

CANADA.

Q.—Was there anybody with him when he came in?

A.—No; he was alone. He had it open in his hand.

Q.—Was he apparently reading it?

A.—Yes. I was in the room when he came in. He then made the remark to me that I have mentioned.

And further deponent saith not, and this his deposition having been read to him, he declares that it contains the truth, persists therein, and hath signed.

Sworn and taken on the twenty-fourth day  
of September, 1873, and acknowledged  
on the twenty-fifth day of said month  
and year.

(Signed) FRED. C. MARTIN.

(Signed) CHARLES DEWEY DAY,  
Chairman.

A POLETTE,  
JAMES ROBERT GOWAN,  
Commissioners.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO, }  
*City of Ottawa.*

### IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION

Appointing CHARLES DEWEY DAY, ANTOINE POLETTE, and JAMES ROBERT GOWAN, Commissioners to inquire into and report upon the several matters stated in a certain Resolution moved by the Hon. Mr. HUNTINGTON in the House of Commons on the second day of April, A.D. 1873, relating to the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Present: THE COMMISSIONERS.

On this twenty-sixth day of September, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, personally came and appeared before us, the above-named Commissioners,

THOMAS WHITE, junior, of the city of Montreal, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith:

I am a resident of Montreal.

Q.—What is your profession?

A.—Publisher.

Q.—Publisher of what?

A.—The 'Montreal Gazette.'

Q.—Do you know the charges which are recited in the Commission; are you familiar with them, or shall I read them to you?

A.—I know them.

Q.—Do you know Sir Hugh Allan?

A.—I do.

Q.—Do you know Mr. G. W. McMullen?

A.—I do.

Q.—Have you any knowledge concerning any agreement between Sir Hugh Allan on one side and Mr. G. W. McMullen on the other, representing certain United States capitalists, relating to the construction of the Canada Pacific Railway?

A.—I have no knowledge of any formal agreement. I am aware that during the session of 1872 Mr. McMullen was in Ottawa representing certain American capitalists, as he stated, and was interesting himself in the construction of the Pacific Railway. During the earlier part of the session he was in very frequent communication with gentlemen in the House who were interesting themselves with Sir Hugh Allan in this enterprise, and I saw him frequently at that time, and had conversations with him. I am also aware that towards the close of the session Mr. Abbott, with whom I had frequent conversations, looked upon American connection as abandoned. I am aware too that Sir George Cartier, with whom I had frequent conversations during that session, was very much opposed to the American connection for the construction of the Railway, and was anxious to promote the interests of Mr. Macpherson's Company as an offset to it. I had one conversation with Sir George Cartier especially, in which, while professing a desire to see Sir Hugh Allan connected with the Company, he expressed his determination to have the Company so formed as to exclude the possibility of American connection.

Q.—Do you recollect the date?

A.—It was whilst the Bills were before the House. The conversation occurred before the close of the Session. It was at his own house and lasted two or three hours. The Northern Colonization Railway at that time was a prominent question in Montreal, and