THE SCANDAL.

The Royal Commission

-OTTAWA, THURSDAY, Sept. 4. At noon to-day Judges Day, Polette, and will either po Gowan, Royal Commissioners, appointed to direct the chairman intimated that it more regular to put all questions the Chairman.

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The proceedings were opened by the Secretary, Mr. Salter Vankoughnet, who, at the call of the Chairman read the full text of the Royal Commission issued to the members thereof. This being done, the Chairman said-Call

Hon. Lucius Seth Huntington. Crier, in loud voice—Lucius Seth Hunting-No answer was obtained.

Stars.

\*\*Lir.\*\* Starmes having been called, that gentleman appeared and took his seat at the witness table. He testified, in reply to questions by the Chairman, to the receipt of the samous package, and consented to its being opened, having been authorized by Sir Hugh Allen and Mr. McMullen to consent under certain conditions. The packet was handed to the Court, and put on nie, but not read. He further testified that he had acked as Treasurer to the Committee

sent under certain conditions. The packet was handed to the Court, and put on nie, but not read. He farther testified that he had acted as Treasurer to the Committee of Sir George Cartier's election and had received subscriptions. He had signed the receipt published in the newspapers, but but without thinking about it. The receipt multiplication of any undertaking contained in those letters, such as the Pacific Railway. The subscriptions deposited amounted to between \$60,000 and \$75,000.

Sir Francis HINCAS swort and examined by the Chairman gave a narrative of the circumstances from the beginning, but as the facts are familiar to the public we omit this part of the evidence. The following are salient points of the cross-examination of Sir Francis:

Q. Then I understand you to say distinctly that anterior to the legislation on the subject, which took place in the session of 1872, there were no negotiations between Sir Hugh Allan and Mir. Modullen as representing certain United States capitalists for the jumpose of placing this enterprise in the lands of a company of American capitalists vith Sir Hugh Allan at its head. Have your of the flect an ompanies?

A. Yes, and until long afte. A. Yes, and until also detection was going on?

A. Yes.

Q. Was there any superior to the Government to issue a continuous control of the Government to issue a control of the control of the Government to issue a control of the control of the Government to issue a control of the control of the Government to issue a control of the control of the Government and the propose of the flow of the control of the contr urpose of placing this enterprise in the mode of a company of American capitalists. A. Yes, a th Sir Hugh Allan at its head. Have you ly knowledge of anvihing of the kind?

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Q. Have you any reason to believe that

Mr. McMullen?

A. No; except what . They knew, I am sure of no agree- treal East

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of the railway.

Yes; and I should add that of course place.

A. I think I stated August, but it cannot positively swear with reference to erything that passed between the indiviing over t

Hugh Allan and Mr. Abbett, but I know of my own knowledge that everything connected with the Pacific Railway charter came under my own observation, and I was finished and he was ele know it was not given with any reference whatever.

Q. Do you know whether any such understanding was come to between Sir Hugh Allan and Mr. Abbott and any member of the Government?

A. Yes, certainly, to pay into the hink, in fact, I am sure that me was the know that it was paid after was electron.

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A. I should think about the same; very much about the same; very much about the same.
Q. Have you any knowledge that any money was furnished by Sir Hugh Allan for election purposes?
A. Well, I suppose I have that knowledge now.
Q. Were you aware of it at the time of the elections?
A. I an now aware of the circumstances.
I have got the information which the whole public has got. I am aware that Sir Hugh
Allan was a liberal contributor to the elec-

Allan was to be President of the Pacific Company?

A. Of course parties who went into the Company were perfectly free to vote for whomsoever they pleased. I did not take any part in the communications that passed between those gentlemen. I don't know what passed.

Q. Can you say about the sum of money contributed by Sir Hugh Allan to the Election funds?

A. No not from my own knowledge, and I amnot give hearray evidence. A. No not from my own knowledge, and I amnot give hearsay evidence.

Q. Have you any knowledge of any sum laid before Parliament.

George Cartier. There is no doubt, ever, of the fact that Sir George Cartie strongly opposed to Americans I terest in the scheme. Mr Mc one of his letters, talks about

some money for carrying on the election of the charge is that an understanding was come to between the Government and Sir Hugh Allan and Mr. Abbotk, M. P., that Sir Hugh Allan and Mr. Abbotk, M. P., that Sir Hugh Allan and his friends should advance a large sum of money for the purpose of aiding the election of Ministers and their supporters at the ensuing general election, and that he and his friends should receive the contract for the construction of the railway.

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Allan was a liberal contributor to the election fund.

Q. Had you any knowledge of that at the time of, or before the election?

A. Not until a considerable time afterwards.

Q. Did you know for whose election in particular some of it was contributed?

A. No, I cannot say that I did. I have reason to believe a very large sum was contributed for the Montreal election, I suppose the principal sum.

Q. Was it not understood that Sir Hugh Allan was to be President of the Pacific Company?

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