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## THE GREAT BUBBLE PRICKED.

The thunderbolt has fallen, and it is a mere flash-in-the-pan. The mountain which has been so long in travail has at last brought forth, and the issue is a very small mouse. We republish from our Grit contemporary the whole of the evidence upon which the serious charge has been founded, and reproduce it in as thousand shapes, that Sir JOHN MACDONALD had basely sold the charter of the Pacific Railway for a large sum of money. We say the whole of the evidence upon which the accusation has been founded, because it is but fair to infer that men who have shown such a contempt of Parliament have already put their best foot forward. There is more evidence, however. Why did not the *Globe* publish the remainder? Why did it omit the name of a New York gentleman to whom some of Sir HUGH ALLAN's letters were addressed? Why, when it had in hand, did it not produce the whole of the correspondence? Depend upon it, there is a reason for this. Had Messrs. BLAKE and DORION, instead of going off upon their high horses, accepted the offer of a Royal Commission, the whole of the evidence might have been taken in three days, and that under oath. But no, these punctilious gentlemen would not accept Commissions from the Government! We ask the special attention of the reader to this point. But for the obstinacy of Messrs. BLAKE and DORION, the entire evidence bearing upon this accusation might have been taken within a few days. Did they prefer—what Mr. HUNTINGTON fought so hard for during the session—that so grave and partial evidence should first go to the public, if, perchance, thereby the public mind might be inflamed and turned into a wrong channel? This has been the Grit game from the start. Every effort they have made has been with a view to securing the publication of partial and one-sided evidence. Messrs. BLAKE and DORION have lent themselves to this disgraceful game. They have lent themselves to the base attempt to manufacture a spurious public opinion upon unfair testimony. But their most contemptible game will not succeed. The whole evidence will be produced in time; and strangely though the letters now published bear upon those disappointed men who have been so loud in their assaults upon the Government, the whole story will place them in a far less enviable light.

Either Sir HUGH ALLAN's letters are true wholly, or they are untrue. We shall probably hear further from him before long. Does Mr. GEORGE BROWN dispute their truthfulness? There must be no garbling of their contents. Let the way, seems to have induced him to take up the role of a scoundrel! He says this yet—"I am going to Toronto on "the 7th inst., to look after our "interest. WE ARE ALL RIGHT "WITH THE *GLOBE*." If there is a positive assertion in Sir HUGH ALLAN's letters it is this. And it is backed up by the allotment in a later letter of $50,000 to stock to Mr. GEORGE BROWN. Is this true? We ask Sir HUGH ALLAN to have spoken so definitely without cause. Note the time. It was in February, 1872. Then Sir HUGH ALLAN was in constant communication with American capitalists. This was known to no man; yet Mr. BROWN knew its secret about it. Mr. BROWN knew it, and at this time, in perfect knowledge of the fact that Americans were working hand-in-glove with Sir HUGH ALLAN, Sir HUGH writes: "We are all right "with the *Globe*." There was a hope then that the rival companies would amalgamate. Instead of this, there came a thorough separation. Mr. BROWN's game was blocked. The Government refused distinctly to have anything to do with the Americans. Mr. BROWN lost the stock which was put down to him, and, to shield himself as possible, went over into the service of the Northern Pacific Company, and joined with the entire army of malcontents to prevent the carrying out of the Canadian Pacific road. It is necessary to bear in mind the beginning, ending, and extent of Sir HUGH ALLAN's negotiations with the Americans. In the latter part of 1871 and the early part of 1872, the question was, not the money to build this great railway be had, Mr. ALEXANDER MACKENZIE, and Mr. KENNEDY satisfied himself that through their agency the road could be built. He required more Canadian backing than he had, however, and threw in his lot with Sir HUGH ALLAN. We already know from Mr. KENNEDY's published statement how the Government listened to him time and again, but said nothing as to their intention. When they did speak it was to the effect that the company must be exclusively Canadian. Mr. KENNEDY complained that Sir FRANCIS HINCKS had attacked him fiercely because of the extent of evil he had done by his American negotiations. Sir HUGH ALLAN in his letter of the 6th August, 1872, says:—"*Americans are to "be carefully excluded, in the fear that "they will sell it* (the charter) *to the "Northern Pacific;*" this was the ultimatum of the Government, but Sir HUGH had a mental reservation of his own: "I fancy we can get over that "same way or other." He was evidently thoroughly satisfied of the sincerity of the Government in this respect; but, keeping all in mind the enormous importance of the undertaking, he had a lurking suspicion that it might be necessary to yield more to his American friends. The Government were so determined, however, that Mr. MCMULLEN was finally thrown overboard; the *Globe* reversed its course, and came out under new colours: Sir HUGH ALLAN had to find the needed capital in England, or not at all. We have in this recital an explanation of Sir HUGH's emphatic statement: "We are "all right with the *Globe*," and of the subsequent course of that journal.

Mr. GEORGE BROWN figures prominently in the correspondence, and not creditably. Where is Sir JOHN MACDONALD? He is but twice mentioned; once when Sir HUGH ALLAN asks MCMULLEN to try and arrange an interview with him; and a second time when Sir HUGH says:—"I may tell you, in strict confidence, "there are signs of coolness between Sir "JOHN A. and CARTIER, arising from the "counselling of the latter with BLAKE "and MCKENZIE to form an alliance, "and carry the elections next summer, "with a view to leave JOHN A. out in "the cold." There is not another reference to the Premier in the whole of the correspondence. Where is the stock that he was to receive? Where is the stock a single Minister was to receive? Sir HUGH ALLAN says he spent a good deal of money—perhaps he felt disgusted with what does Sir HUGH say in his letter of the 5th February, 1872, to Mr. G. W. MCMULLEN, "I am disappointed in