

hon. member for Cumberland. I say that such a speech does not become a gentleman of his position or the dignity of this House. He has referred to the Pacific Railway Scandal as being one of the proudest acts of his life to justify and defend. I do not desire to revive recollections which it gives me no pleasure to revive ; but i cannot allow hon. members to be assailed by that hon. gentleman for the position they assumed on the motion by the hon. gentleman who sits next to me. I took an independent stand in the matter. I cannot understand why the hon. gentleman opposite wants to revive the matter. He said that every man who disapproved of that transaction was guilty of fraud and corruption ; that the dissolution of 1874 was a midnight attack upon the people. The people understood that transaction well, and I wish, feeling it my duty to do so, to refer to a few facts in regard to that Pacific Railway Scandal. Does he not know that not only the hon. members of this House condemned it, but also that the sentiment and the press of England were unanimous in its condemnation? What do we find occurred in reference to that transaction, which I would rather forget, but that I cannot allow the hon. member for Cumberland (Sir Charles Tupper) to attack me and other members on this side because we felt it our duty to censure it? I propose to read a few extracts from the correspondence published in reference to it, in order to exhibit its character :

Extract from letter of Sir Hugh Allan to Mr. G. W. McMullen, dated August 6th, 1872.

"Yesterday we entered into an agreement by which the Government bound itself to form a Company of Canadians, according to my wishes ; this company will make me President, and I and my friends will get a majority of the stock, and that the contract for the building of the road will be given to this company. In terms of the Act of Parliament Americans are to be carefully excluded, through fear that they will sell it to the Northern Pacific. But I fancy we can get over that some way or other. This position has not been obtained without large payment of money. I have already paid over \$200,000, and I will have at least \$100,000 more to pay. I must now soon know what our New York friends are going to do."

"(Private and Confidential.)

"MONTREAL, 30th July, 1871.

"Dear Sir Hugh,—The friends of the Government will expect to be assisted with funds in the pending elections, and any amounts

which you or your Company shall advance for that purpose shall be recouped to you. A memorandum for immediate requirements is given below.

"Very truly yours,

(Signed) "G. E. CARTIER."

Now wanted :

Sir John A. Macdonald.....	\$25,000
Hon. Mr. Langevin.....	15,000
Sir Geo. E. Cartier.....	20,000
Sir John A. (additional).....	10,000
Hon. Mr. Langevin (additional).....	10,000
Sir Geo. E. Cartier (additional).....	30,000

"MONTREAL, Aug. 24, 1872.

"Dear Mr. Abbott,—In the absence of Sir Hugh Allan, I shall be obliged by your supplying the Central Committee with a further sum of twenty thousand dollars upon the same conditions as the amount written by me at the foot of my letter to Sir Hugh Allan, of the 30th ultimo.

"GEO. E. CARTIER."

"P. S.—Please also send Sir John A. Macdonald ten thousand dollars more on the same terms."

"Received from Sir Hugh Allan, by the hands of Mr. Abbott, twenty thousand dollars for general election purposes, to be arranged hereafter according to the terms of the 30th July, and in accordance with the request contained in the letter of the 24th inst."

(Signed,) "J. L. BEAUDRY,
"HENRY STARNES,
"L. BÉTOURNEAY,
"P. S. MURPHY."

"Montreal, 26th August, 1872."

Hon. gentlemen opposite show by their manner that they do not like the re-call of these facts. They would prefer to listen to the hon. member for Cumberland, who condemns every man who disapproves of that transaction. It is well, however, to hear both sides.

"TORONTO, August 26th, 1872.

"To the Hon. J. J. C. Abbott, Ste. Anne's :

"Immediate, private.

"I must have another ten thousand dollars —will be the last time of calling. Do not fail me. Answer to-day.

"JOHN A. MACDONALD."

"MONTREAL, August 20, 1872.

"Sir John A. Macdonald, Toronto.

"Draw on me for ten thousand.

"J. J. C. ABBOTT."

"TORONTO, August 26, 1872.

"At sight pay to my order, at the Merchants' Bank, the sum of ten thousand dollars for value received.

"JOHN A. MACDONALD."

(Endorsed.)

"Pay to the order of the Merchants' Bank of Canada.

"JOHN A. MACDONALD."