

Mr. G. W. McMullen, acting for certain United States capitalists, whereby Mr. McMullen agreed to furnish funds for the construction of the Pacific Railway ?

*Answer*—I know that Mr. G. W. McMullen, with several other capitalists, were forming an agreement with Sir Hugh Allan to obtain the contract for building the Canadian Pacific Railway.

*Question*—When did you become acquainted with that fact ?

*Answer*—First through friends or relations of Mr. McMullen's.

*Question*—About what time ?

*Answer*—I think it was in 1871, the latter part of 1871.

*Question*—Have you any knowledge whether any agreement took place between Sir Hugh Allan and Mr. McMullen and his friends, tending, or with a view to the construction of the Pacific Railway ?

*Answer*—I have no knowledge from Mr. McMullen himself, except this:—Had a conversation with him ; I think it was in April, 1872, at my father's house. I spoke to him on that occasion on the subject of the Pacific Railway. The first question I asked him was about the route that would be taken ; whether the road would not be obstructed by snow, and as to how they would overcome that difficulty. He said that he thought that the road would go too far North for that ; or North of the snow limit, I think, he expressed it. I asked him if the *Globe* newspaper would not be strongly opposed to the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway, it being a Government measure. He said no, not to any extent.

*Question*—Do you know anything about the terms of this agreement ?

*Answer*—I do not.

*Question*—You had no other conversation with him ?

*Answer*—Not at that time.

In July, 1872, I left for Chicago, in order to visit him. I arrived there on the 28th July, 1872, and spent a week there, and then went on out to the prairies. I came back to Chicago, and I think it was on my return I staid there about a week and a half.

One day Mr. McMullen came into the room and said he had received a letter. Holding it in his hand, he said, "This is from Sir Hugh Allan." He read me a part of the letter, and said "Sir Hugh Allan is a tricky fellow, and not to be depended upon, but I think we have got him so tightly bound by these letters that he dare not go back on us."

*Question*—Is that the whole of the conversation ?

*Answer*—Yes.

*Question*—Was any allusion made to the part which the Government were taking, or that the Government had taken any part in that agreement ?

*Answer*—No ; there was not.

*Question*—Was any allusion made to any members of the Government ?

*Answer*—There was not. There was something said about the elections, but nothing affecting the Government.

*Question*—Have you had any communication with Mr. G. W. McMullen since that on this subject—since the publication of these letters ?

*Answer*—I have not. I have had a conversation with his brother, Harvard C. McMullen.

*Question*—You have seen those letters of Mr. G. W. McMullen's which have been published ?

*Answer*—I have.

*Question*—You had no conversation with him on the subject of those letters ?

*Answer*—Not with him ; only with his brother.

*Question*—Do you know anything about the subsequent portion of the charge, as to Sir Hugh Allan's advancing money for the purpose of the elections ?

*Answer*—I do not.

*Question*—Did you take any interest in the elections in your own part of the country ?

*Answer*—I did.