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

the Company?

COMMISSIONER-Nothing said

e Daily Star. He was not asked nance the Daily Star. Q.-Was anything said about ading any money at all during

r than the \$2,000 or \$3,000. I on't quite understand that. He had

A.-I don't know that the money ad been paid over. Q.—But he was responsible for

A—He said he was not prepared of the negotiations, and most neces pay that \$2,000 or \$3,000 for posary information in connection with

deal purposes.

Q.—That was never a claim against you?

A.—Before the Bay-de-Verde bye-ection Mr. Miller and I had a conversation he said of the contract which you were seekand by sending men working in the included in

Q.-Was that liability for the cost . Q.-Will you please tell us wha

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profit

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men's wages and cost of men's the Company desired that you were unable to furnish them in the way of the Texture of the company desired that you were unable to furnish them in the way of information? I understood when I had John's to Port aux Basques and then

his certainly was the winter situa-

up jerry poles over the snow banks. COMM
MR. LEWIS—You were unable to for it? give assurances on these subjects, T

Q .- And you asked Mr. Meaney to

eason for asking Mr. Meaney to meet

covering all essential points with Mr. George Clapperton, of the Commercial Cable Company—(I think he was First Vice, at any rate he was the active head of the organization in New York)—but was not in a position to give him any absolute assurance on that particular point. I could not very A.—No.

see whether or not you received any report had not been before me, and that generally I was not prepared to enter into negotiations, but that I would be very glad for them to arrange to meet a committee of council and lay the matter before them. Q.—Was the matter ever laid before the Executive Government by to company were to cannot it some with one wire from to furnish them with one wire from head of the organization in New at, in which case there would be entire liability resting on his cases of emergency. It would be necessary for that, wire to be in such that particular point. I could not very

that particular point. I could not very well get the information by letter—
that would take too long. I could not get the information by cable, because that would mean it would be passing over the company wires or competitor's wires information which I did not want to have passed over.

Q—You thought there might be a leakage in quarters where you did not want it to go?

A—Yes. Mr. Meaney was a man sufficiently experienced to cause me to suggest that he be made Superintendent of Newfoundland Postal Telegraphs—a man who ought to know.

COMMISSIONER—Full will show copy of that is already in the evidence of Miss Saunders in connection with the liquor control department.

COMMISSIONER—She does not say a word about a letter in my notes of her evidence.

MR. LEWIS—I will show copy of the tital is already in the subject.

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A—Yes.

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A—The Legislature was then in session and I was calculating going abroad within a seasonable time after the closing of the Legislature.

Q—Were any negotiations.

A—We did not get to the

had been completed and was awaitling its final draft before the assurances were given?

A.—There had been a general understanding. There was no draft of
contract made, but all the points in
connection with the contract had
been agreed upon, subject to that as-

ter of which that a copy from Sir you and them?
Richard before he went abroad?
COMMISSIONER—Or have you get

you in New York?

A.—I had then made arrangements

Q.—Read it through carefully and
see whether or not you received any

report had not been before me, and

more handy, I take it, being already or that side of the water?

A.—Yes, he was in Canada at the time.

COMMISSIONER—You, perhaps, got the shorthand notes there of Miss L. Saunders' examination. Her evidence was taken on Friday, Jan. 18th.

# How Do You Know You

was taken on Friday, Jan. 18th.

MR. LEWIS—He went to New York and you met there?

A.—Yes. He came immediately after I telegraphed, and saw me the following morning.

Q.—And he gave you the information on these matters which you desired?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Well they are negotiations, are they not? The whole thing was with a view to have a new agreement in place of the old one?

A.—Yes. They wanted to get Council's views on the matter and Council wanted to get their views.

COMMISSIONER—Well that was a preliminary discussion or part of the negotiations. Each side was auxious to see the cards in their opponents hands?

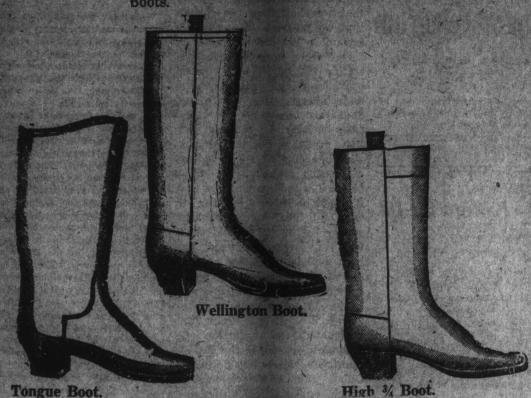
described.

Q.—So that negotiations had either begun or had a beginning.

MR. LEWIS—Do you recall how long these gentlemen remained here and how many of them were here?

A.—Besides Mr. McInnis and Mr. McDougail, I think Mr. Gillis was here also. I do not know how long Mr. Gillis remained; but Mr. McInnis and Mr. McDougail remained for a long the manner of the mann

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