

No. 2 Letter.

17, Gracechurch Street,
LONDON, 4th November, 1871.

DEAR MR. SMITH,—I find a considerable interest manifested here by the moneyed men in our scheme of a Dominion Pacific Railroad, and if we desire to raise funds here to carry on the work, I have no doubt they can be obtained.

I have not heard anything from the Government on the subject, and I presume nothing will be done till I go back. I purpose to sail sometime this month.

Your truly,

(Signed,) HUGH ALLAN.

No. 3 Telegraph.

C. M. SMITH,
Banker :

MONTREAL, December, 7th 1871.

I do not think the Government at Ottawa will be prepared to deal with us sooner than the eighteenth instant. Sir F. Hincks is here, and hints at necessity of advertising for tenders to avoid blame.

(Signed,) HUGH ALLAN.

No. 4 Telegraph.

MONTREAL, December 8th, 1871.

C. M. SMITH :

I have seen Sir Francis to-day. He says they have determined to advertise, and that it is of no use to visit Ottawa at present. I write you by mail.

(Signed,) HUGH ALLAN.

No. 5 Letter.

MONTREAL, December 8th, 1871.

C. M. SMITH, Esq., Chicago :

DEAR SIR,—Sir Francis Hincks called at my office this day, and said, that while he was as anxious as ever to arrange with us about the Railroad, the feeling of the Government is, that if they closed an agreement with us without advertising for tenders, they would be attacked about it in the House. I think this may be true, and in view of it, I see no use in our going to Ottawa at present.

But I think we should meet and arrange preliminaries ourselves, and decide on a course of action. If therefore you could come here on the 15th, I would go to New York with you on the 18th, and we could then put the affair in shape. Please advise me if this suits you.

Your truly,

(Signed,) HUGH ALLAN.

See copy of Contract entered into in pursuance of the suggestions in this letter.