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

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-And I think during this period. Q.—In regard to an investigation variety of reasons, Sir Richard, or alteration a variety of alone attending to dies was not alone attending t secretary but had to perform an alteration. The Government askduties?

He was pretty well running the of the Department—to relieve Mr.

Meaney. I consented on two conditions only. One of them was that

The reason being. -Well, in the case of the Finance Mr. Brownrigg was ill and

heads of some of the other Dents were away. WALKER-He was taking on

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HOWLEY-On this occasion ou first brought this matter to ntion of the Prime Minister, I the Legislature was in session? am not prepared to say but tt was.

tmental duties, his legislative were also thrust upon him? -And his reply to your sugges-

was to let the matter stand over The matter did stand over until

until then, when you mentioned

There was a general election in ask? rd asking t the Gove

ade this suggestion? of the let I am not at all clear as to the der went forth for the joint signature annot find ular time. receive

After the general Election the Squires

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Prime Minister? Yes, as far as I know hat at this time he was an ex- up?

gly busy man? And how much of his valuable came up about any request or the ould it have taken for him to fact mentioned.

o direct me to do it and that

mean that he had to write me taken and accomplished after Mr. was the Finance Minister

Squires in 1922, he was actnance Minister?

Yes, owing to the illness of Mr. of office in June, 1923. rigg. He was doing the work office. I do not know that he

stually been appointed Finance HUNT-Between that and the ou spoke to him in 1923, I think vas an appointment to the of-

Minister of Finance? think it was later on. There n an appointment, but I think not say at what time. tter this conversation in 1923,

is there anything done later? very much unless you had one at the regard to what?

You will be

versary present, its quality having the spirit of a feast in it. Its fruits and nuts,

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A.—It would help in this way. term in order to get at Mr. Meaney

for his term. Government of which Sir Richard and the end?

MR. HOWLEY-Prior to Mr. Mean-A.-Yes.

A.-Yes. Q.-I think after some years office Mr. Devereaux died?

Q .- Mr. Devereaux was succeeded

A .- Yes. Q.—And it is impossible now happen. I signed the cheques with make an audit which would give an Mr. Meaney for a certain time and account of the conduct of that De-

condition at first then he refused for All of which was in the hands a short time and finally re-accepted. and a shortage were found it would Q.—During this time that you be impossible to say whether that were acting with Mr. Meaney, did any shortage, in whole or part arose in

> MR. WALKER-When you say a A .- Yes. I think I spoke to Mr. shortage, Mr. Howley, what do you Meaney about the stock but nothing | mean?

have one thousand bottles and there

MR. HOWLEY-You could not distinguish how much shortage, if any went out of office, and he went out

A.-No. MR. WINTER-That is all the evidence that we have got at present in reference to the first allegation. COMMISSIONER-We are not yet

finished with Mr. Meaney. Mr. Meaney, we will want you here to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock, when I understand Mr. Howley will be ready to proceed with the cross-examination,

and Mr. Winter will re-examine. MR. WINTER-I think that will be all the evidence on the first para-

MR HOWLEY-Might I say that I writing, which he said he could have

and if you can't find it, of course you

COMMISSIONER-Are you ready to to on with the cross-examination of

guires, in so far as dealing with the

nies of clients or monies in the COMMIS h I ought to deal with prom I ask your consideration of the of the office of Squires and Curtis.

WISSIGNER-I should We

was at least some irregularity at the fice, and I hope that that will be cleared up. Do you desire to do that pefore finishing with Mrs. Harsant and Mr. Meaney? Do you not wish to wait until you open your own case? ferred it until I went into my own case, but it is a matter of such mo-

to ask you to take it now. COMMISSIONER-I quite under tand your position, but there may be little inconvenience in interpos at this stage of the case a matter tha would not come till a later stage. Still will accede to your request.

MR. HOWLEY-May I say that alhough I am calling Mr. Curtis at that | cheque? stage. I am calling him for the reason of going into this matter alone. If Mr. Curtis is required by you or m learned friends for examination on any other matter, I hereby undertake that in the course of my case I will

to probe into this at all. I gave you a Thompson reading as follows: (Reads strong hint that the matter was not

COMMISSIONER-Call Mr. Curtis. LESLIE ROY CURTIS-(Sworn.)

COMMISSIONER The evidence of Mr. Curtis at the moment will be con- fice the cheque was sent to be enfined to this matter of Brown's insur- dorsed by Brown, and it came back ance premium

think you are now a partner of Sir until the cheque had come back from

Mr. Thompson in August. tell us now when you became partner? WITNESS-I became a partner on cheque had any money been paid to the first Jan., 1921. MR. HOWLEY-I think, prior to our becoming a partner, you had

een in the office for some time? to Brown? A .- About six months. Q.-You came in after Mr. Winter had retired from the partnership?

Q.—And you came in on the eve of Sir R. Squires' departure for England. morning. Q.—Do you remember a man name Archibald Brown who was insured

was a client of our firm. the books? COMMISSIONER-He was also a - X-Yes. client of your firm besides being insured with the compar your firm was the agent?

A.-Yes. Q.-And he did have a fire A.-He did.

nership. I think it was about 22 Dec., MR. HOWLEY-And in due course

COMMISSIONER-This is LRC6. It is signed Brown. Namara.

WITNESS-No. It is signed Mo Q .- What is this Alex. Brown writ Q.—And in due course a cheque came ten here? to meet the claim?

A .- Is it written or typed? COMMISSIONER-It is typed.

WITNESS-That was put there to identify it. A,-No payable to Archibald Brown, Q,-This receipt is in full paymen

A,-Yes. He was only a beneficiary to the agent's office, and on the back, under the policy so far as his interests might appear. He was the sole beneficiary. All the rest would be paid By order. JAMES A. LEAHEY,

COMMISSIONER-When was

was the letter that covered the che-A .-- About a month before July 15, 1921, I might say before I ment to McNamara. Q.-Can you refer to the books

MR. HOWLEY-Subsequently to that and before the receipt of the cheque did you make any other payletter in. (Letter put in marked L.R.

Q.-Did you make a payment to Q.—I think on July 23rd you wrote Messrs, Howley & Fox? to the Company acknowledging re-A. I did.

> Fox May 17, 1921 \$538.31 (Document out in marked LRC7.) Q.-What was that for? A.—That was for a claim that Mes-ers. Howley & Fox had against Alex-

ander Brown, and for which we had got an attachment in our hands. They had placed the attachment in our hands on behalf of some clients.

Q.—Is that the attachment?

A.—There were two attachments, ne in the name of each of our Com-

Q.—Is that the attachment? A-Yes, (Attachment put in mark-4 LRC.S.)

ayment to R. G. Barnes? Q.-Is that the cheque?

Q.—Dated May 7, 1921 for \$785.00 A .- Paid by me (Cheque put marked LRC.9.) Q.—Did you make any other p

Q.—Prior to the date of the receipt of the cheque from the company?

A.-I did. Q .- Are you able to tell us what portion of the cheque from the company was really coming to Brown at the time of its receipt? How much was still due in July? A .- Well there was a second

tachment in our hands. still due to Brown on July 15, 1921? A.—Out of the \$4085.00 about \$700. 000 or \$750.00

MR. HUNT-How do you make that A .- We paid out to McNamara MR. HOWLEY-I put that in (let-\$1082.00, and to the Imperial Tobac-

co Company \$175.00. Q.-When did you make that payment to the Imperial Tobacco Com-

A .- In January, 1921. MR. WARREN-Is the witness re- Capt. J. Robin St reshing his memory from that document?

WITNESS-Yes. WITNESS—Yes.
COMMISSIONER—But you cannot Road. The bride who Q.—Did you get a reply from Mr. have records made this morning. It A .- I did, I got a reply from Mr, would be perfectly all right if you had you to have that before you. Now in men, and well know made it at that time. I cannot allow January, 1921, you paid \$175.00 to the Imperial Tobacco Co. Was that on another attachment?

A .- No. That was on the reques of Mr. Brown, to prevent an attachment from coming in. request of Mr. Brown. That is all I of Mr. and Mrs. Stick was enthusias

MR. HOWLEY-And I think a payment was made to Ayre & Sons? A .- Yes, that was about \$500.00.

Q.—When was that? A .- I do not remember the date. I know it would be shortly after the MeNamara cheque, Q.-Did you pay that \$500.00?

A .- I did. Q.-Did you make any payments to Brown himself? A .- I paid him \$100.00.

Q.-When? A .- I think it would be some time Q.-Do you remember any payments in March. It was some time in the

Spring. Q .- Was it before the receipt of the heque from the Company?

A .- All these were before the receipt of the cheque. Q.—Then I think you had another

direct. I prepared a statement this attachment? A .- Yes, at the suit of Slattery's COMMISSIONER-We can't have a Dry Goods. statement made this morning. If he

Q.-How much was that for? A .- I think it would run into hundreds of dollars. puted?

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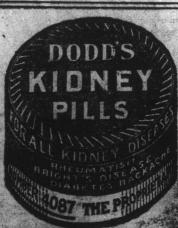
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MR. HOWLEY-Do you know what

A.-No. I do not. Q.-But it was an act of the Ex-A-Yes I know Q.-You were called into confer- Tehn we could check over the balence with Council?

A .- Yes. Q .- An order was made requiring that the cheques of the Department should bear your name as well as that of Mr. Meaney's?

ed me if I would take joint control

there should be an immediate stock

taking and the other that I would

have nothing to do, good, bad, or in-

different, with the disposition of

liquors, and under these conditions I

MR. WALKER-Was that the Gov

ernment of Sir Richard Squires?

assumed joint control

A .- Yes.

ecutive Council?

action?

Meaney?

A .- Yes. Q.—At some stage the Executive ember, 1923. It did not come up Squires was the head, provided that you should sign all drafts on the ey, Mr. Devereaux was there? him in a casual conversation monies of that Department, with Mr.

A .- Jointly. Q .- Prior to that date Mr. Meaney's sole signature was sufficient? A .- I think not-the joint signature Was it before or after that that of Mr. Meaney and the Deputy.

Q.-What happened when that or-

of Mr. Meaney and yourself? A.—Just what would naturally At that session there was some then Mr. Meaney for a certain time partment under Mr. Meaney, because mportant and heavy Legislature refused to sign the cheques with me no stock taking was made before he in connection with the Humber and subsequently Mr. Meaney resum- ment in? ed the signature. He accepted the

WALKER-I take it from all question of the stock taking come the time of Mr. Meaney?

don't know, but as Prime wards change his mind. Was the Not having had any stock taking we er I think he would have the stock taking accomplished?

> Meaney left the office. MR. WALKER-What is the date? A.-I could not give the exact Q.—Was it after the Spring of 1923? A .- Yes, it was. Since Mr. Meaney

MR. HOWLEY-It took place after that? A .- Yes. Q.-Was there anything further done in the way of an audit besides

the stock taking? A.—The regular audit. MR WALKER-At the time of the could not be sure but I think, auditing. It was not a final audit because there was no stock taking. At the time the stock taking was Bonia who was appointed. done was there an audit as well? A stock taking at the end of a period would not help it very much unless asually, there was nothing there was a stock taking at the beginning as well. This stock taking in June, 1923, would not help you

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it covered the whole period from very near the matters I had to deal ance. But if we take any period then we should have to take a stock this matter as you were to keep out of the cheque? taking at the end of Mr. Devereaux's it.

Q.—In order to get at the state of things it is essential that you should have a stock taking at the beginning

Q.-Mr. Devereaux had been Controller for some years?

by Mr. Meaney?

Q.-If an audit were 'made now,

MR. HOWLEY-A shortage in cash. MR. WALKER-A shortage is something less than we had to have and Meaney's attitude was? Did he after- we don't know what we had to have. cannot say whether the money or A .- The stock taking was under- liquor is a shortage or not. Shortage has no meaning. If you had to

were only nine hundred and ninetynine, then I would say there was a

took place, under Mr. A. B. or C.?

him to-morrow the appointment in

MR. MEANEY-I have looked for it since and I have been unable to find COMMISSIONER-Just look once more, and if you can find it bring it, read the letter that my name had not

Adjournment to Thursday, 10th anuary, 1924, at 11 o'clock in the

Mr. Meaney now? MR. HOWLEY-Might I ask your nce to refer to a matter which yesterday in the evidence of came up yesterday in the evidence of Mrs. Harsant with reference to some asaction with a man named Brown. The evidence given by Mrs. Harsant is fore you, sir, and is within the ection of all of us, and I think hat I am not overstepping the facts when I say that that evidence, as it ands, brings in a question as to the obity of the office of Sir Richard

apable of bearing that interpretation.

MR. HOWLEY-It is for that reaing I judge that it is matter on which I make now. I ve to ask you if at this stage you the evidence of Mr. Curtis

lake Cuticura Your

Q .- Is that a copy of the letter to dated July 23. (Witness reads letter) MR, HOWLEY-I ask to put that

Q.—Upon receipt of the cheque did

Q.At the same time you wrote

MR. HOWLEY-I ask to put that

Mr. Thompson sending him the

Q.—Is that a copy of the letter?

A .- It is (reads letter.)

in. (Put in, marked LRC4)

MR. HOWLEY-I ask to put

Thompson acknowledging receipt

O .This suggests that you had al-

Q.—So that on receipt by your of-

Q .- So that the receipt by your of-

A .- We did not receive the funds

Q.-Prior to the receipt of this

Q.—What payments were made

has any document made at the time.

You had paid Brown certain monies

Q.-Would these payment appear in

A.-Frank MacNamara. I may say

that the loss under the policy was

Q. Who paid that to McNamara?

(Receipt put in marked LRC6.)

MR. HOWLEY-I ask to put that in

MR. HOWLEY-What is that?

WITNESS-That is a receipt

Feb. 4, 1921, for \$1082.35.

made payable to McNamara.

Q.—Paid to whom?

A .- Is that the statement?

A .- They were not made to Brown

letter in. (Letter put in marked L. R.C. 2). Q.-Alexander Brown the

did not reside in St. John's.

A.-No, at Blaketown.

Q.—Is that the letter.

-A .- Yes. (reads letter.)

ter put in marked LRC3.)

you write Brown?

A.-I did.

A.-I did.

Thompson?

A.-Yes.

A.-I did

A.-I do.

A .- I had.

A.-I did.

ready paid Brown.

MR. HOWLEY-Yes

nent, that in my judgment I decided

out him back. COMMISSIONER—I was not anxious

MR. HOWLEY-Might I point ou

that I am just as anxious to go into Examined by Mr. Howley.

to your office? MR. HOWLEY. Q.Mr. Curtis, I Richard Squires in the practice of fice of these funds was in July 1921?

COMMISSIONER-You may as well

A.-I did.

against fire in one of the Companies for which you were agents? A.-I do. A.-I do. Besides being insured he

the loss was adjusted? A.—The less was adjusted Q.—And in time the adjustment pa pers were forwarded to the Company

A.—Yes. COMMISSIONER-A cheque to your The cheque would be payable to the of all claims of McNamara? insured or order, but it would come A.—Yes. He was only a be-

there would be a discharge.

Q.—Do you remember when cheque came was it accompanied by to Brown. would like Mr. Meaney to have with a letter from the ingurance office? WR HOWLEY Did you make an Q.-Would you be good :enough to A.-It was. look at that letter, and tell me if it

> been entered in the books at head office. (Witness reads letter.) MR. HOWLEY-I ask to put that

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ceipt?





