

re-election, a sure means of attaining my object, especially as I propose to carry it through to the terminus on the Pacific. The plans I propose are in themselves the best for the interests of the Dominion, and in urging them on the public I am really doing a most patriotic action. But even in that view, means must be used to influence the public, and I employed several young French lawyers to write it up for their own newspapers. I subscribed a controlling influence in the stock, and proceeded to subsidize the newspapers themselves, both editors and proprietors. I went to the country through which the road would pass, and called on many of the inhabitants. I visited the priests, and made friends of them, and I employed agents to go amongst the principal people and talk it up.

I then began to hold public meetings, and attended to them myself, making frequent speeches in French to them, showing them where their true interest lay. The scheme at once became popular, and I formed a committee to influence the members of the Legislature.

This succeeded so well that, in a short time, I had 27 out of the 45 on whom I could rely, and the electors of the ward in this city, which Cartier himself represents, notified him that unless the contract for the Pacific Railway was given in the interests of Lower Canada, he need not present himself for re-election. He did not believe this, but when he came here and met his constituents, he found, to his surprise, that their determination was unchangeable.

He then agreed to give the contract, as required, in this way, that there would be seventeen Provisional Directors, of which Ontario would have eight and we nine,—thereby giving us the control. We at once proceeded to organize the company (our section), and they named me the President; D. McInnes, of Hamilton, Vice-President; E. L. De Bellefeuille, Secretary; and the Hon. J. J. C. Abbott, Legal Adviser.

We have advertised that the books for subscription of stock will be opened 15th July, at the different places named in the Act, and we have notified the Government that we are willing to take the contract for building the Canadian Pacific Railroad on the terms and conditions prescribed in the Act. The next thing to be done is to subscribe the stock, which must be done by British subjects only, and ten per cent. of the subscription must be paid in cash at the time of subscribing. We have the right of subscribing nine-seventeenths (9-17) at present, and of taking up whatever the other party may not subscribe at the end of one month. I have arranged, in the meantime, that if you will send a certificate of the equivalent of \$1,000,000 gold, having been placed by Jay Cooke & Co. to the credit of the Merchants' Bank of Canada, Montreal, in their own bank in New York, it will accept the cheques for the subscription, but no money will pass till the contract is entered into, and then ten per cent. on the amount of Stock awarded us will have to be paid into the Receiver-General. Be pleased, therefore, to send me as early as possible, powers of attorney to subscribe the stock, and Jay Cooke & Co.'s certificate above mentioned. I have had several letters from England, offering to take the whole thing up if we desire to part with it, but it looks to me to be too good to part with readily. If you desire any further information, I will go to New York next week, if you desire it, and communicate with you personally. Please telegraph if you wish to see me, and the day. As you may suppose, the matter has not reached this point without great expense, a large portion of it only payable when the contract is obtained, but I think it will reach not much short of \$300,000.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed,)

HUGH ALLAN.

I presume you desire that unless we can obtain and secure a majority of the stock, you could not take any. But on this point I wish to be instructed.

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