

*Letter No. 2.*

17, Gracechurch Street,  
LONDON, 4th Nov., 1871.

DEAR MR. SMITH,—I find a considerable interest manifested here by the moneyed men in our scheme of a Dominion Pacific Railroad, and if we desire to raise funds here to carry on the work I have no doubt they can be obtained.

I have not heard anything from the Government on the subject, and I presume nothing will be done till I go back.

I purpose to sail sometime this month.

Your truly,  
(Signed,)

HUGH ALLAN.

*Telegram No. 3*

C. M. SMITH,  
Banker.

MONTREAL, December 7th., 1871.

I do not think the Government, at Ottawa, will be prepared to deal with us sooner than the eighteenth inst. Sir Francois Hincks is here, and hints at necessity of advertising for tenders to avoid blame.

(Signed,) HUGH ALLAN.

*Telegram No. 4.*

MONTREAL, December 6th, 1871.

C. MATHER SMITH,  
Banker.

I arrived here this morning, and will be glad to see you as soon as convenient.

(Signed,) HUGH ALLAN.

*Letter No. 5.*

C. M. SMITH, Esq.,  
Chicago.

MONTREAL, 8th December, 1871.

DEAR SIR,—Sir Francis Hincks called at my office this day, and said, that while he was as anxious as ever to arrange with us about the Railroad, the feeling of the Government is, that if they closed an agreement with us without advertising for tenders they would be attacked about it in the House. I think this may be true, and in view of it I see no use in our going to Ottawa at present. But I think we should meet and arrange preliminaries ourselves, and decide on a course of action. If, therefore, you could come here about the 15th inst., I would go on to New York with you on the 18th, and we could then put the affair in shape.

Please advise me if this suits you.

Yours truly,  
(Signed,)

HUGH ALLAN.