

*Letter No. 6.*

MONTREAL, 29th Dec., 1871.

G. W. McMULLEN,  
Picton, Ont.

DEAR SIR,—I have your note from Picton, but I have not heard from New York since I left there.

A good many rumors are afloat, regarding railroad matters, and I have good reason to believe that Mr. Brydges is using all the influence he can with Cartier to thwart our views. Not that he has any proposal to make, but he wants to stop the Pacific Railroad altogether. A party in the interests of the Hudson's Bay Co., consisting of Donald A. Smith, D. McInnes, G. Laidlaw, G. Stephen, Daniel Torrance of N. Y., and one or two others, have given notice in the *Official Gazette* that they will apply for a charter to make a railroad from Pembina to Fort Garry. That is the only one that affects us.

I go to Ottawa on Wednesday next, and will return here on Saturday. I will find out there what is going on, but I think we are sure of Cartier's opposition.

Yours truly,  
(Signed,) HUGH ALLAN.

*Letter No. 7.**Private.*

MONTREAL, 1st Jany., 1872.

DEAR MR. McMULLEN,—I saw Mr. Brydges yesterday, and found out pretty nearly what he will require to join our railway project. His terms are very high, but as they possibly include more than himself, we may have to concede them. He thinks, however, that the Government will not have the courage to go into the scheme at all, and will shirk it till after the elections. I go to Ottawa on Wednesday, and will see what they propose to do. I will write to you as soon as I find out. I intend to return back here on Saturday night.

Wishing you the compliments of the season,

I am, yours truly,  
(Signed,) HUGH ALLAN.

I have a telegram from you this morning, advising that you are going to New York; I therefore send this letter to the St. Nicholas Hotel there.

*Letter A. No. 7.*

MONTREAL, 6th Oct., 1871.

C. M. SMITH, Esq., of Chicago,  
Metropolitan Hotel, New York.

DEAR SIR—I enclose copy of the communication sent to Sir John. Everything looks favorable at present at Ottawa.

I sail from Quebec to-morrow.

Yours truly,  
(Signed,) HUGH ALLAN.