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McMullin and
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land. Shortly after this a few of the gentlemen who had been consulted with a view to the formation of the Government, and the Government with Sir John A. Macdonald and Hon. Mr. Campbell for the purpose of drawing up the charter, and in this way during the month of January and up to the 5th of February the clauses of the charter were discussed and the final draft. After a very long day of discussion and debate, it was signed on the 5th of February, in this year, in the form which is now resume.

Q. Was it settled with the Government or members of the Government?

A. We had several interviews with nearly the whole Cabinet, but the details of the negotiations were not known to me and Hon. Mr. Campbell. I do not know what narrative that I could give should proceed beyond what I have just said. Of course there are a great many details upon which the Commission might wish to examine me, and I shall be most happy to give answers to any questions that they may put.

By Mr. Garrison—Did you know anything of the correspondence between Sir Hugh Allan and Mr. Smith and Mr. McMullen while it was going on?

A. Nothing whatever? I had no idea of it at all.

Q. Did you know anything of Sir John A. Macdonald's telegram of the 20th or 21st of July referring to Sir George Cartier's letter of the 20th or 21st of July objecting to the terms of the agreement?

A. I did not know of this. I was under the impression for some time afterwards that Sir John A. Macdonald concurred in Sir George Cartier's recommendation, but did not know.

Q. Were you present at any interview between Sir Hugh Allan and Mr. McMullen?

A. I do not know of any occasion except when I told Sir Hugh and McMullen that unless the American project were laid aside, it would be useless.

Q. You have seen McMullen's letter of July. Do you know of any statements made by him with respect of payment or promise of payment of sums of money. First of all that he had \$8,000 to him, then \$8,000, of which he made a demand to Mr. Smith and Mr. McMullen and Sir Francis Hincks in sums of \$4,000 and \$4,500 respectively with very good knowledge that it would never be repaid?

A. I know nothing about that.

Q. About the \$50,000 it would be necessary to pay to Sir Francis Hincks?

A. No. Never, I am sure that he never would have mentioned those sums had he had anything to do with it; and I do not believe so.

Q. In addition to the payments spoken of, Mr. Abbott was authorized to promise Mr. Langlois \$25,000 to aid in the elections at Quebec, and Mr. Abbott reported that he had done so?

A. In the first place I may say that the statement in this form is entirely untrue. It is quite true that I had a conversation with Mr. Abbott partly concerning the amount of the election expense in Quebec. Mr. Langelier importuned me to let him in the last general election he had been obliged to spend a large sum of money more than he could well afford, and that he did not think it fair that the whole burden should rest with him. He said that he thought he ought to have a share of the expense, and I agreed to see him in any elections about Quebec, which he had not had on a previous occasion, and that he would not have much of a subscription at Quebec. I agreed with Mr. Langelier that it was not fair that he should have to bear the whole expense of the election, and that he would be well advised to consider it. He understood also to procure the sanction of Messrs. Smith and Burdett to this arrangement; and he wrote a letter to Sir Hugh Allan discharging him from all claims of this discrimination, I think Sir Hugh has still.

(The letter of Mr. McMullen, to Sir Hugh Allan, is as follows:—)

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