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r is dated Sept. 18th. lated Sept. 20th; No. 1155 ot. 20th; No. 1156 is dated No. 1157 is dated Sept. 1158 is dated Sept. 22nd; dated Sept. 24th; No. 1160 WIS-Now will your Hon

kindly compare each of the sevheques with the amounts on MUSSIONER-Yes, 1154 is here cheque \$5.973.75 and here on it is Sept. 20th re Star \$4,-

ter and that I firm of New MR. LEWIS-Did your Honor nogage papers of he discrepancy in the date of not to know me and stub? OMMISSIONER-You wanti to house

why it is that the date is Sanas mortgaged? 20th on the stub and August The stub is for \$4,-000.00 and the cheque is \$5,973.75. these discrepancies arose and (To what is the reason for them. ise I want to Witness) Just take them in your hand that went inand look at them.

> uite sure there is nothing wrong bout it. I had no idea that they ere not the same. COMMISSIONER-You cannot ex-

ext one. No. 1155. The stub is ness Box.) 5,000 and the stub for \$4,000. Can tion did you not?

ith the different stubs? COMMISSIONER-No, I am putting ! hem side by side. A .- Would the total amount be the not?

the next. No. 1156. Cheque dated

ade up like that. Q.-No. 1157. The cheque is for 0.000. August 16th, and the stub is

September, cash for \$5,000. -I don't know what that can -No. 1158 the cheque is for \$2,-

August 17th, 1920, and the stub for re-examination? September 22nd, 1920, and quires x Phillip for \$33.50. tion. have no conenction with ed August 17th, and the \$50.00. September 24th. Mrs. Mrs. A. M. Dean? She

ed them on behalf of Sir of these cheques. No. 1160. Cheque Thank you sir. SIONER-What I want to 153 which is another mat- \$800.

what it is for.

bers in the book are the same as the

formation on Monday. (To Witness): You must think about that before Monday. We will adjourn now until Monday.

by Mr. Lewis.

A.-Yes.

A .- No. Sir. Mr. Hunt made that

A.-No, sir.

Q .- Was not that testimony drawn

it out.

these the cheques that be-1 COMMISSIONER-I have a very distinct recollection of what took place. MR LEWIS-In your direct examinriting, and I am taking, ation in the present enquiry, you testies of the stubs which are fied that you yourself suggested to were speaking of 1920, of the early as the cheques, and all I Sir Richard the possibility of obtain- part when that thing became known.

> greement at any time? Q.-Did you ever see it? A .- Since it became an Act of Par iament, yes.

> > A .- I have no recollection. I don't remember ever having read through the whole thing, but I referred to these two clauses particularly because they came under my notice. Q.-How did they come under you

A.-Because I had looked over th Q.-Without anybody suggesting to you? A.-Yes.

A.-Because I read it.

or three times. Tell me what yo Q-I want to know when you firs ad knowledge of the existence

nee two clauses? A .- I told you when it was in pul discussion before Parliament, and Q.—Did you read those two cla

re they became an Act of Par

A .- Not more than any member of the party watching the movements of the political chess-board Q.—Do you remember what impres

sion, if any, these clauses made on A .- Well you see there were two in- your mind? A.-Do you mean as a politician or as a citizen? was suggested by you. You said Q.-Politician or citizen? I should

it was suggested by you? think you mean "politician or states-A .- I don't think so man". Q.-Well then is it not a fact that A.-No, 'citizen'. We have no it was suggested by you to Sir Richstatesmen here.

Q.-No statesmen? I suppose A .- It was not; not to my recollecthat the Colony was full of states COMISSIONER-I think what he COMMISSIONER - Evidently, Mr said was that he had a conversation

Meaney does not agree with you. I am not prepared to decide which of with Sir Richard, and that that matter was brought up at that conversation you is right by him, but that he had heard of it MR. LEWIS-I presume your Honour would find it difficult WITNESS-Yes, it was suggested to COMMISSIONER-At any rate

MR LEWIS-When did you first become acquainted with the details of were your thoughts as to the two clauses you refer to, as to their ef-A .- When it was before the public fect upon the affairs of the Colonycussion as to the amount to be paid did you think they would be beneficial or otherwise? as export duty by the company, if I COMMISSIONER (to Mr. Lewis)-

Do you mean the "elimination" of COMMISSIONER-That was before MR. LEWIS-No, I am questioning WITNESS-Oh ves, for some time it was public discussion. Coaker was him as to what his thoughts were in regard to the value of these two clauses to the Colny. MR LEWIS-What year was it

WITNESS-As regards the Act as it stands now. I could not express A .- I think it must have been the any opinion Q. Was that the first knowledge COMMISSIONER-Do you think a they stood then they would be beneficial to the Colony?

A .- I had heard it also in political MR. LEWIS-By what process of reasoning did you arrive at that? A -I regarded the burdening of companies doing business in the Col-A .- It was not public property for ony with what apparently was needless expenditure would hamper their Q.—If it is true that the agreement operations in the field of productive

Q.—Did you discuss that subject COMMISSIONER-No, August, 1921, with anyone, whose name you now recall? MR LEWIS-Yes, August, 1921. (To A -I may have discussed it with

Witness) Your first information of it a great many politicians. I was not a member of parliament. A .- I don't know. I don't say that. Q .- Haven't you any recollection of its ratification? . A .- At the time of \$1.00 per ton

yes. I don't know that I ever dis cussed the other matter. Q.-You say you thought the clauses would be beneficial to the Colony? A .- That is my opinion.

Q.-Would you know-it being Q.-Did you say that in your direct matter of great public interest-if it would be beneficial had a smelting plant been erected under the terms of that contract? Would it not give additional employment to the labour A Yes, if it were feasible.

Q.-And you regarded it as not feasible? A .- I did, and I would have fought if if I had been a member of parlia-

Q.—Did you know the agreemen had been negotiated by Mr. Wolvin on behalf of the Company?

Mr. Wolvin's name was mixed up in Q.-Why? A.-Because it was a politician's

Q .- Do you think that negotiations between the Government and the Com-

panies was a politician's job? A.-When I say that I mean their lawyers, of course, did most of it. Q.—Then you consider your judgment as to the benefits of that agree

ment to the Colony better than the judgment of those lawyers? A .- I did not say anything of the gave it.

handled it, and that it was not well andled. That it was not a proper

ake a mess of things just as well Q.-You have had some experience

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Q.-You have had experience with A .- Yes, and I know nearly all of

COMMISSIONER-And that has changed your oninion of them? MR. LEWIS-You knew that if that agreement were finalized and with which it was made would be called upon to expend large sums of oney in new plants?

A .- According to the contract they Q.—That is not the answer to my

A-In my opinion a contract of that kind generally is a contract whereby the Company is under obligation to give a portion of the mon ev that would be made in the employ ment of labor in Newfoundand. Q.-Could they expend the mo in the construction of plants?

A.-Perhaps they would. Q.-But it would be largely expend ed in labor, would it not? A .- I presume so. Q.-The labor claims would then

to a considerable extent justify the caluses? A .- While in construction, yes. Q .- Now did you discuss with you

friends, at or about the time of the empletion or ratification of the Wolvin-Coaker, any of the details of that agreement or any of the claus es to which we are referring? Q.—Did you not say you did?

A .- I did not say I discussed with anybody the two clauses. Q.-Did you discuss them with anybody? WITNESS-I thought they would

A .- In a general way with my po litical associates, yes. Q.-Did you speak of the advantages that would accrue to Newfoundland as a result of the completion of that agreement? A .- I think I spoke of the disadvantage that would result.

Q.-Did you oppose the ratification of the agreement? A .- My opposition would have no

How do you mean oppose it? MR. LEWIS-He discussed it, but favorable contract. I asked him if he opposed it in these discussions. COMMISSIONER-Ah, the discus sions. He could not oppose it in the House and that is the only opposition I believe that would be effect-

ive. (To witness): Did you express your disapproval of these clauses to your political associates? A .- Not very particularly. In a general way, I did. Merely as a matter of opinion: I don't know that my opinion would be worth a straw Q -You testified. Mr. Meaney, in

your direct examination that you were introduced to Mr. James Miller by his sister. Is that true? A .- That is_true. Q.-In the later part of 1920 and the early part of 1921?

A .- Some time in 1920, I think. Q .- You also testified that was the first-time you had met him? A _Ves the first time to know him. I had seen him before as a

citizen going around. Q.—Had you had any speaking equaintance with him prior to the A .- I did not know him prior to

he introduction, and had no speaking Q.-Were you not a candidate in 1919 for the Harbor Grace-A.-Harbor Main. Q.-Yes. Harbor Main constituency?

A -- Yes Q .- Did not Mr. Miller actively support you in that campain? A .- No, I wanted no person's sup

port but my own. Q.-Did not Mr. Miller assist you in getting the voters of that consti A .- Not to my knowledge, no would be do so with my approval

Q .- Do you now say that your firs acquaintance with him was in th early part of 1921? A .- I did not. I said some time 920, presumably the early part.

said the latter part of 1920 or th A .- I don't think I am bound dow pretty sure it was in 1920, but I don' Q.-Where were you when you go A. To the best of my rec

t was in Howard Reid's office in the Q.-You had no business relati ith him, I presume, at that time?

at Wabana get home to vote for you?

COMMISSIONER - Was that the 1919 election? MR. LEWIS-I understood Mr. ler to say that be did.

MR. LEWIS-It is my recollection he looked after the voters in that district.

A.-No sir.

Richard assisted in financing your Richard? campaign? WITNESS-I don't know that Sir Mr. and Miss Miller came to me and Richard Squires contributed to it. Q .- Did you confer with him dur- up the matter with McDougall in De-

ing that period? A .- Yes, as leader of the party handling campaign funds. COMMISSIONER-(To Mr. Lewis):

Q.-Did you solcit his help? was on his side.

Q .- What was the business of yo going to see him? Q .- He advised and consulted with that time? you on the campaign?

A .- The campaign funds paid little-which I paid myself, expecting to get it back, but did not. Q .- How long had you known

A .- I said it was in 1920. of 1920, or the early part of 1921? A.—But it would be just as likely to be in 1920 as in 1921. O'-Can you fix the time?

A .- I cannot, sir. COMMISSIONER-I think Mr. Meaney, you can fix the time to a certain extent? WITNESS-It was before I met Mr.

you deposed or she deposed to certain financial transactions between you in 1920. How long before that had you known her?

A .- Not very long before. Q.-But would it be months or A .- Maybe a couple of months two

A .- I think that is correct. MR. LEWIS-Would it he as early s August, 1920?

A.-Possibly. Q.-When did you know of the fact hat Miss Miller had Sir Richard's ower of attorney? A.-When she came

Q.-Now to get back to these two lauses of the agreement. You said this com ou regarded them as unfavourable the Company?

urable to the Company. Perhaps I A.—Wild, but I certainly don't remember have to ying that I regarded them as unfav- ed the n

Q .- You said they were unfavour- A .- We rearded that as meaning

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A.-Yes.

Q .- When was that time? A .- When the matter of getting the

A .- No. It was brought up to me. asked me to go to Montreal to take Knight that question.

that time? A .- Nothing whatever COMMISSIONER-"When Mr. and merged. Miss Miller came to my office and Q-The contract does not a specify

Q.—Then did you stay away from brought up the question of elimination, shortly before I went to Montreal." Is that correct? Q .- And you never heard then from

A .- To discuss campaign matters. any official of either company prior to collections at the present time. Q.—I suppose you have a pretty

A .- Yes, I know of it; but having any particular knowledge of it is a different thing. For instance I know Q .- In your direct testimony, did that Messrs. Bowring Brothers do a large commercial business; but I tion from anybody connected with have no knowledge of that business. either of the two Companies or with to 1921? A .-- No.

COMMISSIONER-Before that time he had been a journalist. WITNESS-Prior to that time I had to work for my living as a journalist | made in the way you mention, exand a telegraph operator.

ried on by any of the bigger business A .- No. houses in the country. Q.-What I want to know is your ed before?

knowledge of the general conditions A .- I always took a fairly good interest in the affairs of the country. Q.-You knew that no large corporation could carry a great addition o its plant, without floating a bond

A .- I do not know, Q .- Well you know that that is the general practice and custom with A.-I met him in a social kind of rns and corporations? A .- It may or may not be the cus- Q .- Did you have any acquaintance tom; but I have no knowledge about with him prior to that time?

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Q.—Could it be if somebody was not a party to it? A .- How would I know. I am not a lawyer. You had better ask Mr.

Q.—Had you heard nothing of the ger at the time of the ratification of the contract by the Legislature? A .- It was rumored at the 'time that the Companies were going to be

MR. LEWIS-I have no doubt but that is the fact; but I want this wit-

A.-BESCO was in the public mind in connection with this contract: but the actual terms of the contract were made by the Dominion

Q.-Did you have any knowledge the officials of any one of these two A .- I do not know

Q.-Did you hear of any discussion

authoritative statement having been cepting that I heard some rumors MR LEWIS-Then you had some going aorund the country that the

Q.-Do you know if there was any Q .- You never heard that suggest-

A .- No. This is the first time I heard of such a suggestion. Q .- When did you meet Mr. D. H. McDougall for the first time?

A .- Just a speaking acquaintance.

tance with him?

Q.—Do you recall being introduced to him or is it that you were never introduced to him? (Continued on page 10.)

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Q.-When it became public property

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Q.-Prior to that?

A .- Not prior to that.

A.-Yes.

n 1920?

A.-Yes.

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the Wolvin-Coaker agreement?

The stub is September 25, 1920, for A .- I cannot explain that. COMMISSIONER-I see on going through, that there are some blanks.

number and nothing to say about MR. LEWIS-I ask that the book stubs be put in and marked.

tified the stubs.

cheques. I shall take it and its value will depend upon whether Mrs.

Cross-Examination of J. T. Meaney

stember 20th, 1920, and the cheque MR LEWIS-Mr. Meaney, you testi-August 14th. The cheque is for fied in the Liquor Control Investiga-

> ness Box in that investigation you admitted that your conduct as Liquor Controller was disgraceful, did you was fine ized by the Act of Legisla-

J.J.M. \$7,000 and the cheque is did you not say it was disgraceful? A .- I accepted the statement made by Mr. Hunt.

> out by Mr. Howley? A .- No, I don't remember who drew the entire matter when he had you

No. 1159. Cheque for your conduct was disgraceful, did you? A.-I had no occasion to. MR. HUNT-That is, from a public

A .- I answered Mr. Hunt's ques-Q.—And at no time did you deny that

ture in July, 1920-COMMISSIONER-At present every statement and I did not demur. I think in the Legislature. single stub is less. Now we will take Q.—Did you not so testify yourself? 16th and stub September 20. Q.—In answer to the Commissioner then was in July, 1921?

> A .- I have told you. Q .- At the time it was ratified? A .- No. I said I had heard it in political circles: this particular matter. Q.-Was it not drawn out by Mr. when Coaker was looking for \$1.00 Howley, and did not Mr. Hunt go over per ton

it was?

fled it.

A.-Did I say that I suggested it? Q .- You said that you suggested it

is for \$1,500 and is drawn on the Daily Star, dated November 26th.

and some have got figures and a

MR. WARREN-She has not iden-

COMMISSIONER-Not beyond this that she has said they are in her handwriting. This is a book of stubs that was in Sir Richard's office and out of which book she drew cheques. I think, Mr. Lewis is entitled to say that he wants to have the book in under discussion, that is, under disevidence, because some of the num-

Harsant can give us any further in-

COMMISSIONER-Is Mr. Meaney here? Mr. Meaney, will you please you had of the matter? return to the box for cross-examinain it now but let me look at the tion. (Mr. Meaney takes the Wit-

Q .- And while you were in the Wit-

testimony?

A .- I don't know the month. cause it was of no importance to me. Q.—But you did know of it in July, 1921, when it was ratified?

A .- That is my answer; yes. Q.-Were you then in office Liquor Controller? .-A.-I was not. Q.-You were not? In 1921? A .- Yes, in 1921, I thought you

Q.-Do you remember seeing that

O .- Don't you remember what time

Q .- And you know of it how long before it became an Act of Parlia

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Q.-Before it was ratified? Q.-I want t oknow when did yo A .- I have given you my answer tw

kind. You asked my opinion and I Q.-You said that the lawyers tuency?

COMMISSIONER-I must see that the questions which are the founda- in your head that the Company would A .- There was some thought about tions of your questions are correct. like to have the clauses eliminated? it even in the minds of some of the that Mr. Miller testified that in 1919, much considerati

COMMISSIONER - I don't think that was in 1919. I understood Mr. Miller to sav he sent the voters home before the Bay de Verde bye-election money for elimination of them was of 1920 MR. LEWIS-(To Witness)- Sir

A.—He asked me to become a candidate for him, and the solicitation!

A .- Most decidedly. Q .- And did you come to him for assistance?

Miller when she introduced you to Mr. Miller? ou not say it was in the latter part

Miller, shortly before, COMMISSIONER-We know that

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Q.-That was in November? Q.-Did she show it to you at that A .- She told me she had it, and l ook her word for it.

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general experience and knowledge of business conditions in Newfoundland? expenses, with the exception of a A.—No, I have no knowledge of the of any alter thought in the minds of general business of the country. Q.—But you know of the general Companies? Miss business of the country.

knowledge of the general business of ery because the first work I went at of either Company that in the event was fishing. Then I worked with a of any failure to bring about the merpick and shovel on the railroad. I ger that neither Company would care have a knowledge of that. - I think I to continue under that agreement misunderstood your term. What I and that a separate agreement would thought you were referring to was as necessarily have to be made between to my knowledge of the business car- the Government and each Company?

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foundland to spend three million dol-

COMMISSIONER-Do you know if there was a suggestion of a mer-

ness' knowledge of what he knows of this so-called merger?

Iron & Steel Company and the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company

Q.-Did you ever hear a sugges-Q.-Had you been in business prior the Newfoundland Government of a possibility of the merger falling falling through and not being consummated? A -I have no recollection of any

merger had taken place. A .- I have a knowledge of the fish- suggestion made by any one official

> A.-In 1920. Q.-Whereabouts? A .- At the Crosbie Hotel in St. John's. Q.—Can you tell me what the occasion was?

Q.-When were you arst introduc-A.-I have no recollec Q .- You had a speaking acquain-