

lished most improperly by the Opposition press, from copies obtained surreptitiously, if Mr. McMullen can be believed. The members of the Committee had restored the packet to Mr. Starnes, having previously examined the seal, and placed their signatures on the envelope. Mr. Starnes and other members of Sir George Cartier's Election Committee, proved that money had been contributed by Sir Hugh Allan for the elections. The other witnesses knew nothing whatever about the matters in question. One of them, Mr. Coursol, asked Mr. Huntington why he had been summoned, and offered to state on oath his answer to any questions that Mr. Huntington might wish to put to him, and was told in reply, that somebody had suggested his name, but that he (Mr. H.) did not know or remember what evidence was expected from him. With regard to the charges preferred by Mr. McMullen, but not embraced in Mr. Huntington's charge, that money had been paid as a gift or loan to Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir Francis Hincks, those gentlemen, as well as Sir Hugh Allan, swore positively that no such payments had been made. This charge was particularly directed against Sir F. Hincks, but Sir Hugh Allan swore that he never had a conversation with that gentleman on the subject of money. All the Ministers examined swore positively that it was part of the Ministerial policy, from the time of the introduction of the Railway Bill into Parliament, to exclude foreigners from all connection with the railroad. Mr. Abbott, who prepared the Canada Pacific Charter, admitted that he was made fully aware of this determination. Sir Hugh Allan admitted that owing to the strong feeling which he found in the House, he consented that foreigners should be excluded. The parties to the alleged understanding, viz.: The Members of the Government, and Sir Hugh Allan, swore that there never was any such understanding, but they did more than this—they stated the progress of all the negotiations on the subject of the Charter, and showed that no favour had ever been conferred on Sir Hugh Allan, who had merely become a Director in a Company chartered on terms sanctioned by Parliament, long before the time when the alleged corrupt understanding took place, and that he had the same interest and no greater than his 12 co-directors. It may be safely asserted that no fact has yet been proved to establish the allegation that Sir Hugh Allan received any advantage whatever in connection with the Pacific Charter. As the evidence taken before the Commission will be printed *in extenso*, it seems unnecessary to dwell on minor points. It may however be noted that evidence was given to show that in elections where there was no interference on the part of Government, money was spent very freely by one at least of those who has been prominent in assailing the Ministry.