

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

MR. WARREN-The Canadian Bank keeping a note of these things, Sin

of Commerce was your major politi- Richard? cal account? WITNESS-On my cheque stubs. A .- That is correct. Q.—And you were taking sufficient

own affairs.

A .- That is correct.

I did not do that. I think as a matter

asked for them at various times?

to be on your regular staff, that is

COMMISSIONER-There is a note

A.-My understanding was that sh

did not visit my office after July or

the clerks could give information.

A .- She was not in the employ

Q.—She was then acting for you

Q .- Oh! She was not doing any in-

A .- I don't think she wrote up an

policies. She was supposed to get in

surance business-Bell Island com-

panie's business, as I have already ex-

plained. I am informed of the Bell

Island Companies were contemplating

Q.—Who gave you that information?

a substantial share of that business

through her brother, Jim, for my of-

R. W. Miller. I was naturally anxious

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surance work for you. Was she ac

tually doing insurance work?

You don't think she was?

with your office?

she visited your office.

in insurance business?

the office after July, 1921.

COMMISSIONER-The \$40.00

Q.—Can you explain why you were interest in your office then to furnish paying your insurance account out of your book-keeper with the amounts your major political campaign ac- from time to time?

difference. My insurance was exclusively my own business, not a partnership business, and the agency was not! ions you told us that things could! in the name of "Squires & Winter" or have been done without your know-"Squires & Curtis." Any profits or ledge because you were not taking an commissions were my own property. Interest in your office. As to whether the money was paid by me out of my own account or the office account would make no financial then you were paying attention to

Q.—Did the cheques you gave Miss! Miller on the Canadian Bank of Commerce go through the books after-A .- Yes. I sent a memorandum of

them to my office. to the Insurance Companies'. Q.—You sent a memorandum

had to be charged and a rebate made. ed by it?

Q.—That was to the end of 1922? A.—Yes. The 1923 memorandum has not gone.

Q. - How were these payments

A .- In the case of the payment of December 17th that was a payment of \$80.00 which was charged to the United British Company's account. That cheque, I think, was issued by after July 1921.

me and was outlined in a memorandum which passed through my office. MR. WARREN - The cheque of March 11th, 1922, to whom was that charged?

A.-March 11th, 1922, that cheque was paid by my office without any specific instructions as to how it was to be applied and it was debited to my

MR. WARREN-Charged to you A.—It was charged to my personal

account. MR. WARREN-This item of 29th

June \$120.00 paid by office cheque, to whom was that charged?

A.—That was divided equally between the United British and Globe and Rutgers-\$60.00 Globe & Rutgers and \$60.00 United British. In this case there were specific instructions calling attention to the amount as an insurance payment, and in the second case where there were no specific instructions received it was charged to my own account. In the case of June 29th he received specific instructions and it was charged equally to both companies.

COMMISSIONER-These Companie were your own private affair, and whether the payments were charged to the Insurance Companies or not (a matter which would make the books very difficult for a stranger to understand) it would make no financial

case of June 30th an amount of \$80.00 a reorganization of their insurance and increasing it. was divided between both companies -\$40.00 to Globe & Rutgers and \$40.-00 to United British. MR. WARREN-Sir Richard, when She thought she would be able to get

were those accounts written up?

A.-I can't tell.

Q.—Were they written up at the fie also for the office of her brother, A .- The only person who could tell you that would be the book-keeper

Q-May'I have a look at them (Books produced to the Attorney General) In whose handwriting are those entries made? A .- I am not sufficiently acquainted

with the handwriting of the various clerks to be able to say. Q .- You know Mr. Fraser's writing A.-Yes.

Q.—I only ask because it is differ ent handwriting from the other. However, we shall ask Mr. Fraser. COMMISSIONER-So that while

it may appear a little clumsy method of book-keeping, it really made no financial difference to you whether the were debited against you or put in the Insurance account? A .- It is quite possible that Mi

Fraser did that. I have no idea but I could find out. Q .- You have no record whate

of 1923 cheques? A.—They have not gone over to Mr

o get that business if I could. I don't know if anything ever material-ized or not—the Insurance records for the period would show that. In Q.—And that was the insurance

Q.—The insurance husiness she was oing was merely a hope on your part of an increase in your business. You aid that she was doing insurance

A .- Her job was to control the Bell Island business, and get more if it Q.-Who instructed her that that

was her job? A .- It was clearly understood by Miss Miller and myself.

Q.—It was an understanding between you and Miss Miller on that basis of \$40.00 a month. Sir Richard, I asked you to let me have information as to whether or not you reinsured any of that business? A .- I inquired at my office, and was

informed there was no reinsurance on Bell Island business. I am speaking from information given by the of-A.—I was taking an interest in my

ATTORNEY GENERAL-Then really Miss Miller had no connection with Q.—You were taking an interest in your office after July, 1921? your own affairs. On various occas-A .- She had no more connection

with the office than she had with any other firm of the public and she had no more desire to be identified in political matters

ATTORNEY GENERAL-You say Q.—On these particular occasions she had no connection with the office after July 1921. Did she have any private business of yours to attend to own business; as for going over there after July 1921? and seeing how the work was done,

of fact that Mr. Fraser did put through business of Mr. Curtis after that these amounts from my account into date? A.-Nothing as far as I know. COMMISSIONER - I should think Q.—We will bring that out from Mr.

Q.—Did she have to attend to any

they would make provision for all of Curtis later on. I take it from you morandum went to my office contain- them in the account of the insurance that from July 1921 to the present moing all cheques that went through the companies. However, as far as it ment or to the beginning of this en-Canadian Bank of Commerce which went, the financial side was not affect- quiry Miss Miller has not had to do any personal business for you. Is that correct?

> MR. WARREN-Sir Richard, these payments to Miss Miller, I take it she that our relations were politically

Q.—Did you have a letter of credit ard Squires. A .- That would be my recollection. Q.—And you identified the amounts, as to your account in the Canadian paid her! I understood from you that Bank of Commerce any time in the this payment began after she ceased year 1922?

A .- It is quite probable that I did; ATTORNEY GENERAL-I have on- what he had against you?" And you but I would not say definitely that I ly the one copy. did without having looked up my re-

WITNESS-From that date I was liable to pay her \$40.00 per month. look up those records and find out if LO.U's. and documents connected Mr. Meaney's suspension the reports Q.-Do you know whether she was you did, because I think it is rather with your name?" And your answer became more developed. I cannot paid for August, September and Oct, important. You were in England or to that question, according to the say the particular date; but it was were on your way to England in Aug- Daily Mail, was "none whatever. ust 1922 I thing?

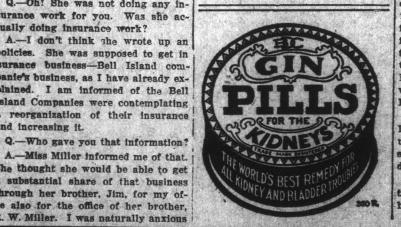
> 1922. Q.—And I suppose you

that effect. Apparently she was never paid for those earlier months. MR. WARREN-Sir Richard, Miss Miller at that time had nothing to do

ances while you were away? August, but that is a matter on which A.—I do not remember.

Q.-I don't think it would interest Q.—But surely somebody had us very much as to how many times posits were made, isn't that so?

formation from the banks. Q.—When you say you do not re



Commerce. Have you any knowledge A.—The only transaction in which of Miss Miller's authority to act for my name was connected with Mean you with that Bank during your ab- ey's was the four thousand dollar

me with the Canadian Bank of Com- Q.—We know about that. But had

Q.—If she did anything in the way c of financing you through the Canadian shape or form?
Bank of Commerce in 1922, it was A.—None wha done without your knowledge, was it? solutely nothing being due by me, dir-A .- I have no recollection at the ectly or impliedly, to Meaney or to present moment; but I will be glad the Liquor Control Department.

to find out the information for you. Q.—I wish you would, because your answers are not at all satisfactory to the questions that are asked you? I ed you, and your answer was "none hope you are making a note of all this

A.—Mr. Howley is making a note of nected with and that you knew of? MR. HOWLEY-I think I have bee doing nothing else since this enquiry

started. of the Canadian Bank of Commerce account. Were these cheques, with \$100 and \$500 as he would set forth the exception of the last one, sent to her or did you hand them to her your-

A .- I do not remember

Q.—In your examination in chief you referred to an interview you had with me before you resigned. Is that existence?" And you replied, "Ab-

ment, of which I have no official knowledge now. Q.-Who pressed vou?

A .- I think my Counsel asked me for a date when I had seen nothing. Q.—Surely your Counsel was acting on your advice?

MR. HOWLEY—I was trying to fix COMMISSIONER quotes from evi-

dence of Sir Richard Squires in chief: Mr. Howley again "When did you first ATTORNEY GENERAL-I want to get knowledge of the reputed exist-A .- It is correct, except that after refresh my memory a bit from this ence of those cheques and I.O.U.'s?" copy of the "Daily Mail" of Jan. -5, And your answer was "Before Mr.

WITNESS-Would you let me have heard rumours that he had something a copy so that I would be able to fcl- on me." Then you were asked, "These

low you?

to the time of Meaney's suspension, did you hear the nature of the cheq-Q .- Then I will have to ask you to had you any knowledge of cheques and ues?" And your reply was, "After had never seen the cheques or I.O. pension that I first heard they were A .- Yes, I left here on June 23rd, U's, or had any particulars of their 1.O.U.'s.

any interview with her in connection town up to the time of Meaney's sus- the Daily Mail as "No." ment the cheques and 1.0.0's, were head? A .- I do not remember; but I would not presented to me, and I had not A .- I was not including any mem- COMMISSIONER - What context? probably more interviews between the be only too glad to ascertain the in- the least knowledge furnisher me by bers of the Executive Government, as Read the question again will you Attorney General and myself of a perany official either directly or indir- they were my associates and supposed please, Mr. Warren? ectly, and I got my information con- friends. cerning the matter from rumors and ATTORNEY GENERAL-When you interviews and notes of interviews swore you had not received any comfrom political associates of mine and munication written or verbal from their friends and as a result of any departmental official, you had not the multitude of things that I heard me in contemplation? Higgins, had against me and from colleague.

> Q.—Did you know of any cheque or ; A.—No, you are not. I.O.U. that you were connected with up to the time of Meaney's suspension and that Meaney had anything to

A .- I had ro knowledge of anything that went through Meaney's Q.-I did not ask you that. Here is

transaction and which I have already

Q.-I did not ask you that. I am confining myself to the question that your own Counsel, Mr. Howley, askwhatever." Now I am asking had you information that you promised to fur- any knowledge of any cheque in any

> ced Meaney such amounts as \$35, \$50, when he would make application.

according to the account of your evidence in the Daily Mail, the Commis sioner asked you "Did you know that there were any cheques or I.O.U.'s in solutely not, except for rumours that

I heard about town." WITNESS-Rumours and information that was brought to me by

you had not seen the cheques or I.O. U.'s and you did not know whether they were in existence or not: but A .- I suppose he had a personal you heard some rumours, is that cor-

A .- The rumours were curren

around town. containing the evidence of Sir Rich- Meaney was suspended, my political and other friends advised me that they reports did not convey the nature of

said "No." Q.-MR. HOWLEY asked you "Up Again Mr. Howley queried "When some days or weeks after his sus-

them, as that was the suggestion con- rect when you said that you did not the documents, nor did he ask me on page four of column four. to tained in Head Constable Byrne's re- get any communication written or about them in any way whatever." make some deposits to your accounts port. From that time up to when this verbal from a departmental official; Now is that true? from time to time and I suppose de- enquiry started and up to this mo- you did not include a departmental A.—It is not true, it is

that Meaney and his solicitor, Mr. A .- No, nor any other Executive what I heard from members of my, Q.—In that case I was not a partmental official?



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contents up to the time of this en- Mr. Howley then asked you, "Did its report of your evidence. When Mr. at an earlier stage of the proceedings. and that essentially brought up the ten or verbal from any department of the evidence of Mr. Meaney, that he now, yes or no? ances while you were away. Did Miss A.-I had no knowledge of the the Government, or any departmental brought the documents to his solici-Miller have anything to do with that? cheques and I.O.U's. other than the official regarding those cheques of I. tor, and that his solicitor advised him wer. A.—I do not remember having had rumors that were drifting around O.U.'s?" Your answer is recorded in and he brought them to the Minister of Justice. Have you at any time been not correct you say? pension; and at that time there was ATTORNEY GENERAL Would you asked by the Minister of Justice to Q.—I did not ask for that. Did she the allegation that Meaney had those regard me as a departmental official? explain these documents?" Your anshave anything to do with your fin- documents in his possession and that A .- No, you are a departmental head. wer was, "The Minister of Justice did no I had arranged for the stealing of Q.—So that you were critically cor- not do me the courtesy to let me see the

read the context.

Attorney General reads question the Attorney General referred to ATTORNEY GENERAL - Now is that true or is it not?

A .- Explain the context. COMMISSIONER-What context to A .- I found out that there has been

an interview between the Attorney General referred to an interview he had had with Mr. Higgins, solicitor for Mr. Meaney. I referred to another sing them with him if I care to do so. "Have you been asked for payment interview that took place between the Attorney General and myself. COMMISSIONER-Is that answer. as quoted by the Attorney General, discussing the matter fully.

A .- No, but the Attorney General at the time of one of our interviews re-

COMMISSIONER-Cannot you ans- who was acting on behalf of Mr. Mea A .- You did not do me the court- wer sometimes when the Attorney ex was laying a criminal charge General calls your attention to a ques- against me and that he naturally ha Q.—The Daily Mail explains that in tion? The question was put to you to resign under such circumstances you, "You have heard He wants an answer to his question matter.

A .- It is not correct. ATTORNEY GENERAL-Very well. to have the documents explained?

COMMISSIONER-I better make a note of that. In what respects witness

sonal and political character in which ard? charged which were being made against me. The statement is correct in the sense that we did not dis-

cuss the details of the documents at enough but it was not candid enough. any opportunity of discussing the later. documents at any of those interviews ATTORNEY GENERAL-Then that you referred to?

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COMMISSIONER-Have you at a time came to the Minister of Justice documents.

Minister of Justice (Mr. WARREN -Nor did he ask me about it. COMMISSIONER-I thing this wa rather splitting straws was it not? At all events your answer was no very candid the other day, Sir Rich

A .- Maybe it was not clear. ATTORNEY GENERAL-IT very clear to me.

COMMISSIONER-It was cle Obviously it-was neither candid o COMMISSIONER-Did he give you true. However, we will come to that

appears in the Daily Mail you W A .- I had an opportunity of discus- asked by Mr. Howley the other d COMMISSIONER-Did he invite you of these cheques or I. O.U's. by the Attorney General or other department A. He gave me an opportunity of tal official and you said "no." Again you were asked "So the first information as to the existence of these ! documents beyond the rumours you A.—The object of the interview was, heard on the street is the proceedings (Continued on page 7.)

FOR A GUY WHO ASPIRES TO BECOME PRESIDENT I'LL SAY YOUR CONDUCT IS VERY PASSE

to point out to me that Mr. Higgins, ferred to these charges. JEFF SEEMS TO HAVE NO BRAINS AT A LL. -By Bud Fisher, THERE'S ONE OUR BUTTONS!