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Q.—And that was the Insurance business she was doing?

A.—That is it.

Q.—The Insurance business she was doing was merely a hope on your part of an increase in your business. You said that she was doing Insurance business.

A.—Her job was to control the Bell Island business, and get more if it was available.

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 office.

ATTORNEY GENERAL—Then really Miss Miller had no connection with your office after July 1921?

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 she had no connection with the office after July 1921. Did she have any private business of yours to attend to after July 1921?

A.—No.

Q.—Did she have to attend to any business of Mr. Curtis after that date?

A.—Nothing as far as I know.

Q.—We will bring that out from Mr. Curtis later on. I take it from you that from July 1921 to the present moment or to the beginning of this enquiry Miss Miller has not had to do any personal business for you. Is that correct?

A.—It is correct, except that after that our relations were politically only.

Q.—Did you have a letter of credit as to your account in the Canadian Bank of Commerce any time in the year 1922?

A.—It is quite probable that I did; but I would not say definitely that I did without having looked up my records.

Q.—Then I will have to ask you to look up those records and find out if you did, because I think it is rather important. You were in England or were on your way to England in August 1922 I think?

A.—Yes, I left here on June 23rd, 1922.

Q.—And I suppose you had made some arrangements about your finances while you were away. Did Miss Miller have anything to do with that?

A.—I do not remember having had any interview with her in connection with that.

Q.—I did not ask for that. Did she have anything to do with your finances while you were away?

A.—I do not remember.

Q.—But surely somebody had to make some deposits to your accounts from time to time and I suppose deposits were made, isn't that so?

A.—I do not remember; but I would be only too glad to ascertain the information from the banks.

Q.—When you say you do not re-

member in this instance, what do you mean?

A.—I mean I do not remember the details.

Q.—Take the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Have you any knowledge of Miss Miller's authority to act for you with that Bank during your absence?

A.—She had no authority to act for me with the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

Q.—If she did anything in the way of financing you through the Canadian Bank of Commerce in 1922, it was done without your knowledge, was it?

A.—I have no recollection at the present moment; but I will be glad 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 hope you are making a note of all this information that you promised to furnish?

A.—Mr. Howley is making a note of it.

MR. HOWLEY—I think I have been doing nothing else since this enquiry started.

ATTORNEY GENERAL—I am afraid it has to be done. Now with reference to those payments to Miss Miller that you made to her personally out of the Canadian Bank of Commerce account. Were these cheques, with the exception of the last one, sent to her or did you hand them to her yourself?

A.—I do not remember.

Q.—In your examination in chief you referred to an interview with me before you resigned. Is that not so?

A.—Yes. I was pressed for a statement, of which I have no official knowledge now.

Q.—Who pressed you?

A.—I think my Counsel asked me a date when I had seen nothing.

Q.—Surely your Counsel was acting on your advice?

A.—I suppose he had a personal knowledge of it.

MR. HOWLEY—I was trying to fix the date.

COMMISSIONER—quotes from evidence of Sir Richard Squires in chief: "ATTORNEY GENERAL—I want to refresh my memory a bit from this copy of the 'Daily Mail' of Jan. 5, containing the evidence of Sir Richard Squires."

WITNESS—Would you let me have a copy so that I would be able to follow you?

ATTORNEY GENERAL—I have only the one copy.

MR. HOWLEY asked you "Up to the time of Meany's suspension, had you any knowledge of cheques and I.O.U.'s, and documents connected with your name?" And your answer to that question, according to the Daily Mail, was "none whatever." I had never seen the cheques or I.O.U.'s, or had any particulars of their contents up to the time of this enquiry." Do you still say that is the truth?

A.—I had no knowledge of the cheques and I.O.U.'s, other than the rumors that were drifting around town up to the time of Meany's suspension; and at that time there was the allegation that Meany had those documents in his possession and that I had arranged for the stealing of them, as that was the suggestion contained in Head Constable Byrne's report. From that time up to when this enquiry started and up to this moment the cheques and I.O.U.'s were not presented to me, and I had the least knowledge, furnished me by any official either directly or indirectly, and I got my information concerning the matter from rumors and interviews and notes of interviews from political associates of mine and from their friends and his solicitor, Mr. Higgins, had against me and from what I heard from members of my Party.

Q.—Did you know of any cheque or I.O.U. that you were connected with up to the time of Meany's suspension and that Meany had anything to do with?

A.—I had no knowledge of anything that went through Meany's hands.

Q.—I did not ask you that. Here is

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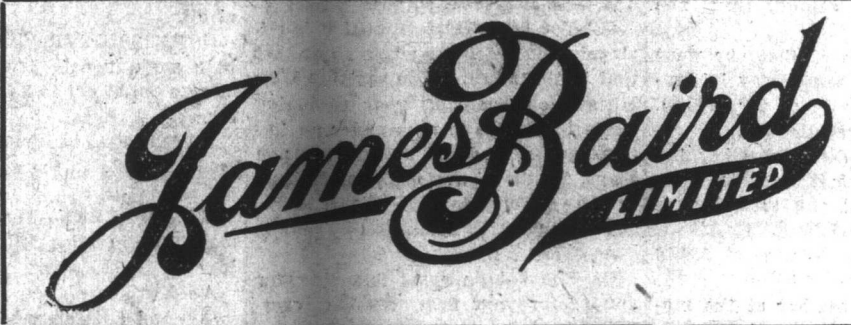
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Q.—You say that is correct?

COMMISSIONER—Cannot you answer sometimes when the Attorney General calls your attention to a question? The question was put to you at an earlier stage of the proceedings. He wants an answer to his question now, yes or no?

A.—No, that is not a correct answer.

ATTORNEY GENERAL—Then it is not correct you say?

A.—It is not correct.

ATTORNEY GENERAL—Very well. The Daily Mail is dated January 15th and the questions and answers are on page four of column four.

COMMISSIONER—I better make a note of that. In what respects witness is it not true?

A.—There were two or three and probably more interviews between the Attorney General and myself of a personal and political character in which the Attorney General referred to charged which were being made against me. The statement is correct in the sense that we did not discuss the details of the documents at all.

COMMISSIONER—Did he give you any opportunity of discussing the documents at any of those interviews that you referred to?

A.—I had an opportunity of discussing them with him if I care to do so.

COMMISSIONER—Did he invite you to explain them?

A.—He gave me an opportunity of discussing the matter fully.

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A.—The object of the interview was to point out to me that Mr. Higgins,

who was acting on behalf of Mr. Meany was laying a criminal charge against me and that he naturally had to resign under such circumstances and that essentially brought up the matter.

COMMISSIONER—Then it was an invitation you got?

A.—The nature of the interview was an invitation to me.

COMMISSIONER—Have you at any time come to the Minister of Justice to have the documents explained?

A.—The Minister of Justice did not do me the courtesy to let me see the documents.

Minister of Justice (Mr. WARREN)—Nor did he ask me about it.

COMMISSIONER—I think this was rather splitting straws was it not?

A.—At all events your answer was not very candid the other day, Sir Richard?

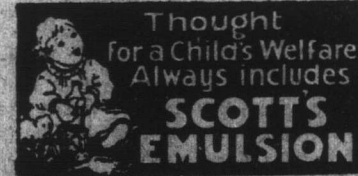
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ATTORNEY GENERAL—It was very clear to me.

COMMISSIONER—It was clear enough but it was not candid enough. Obviously it was neither candid or true. However, we will come to that later.

ATTORNEY GENERAL—Then it appears in the Daily Mail you were asked by Mr. Howley the other day "Have you been asked for payment of these cheques or I.O.U.'s by the Attorney General or other departmental official and you said 'no'." Again you were asked "So the first information as to the existence of these documents beyond the rumours you heard on the street is the proceedings

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