q.—You don't know personally what was the expenditure in Montreal East?

A.—I do not. I think it was very large.

Q.—You say the largest item in the expenditure was the payment of canvassers?

A.—Yes, the payment of paid canvassers. That was a plan which was adopted by both sides.

Q.—Both parties had paid canvassers?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Was there a very large expenditure for that purpose, besides other expenses, in Sir George Cartier's election?

A.—There must have been from the number of paid canvassers. I cannot form any estimate of the amount, but it was several thousand dollars, judging from the whole expenditure that took place.

Q.—Do you know anything about a sum of \$25,000 being raised by the supporters of Mr. Jetté for his election?

A.—Nothing but the report prevailing at the time. There was a very large sum raised, and I understood it was \$25,000.

Q.—To assist Mr. Jetté in defeating Sir George Cartier?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Do you not know that by some mysterious process a good deal of Sir George Cartier's money went to the other side?

A.—That was the impression at the time. There is no doubt of our being sold. Men who had been working with us were found on the day of the election to be working for the other party. That was the case in both the Eastern and Western Divisions. I do not know whether we were outbid or not, but these men were found working on the day of the election on the other side.