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| Politics—The National Dream |
| Macdonald wants a transcontinental railroad that links together the entire Canada within 10 years. |
| However, the railroad needed to be built quickly otherwise Canada would run the risk of being assimilated by the United States. |
| In order to build it, he needed to find people who would fund the project. |
| The people would want to fund it to gain financial benefits from the government after it has been built. |
| Hugh Allan was the only person who had enough money to fund a railway project. |
| This person made their fortune by building railroads in Eastern Canada as well as shipping and manufacturing. |
| Hugh Allan promised to take on the project only if he had support from American backers. |
| Jay Cooke was a rich, American industrialist who agreed to help finance the CPR project for Hugh Allan. |
| 1872 Macdonald called an election. |
| Macdonald won the election with the support of Hugh Allan’s financial support. |
| Macdonald was involved with The Pacific Scandal because of notes during the election that made it seemed like he got paid/was employed by Hugh Allan’s company. |
| Macdonald resigns. |
| Alexander Mackenzie’s Liberal government allowed Canadian Pacific Survey to continue under the direction of Sandford Fleming. |
| Mackenzie’s do nothing approach to the Canadian Railway was not well received. Provinces want to secede from Confederation. |