The Enquiry Conducted by T. Hollis Walker, K.C.

meaney shortly after I came back. COMMISSIONER-As to this some Miller at all. time. What do you mean?

A .- I cannot place the exact dates; ft represented \$4,000.00 to me. actes. She told you about the \$4,-\$20,000.00?

A.-I believe so. I am absolutely very soon after I came back. COMMISSIONER-I' thought she would have told you about both.

A .- That is my recollection. you returned the \$4,000.00 to Mr. \$4,000.00?

A .- That was a cash matter. owed the \$4,000.00 to Mr. Meaney. | 000.00 immediately? -But she did not tell you about the \$20,000.00? A -Not necessarily contemporane- money?

ously with that. Q .- You have said you are quite sure she did not do it with that? How cheque or cash? was it she told you about the \$4.000 .- | 00 she got from Mr. Meaney? Apropos it to her in cash. of what? How did she come to tell

A .- I was at my office and she told | ant thing? me that she owed the money to him, and I arranged and got the money. volunteer it?

have been alone or with some friend. you got it? I was in the office a few minutes and | A .- No, I have no recollection of it. during the course of the interview Q -- If you looked in the pass book Mr. J. T. Meaney sent a case of this thing was specially referred to. would you see it? You would not be whiskey to my house for a present; I It was a cash transaction that I was carrying that amount in your pocket? dealing with. COMMISSIONER-She may have re-

viewed the whole of the affair of the bank? office right through, but this is the one that stands out? A .- There was no general review.

MR. WARREN-She volunteered accounts. the statement that she got the \$4,- Q .- Could you show us in 000.00 and that was all? A .- I say that is all I remember of that interview; the \$4,000.00 she got my accountant at it.

from Mr. Meaney. Q .- You don't remember anything

discussing with Miss Miller your fin- get it or did you cash a cheque? encial position after your return at

this time. Am I correct? -I am not prepared to say whethwas the \$4,000.00 one. . Q.-You had been away 4 months?

A.-Yes. Q.-A \$20,000.00 note had come in, the records. apparently been renewed. You had Account, and I suppose you, natural- treal. ly, had some private cheques that A .- He is the only person I could you had drawn from time to time. get to go into it Now then with all that did you en- | COMMISSIQNER-You are the per

Q .- You gave no thought of it? A.-I found myself involved in a lot of political affairs and so I got

this question is, no. sure she told me about the \$4,000.00 ter four months and you did not gone and borrowed \$4000.00 from Mr.

A .- I bothered very little about it. Q.—But you remember this particu-MR. WARREN-And immediately lar part about the information of the A.—That was a cash transaction.

Q .- And you went and got the \$4,-Q.—And you gave Miss Miller the

A.--Yes Q.-Did you give it to her in A .- My recollection is that 1

COMMISSIONER-Where did you star. get the \$4,000.00? It is a very import-

COMMISSIONER-That transaction Q.—Were you asking her what had stands out above everything. You happened to your affairs or did she thought it was so important that you got the \$4,000.00 and gave it to Miss in such a hurry to give it back? A .- I passed into the office, I may Miller but you don't remember where

Q.—You must have got it from the an obligation to him,

A .- It might have been got in connection with the political campaign association or from some of the bank

count where you got it? A .- No. But I would be glad to pu Q .- Who is that?

Q. This is a matter for yourself O .- As a matter of fact you were Did you go to the bank yourself to A .- I have no recollection of it at

COMMISSIONER-Your memory er in the interview other items or so vivid about this incident that it other accounts were referred to. The was cash, I thought you might be able one that was specifically done with to show how or where you got the

A .- I will only be too glad to instruct Mr. Fraser to go through all

MR. WARREN-No, no. Fraser had instructed Miss Miller to-make cer- nothing to do with this. That was tain payments. To go into the Star December 1920 and he was in Mon-

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son this thing is for. You gave a Miss MR. WARREN (reading from Miller \$4,000.00 in cash to take up to notes): "I deny that I received any Mr. Meaney with despatch. I asked money personally, but I cannot say you where that \$4,000.00 came from; if it was used through my office." how you got it. Did you get it from COMMISSIONER—I have here "in the safe or did you cash a cheque for 1921 or 1922 she did once or twice

A .- I don't remember the details of

COMMISSIONER-There are rea-Q.—She got \$4,000.00 from Mr. A.—I have no recollection of any sons why the dates are important. I considerable conversation with Miss shall be glad to know where and when

touch with the business of the Miller \$4000.00 of your own so that 000.00 before she told you about the COMMISSIONER. The answer to A.-I did not say it was my own; I

> said I got \$4000.00, Q.-You say that Miss Miller had bother about your financial affairs at Meaney; did she tell you what she had done with it? A.-No

Q.-And you got \$4000.00 and gave it to her to bring back to Mr. Meaney so that she should not be indebted to

A .- She was my attorney and doing her best in my interests and any act she did on my behalf. Q.—Did she tell you that?

A .- I understood that she had go

the \$4000.00 for the Star. COMMISSIONER - You concluded that she had got it for your purposes. A .- I understand that she had borrowed it and that it had gone into the

MR. WARREN-Anyway you got the \$4000.00 and told her to take it back? A .- Which I presume she did.

Q.-Why were you filled with such

resentment about it? Why were you A .- Because I did not want to feel that I was under a personal obligation to Mr. Meaney. When I got back met him and asked him to take it back because I did not want to be under

Q .- You told that to Miss Miller, but did you forbid her to get any money from Mr. Meaney? A .- I made it very clear to her that

she was to give it back right away and that ended the transaction. Q.-Did you make it clear to her that such transactions were not to

A .- I did not say specifically, that "you are not to go to Mr. Meaney for money," but I made it so clear that I did not think she would go to Mr. Meaney for money, My manner and go back to get accommodation from West, then there were election pet

plain instructions? A .- I would not say plain instructions, but I made it very clear to her. 1y digging around everywhere for said to her?

COMMISSIONER—So that we could not judge whether it was plain or not. nie about the renewal of the \$4,009 A .- While Miss Miller may have had note? erders to finance the Daily Star account, she had no such orders to get ing Mr. Glennie before I left about the money from Meaney. After that that note. transaction it was very clear, that is it ought to have been clear to her

that I did not want to owe Meaney any money. money with all despatch. Having you sent her up with the money, did know that I gave her the money for ther she had actually paid the mon- that she would do it.

A .- I do not know that I did take indebted to Meaney? any steps to find it out. Q.—So that as far as you would

money to him at all? A.-Well, she was a person that had been in my employ for some years, and I had entrusted her with the books. If Miss Miller said that she these amounts? had got \$4,000 from anyone I took it for granted that she had, and if I gave her \$4,000 to take to Meaney, I took it for granted that she did. During the period of her service with me, with the exception of the summer of 1920, when I had reports concerning my office everything was satisfactory. Up to the time that she left Newfoundland in 1920 for her vacation her work was eminently satisfactory.

COMMISSIONER-You mean that you thought that she was a trustworthy and faithful to interests? A. Her trustworthiness and fidelity to my interests were such that she had my power of attorney.

MR. WARREN—And you believed

her so implicitly and put such faith in her that you gave her this \$4,000 to bring to Meaney and did not enquire further about it? Q.-Yet when she says that she

handed money to you personally she is not to be believed? A .- I don't think I said that. COMMISSIONER-He has said. Miss Miller handed him money, bu

WITNESS-Yes. MR. WARREN-I did not under stand him to say that. WITNESS-I did not say on fou

ask where they came from. MR. WARREN-"I deny that I re-

ceived personally any money but it and I would not know about it." WITNESS-You are referring to the \$20,000 or the \$2,000 that I men-

MR. WARREN-The whole amount. WITNESS-I made no statemen to the effect of my denial of my having received any money from Miss Miller. I said that I received money from her on several occasions, which in my judgment would total \$2,000. MR. WARREN-You said that Miss Miller had told you that she had devoted \$4,000 to your own purposes? A .- I would not say that I said to my own purposes, but that it went into something that I was connected with. I knew that she was liable for \$4,000 for which I was ultimate-

Q.-You say she might have got the money from campaign funds? A.-I am not sure. Q.-Did you keep a special count for campaign funds?

Q.-Then how did you manage? A .- To begin with, in 1919, I had to do all financing myself, and I got certain accommodation from friends But there was no campaign fund ac-

Q.-Then do you mean when you say that you might have got \$4,000 from the campaign fund account? A .- I did not say I might have got it from the account. Q.-Then, from the campaign funds?

A .- For instance, suppose I was short of \$4,000, I would see if I could get \$4,000 to meet it. In other words, I might go to you and ask if you could find \$4,000. MR. WARREN-I regret to that I was never flush enough to help you. I thought when you talk-

ed of campaign funds you meant some definite fund. In other, words, then in 1919 there was no campaign fund whatever? A .- I financed the campaign on own personal responsibility, and by

negotiable paper, Then I would go round and get in touch with m friends to get some funds. Q.-Were there any campaig funds paid in after the election

A .- Elections were never over. method at the time was such that it 1919 there was a general, in February tions and bye-elections in Bay de Q.—On which action she disobeyed, Verde and Harbor Main. There were elections continuously during my term of office, and I was continuous Q .- You could not tell us what you every dollar I could get, and what I could get I had to be responsible for myself.

Q.-Had you been to see Mr. Glen-A .- I have no recollection of see-

Q.-Or about the \$6,000 one? A.-No.

Q.-Let us come back to this \$4,000 transaction. You gave \$4,000 to Miss MR. WARREN-You did not want Miller to pay Mr. Meaney, and you to be under any obligation to Mean- did not bother to see whether it had ey, and therefore you sent up the actually been paid to Meaney or not? A .- I have no recollection of askbecome so exercised over that, that ing whether she paid it or not. I you take any steps to find out whe- that purpose, and that meant to me Q.-And you did not want to be

> A.-No Q.—And did Miss Miller tell you

know she may not have paid the that she had obtained money from Meaney? A .- I have no recollection. Q.-Did she not tell you that she had given cheques to Meaney

> A .- I have no recollection of referring to cheques. Q.-Did you not ask her? A .- No, I was not interested. The

interest I had was to pay the \$4,000

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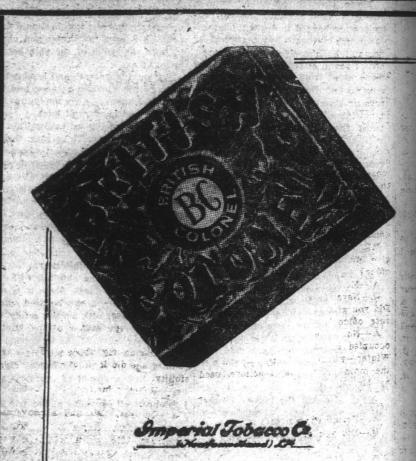
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knowing whether she had paid it or not, and whether she had given any documents in your name. She ob- \$4,000 in the safe. tained the money as your agent? A .- Yes, and I was paying it back,

and that disposed of the matter. Q-But you would have wanted to see those cheques returned and de-A .- In the ordinary course of business, yes.

ary course of business? A .- I depended upon Miss Miller to do the right thing. Q.-Did you never ask her if she

had done it? A .- I have no recollection. Q .- You say that you did not want to be under any obligation to J. T. Meaney, and now you say that you

liable person and I was quite satis- matter on which the books would in association with Miss Miller? fied that if I gave her \$4,000 she have to be examined. would have taken it to Meaney.

tell you. That is the difficulty. You evidence that these things were kept outstanding in connection with the for you? say that she would do the right thing, and I think the right thing would be to tell you that she had rought the money to Mr. Meaney. A .- My answer to that is that I have no recollection except the outstanding thing of my action.

COMMISSIONER-She had made entries on the stubs of the cheques which would not help strangers but were enough for her, so that she could put her hand in a moment on particular cheques and show what they were, and I understood— WITNESS-There was no cheque book looked into so that I have no ecollection of her having told me, of my asking her. I am not prepared to make an exact and definite statement of what was said.
Q.—The question is whether you were aware of certain things taking

A .- I am aware of her getting \$4,000, but you do not know where

Q .- Was there a note made in any ock about getting this \$4,000? A.-I do not know.

show that it had been taken out? A/Unless somebody had paid me not quite straight. in that \$4,000 there would not be

usually come in cash? A.-I would sometimes deal with it in cash and sometimes it was credited in the Canadian Bank of tem, and therefore her power of at- Power of Attorney? Commerce or the Bank of Nova Scotia as would be desirable under the

circumstances. Q.-If that was a matter in the ordinary course of business would it appear in the cash book?

MR. WARREN-She had got money from a person to whom you did not wish to be under any obligation? A .- Yes. And I gave her the money to pay it back.

Q.-If that was an ordinary comnever enquired whether he had any mercial transaction would it not appear in the books?

COMMISSIONER-According to her

said that Mr. Cramm, a law student promissory note had been signed R. in your office, and the Janitor, and A. Squires per J. G. Miller. Mr. Curtis objected to the office sys- Q .- Within her powers under the torney was cancelled. WITNESS-These were

office was when I was away. Q.-What had the janitor to

plain of? being consumed in my office during pany by the Star of \$3000.00.

Q.—That is after August? A .- Yes. Secondly Mr. Meaney wa there more than I liked. A.-There was a report to me

A .- The \$4,000 was paid off and A .- I do not know whether it would Mr. Cramm a law student at my of and refused to admit liability on it. regarded by me as an absolutely re- dence that it would not. That is a pared to remain longer in the office solicitors that they would have to

tended to. Then there was a transac-MR. WARREN-Yesterday you were tion which came to my notice in conasked why you had cancelled Miss nection with the Anglo-Newfoundland Q.-Would campaign fund money Miller's power of attorney, and you Development Company, in which a

> A .- I disputed that as a matter amongst law. But she claimed that it was. the reasons. All the trouble about my COMMISSIONER-Was there anything very wicked in that?

WITNESS-From my point of view. This note over my signature had been A .- The report that I had was that discounted which was payment, ina considerable amount of liquor was tended as payment, to the A.N.D. Com-Q .- You thought it ought not

s A .- No. The first thing I heard o that was when a demand was made on me by the A.N.D. Company for payment of the note. I repudiated the note that was all of it. Miss Miller was or not. I should judge from the evi- fice to the effect that he was not pre- and I indicated to them and to their Ttake suit. MR. WARREN - These matters

A.-Mr. Curtis took the position caused you to think that she should COMMISSIONER—She says she did evidence, that is I gathered from her that there was a large amount of work not have a power of attorney to sign.

Q.-Did it make any difference it your opinion of the confidence could place in her? A .- It certainly did.

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Q.-I wan A -I was r indefini on in the A.—And

d you tho

ot so trust sidered A.—That MR. WAR d by Mr. C A.-Yes. A.-To t he office. on as it v ck of bu Q.-Had busines _No. 1

Q.—He fin Q.—Did ou ask hir A.-He le inderstand Q.-But de A.-I do o go. My r articled to Q.-But h ontinued? got an acco mained on as long as w

ow accoun and get acqu Q.—Only A .- Whate Miller left a Q.-Was s A.-She I rol through insurance in tion with the and she wou that business mand the ou She would go month coveri tion with the Q.-Then was not empl on the staff o

1922, paying A .- That d was employed was not empl helping me or A .- Yes.

A.-No.

Q.-Yet we

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