

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

THURSDAY, Jan. 17, 1924. Cross-examination of Sir Richard Spry by Mr. Warren (continued). MR. WARREN—Did anybody else tell you they had been shown the cheques and I.O.U.'s by Mr. Higgins?

A—I cannot express what is in your mind. Q—But you just said that was the reason. A—That was the idea I had. Q—But I understood you to say that I resigned because I did not want to prosecute. Is that what you mean?

MR. WARREN—You were asked, Sir Richard, by Mr. Howley (quotes from evidence) "Was there any communication made to you at all of any kind by any members or person in authority?" Your answer was: "The Minister of Justice, now Prime Minister, waited on me and told me that Mr. Higgins, Solicitor for Mr. Meaneay, had waited on him and told him that I had contemplated the arrest of Mr. Meaneay, and if so I was implicated and my arrest would have to follow and that as Minister of Justice he would have to order the arrest, so he preferred to resign."

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MR. WARREN—You are under suspicion; Dr. Barnes is acquitted. MR. WARREN—Mr. Halfyard resigned at the same time—was that political intrigue? A—I think the three gentlemen who resigned merely followed your lead. Q—My resignation then, I take it, decided the resignation of three others?

Q—Did you really think, to-day, Sir Richard, that that conversation took place? A—I do. Q—Well, I don't. MR. WARREN—(To Mr. Warren) You don't have to give evidence as yet Mr. Attorney General. A—"The only point that may be perfectly correct is whether you were waited upon. I am not sure whether Mr. Higgins waited upon you at your office or whether you saw him. I am not quite clear on that."

Q—If it is not correct that you said you had to be looked after financially for a certain period? A—"I made it very clear to you that if I resigned in your favour I would take charge of these major matters, which would take all my time."

Q—"Is it not correct that you told me that you wanted to go to the Imperial Conference—representing the Colony?" A—"That is correct. Q—"And that you also wanted to be retained on the Labrador Boundary question?"

MUTT AND JEFF. MY PRESIDENTIAL BOOK IS GAINING MOMENTUM EVERY DAY! I'VE BEEN ASKED TO ADDRESS A BIG MASS-MEETING TONIGHT ON ONE OF THE VITAL ISSUES OF THE DAY!

JEFF SEEMS TO HAVE NO BRAINS AT ALL. GENTLEMEN AND OTHERS, I FEEL I AM AMONG FRIENDS SO I WILL SPEAK FRANKLY. MY OPPONENT MR. MEADDO HAS MADE THE BONUS HIS ISSUE, BUT I HAVE MADE THE TACKS QUESTION MY ISSUE.

TACKS! WHAT PAIN THAT WORD SUGGESTS! DID YOU EVER GET OUT OF BED IN THE DARK AND STEP ON A COUPLE OF TACKS? I'M AGAINST TACKS AND ESPECIALLY CARPET TACKS; AND FURTHERMORE...

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