Montreal and New York for?

COMMISSIONER-Was it the re

COMMISSIONER-Yes, the resump-

sumption of the labour trouble?

Richard and Mr. McDougall?

there was in connection with obtain-

Q.-I mean the BESCO in all its

phrases; that was your only business?

tion of work, I mean.

to New York.

A.-Yes.

Squires.

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versations relating to negotias MR. LEWIS—Yes, if there is any pending in 1922 until it shall evidence that any money was paid to ave been shown that monies him. atd by those companies to the rime Minister as a foundation

is that monies were actually what I have said before I am not re-1920, and an attempt was ceiving this evidence because I am ampt. Now I ask you am I not should entitle me to receive the evi- anything? to receive this evidence? dence of what took place in 1922. LEWIS-My answer is that MR. LEWIS-I bow to your Hon- matter of the \$100,000.00 he would

Royal Commission, and the ated from the record. by these companies to the may throw a great deal of light upon progress between the com- successful. d the Government. Now, if testions at Montreal, when something which has not from the record.

SSIONER-As I understand not going to be shown. I nd that if any attempts were 1922, they did not result in oney being paid by the comand so that cannot be shown. e attempts made in 1922 reany money passsing, but not those attempts throw a LEWIS-It may throw a flood

is just the same.

LEWIS-The effort to get then nmendable, but my position the Commission authorises vestigation of payments of monwhile negotiations were pending, no negotiations are provable unhas first been shown that mon-

whether monies were paid in during the progress of negotiand I have tendered before vidence that not only was money R. LEWIS-That is entirely right

weeks.

ith the

I. Mc-

of of payment in 1920.

wer was yes, and 'no contract was ecording to the evidence, bed by the Houses of Parliament Mr. McDougall. therefore there is abundant nce that there were negotiations

LEWIS-It has been shown which resulted in the ratificaerstand the matter, and in com- was that my daughter who was then treal to New York? dission. But here you are proing to take evidence of an ato solicit money which is not ong subsequent to payment of enybody? nonies, if any were paid, and it as to me that the Commission your power to the investigation lyments of certain monies during ment Building, Montreal. period when negotiations were in

tant bearing upon that question, the question of whether Sir

ion for the money.

A .- Mr. McDougall, to the best of my recollection the words used were, "Do you mean \$100,000.00 in addition to the \$51,000.00 already given? Q.—The amount already given was stated as \$51,000.00?

at that time.

Q.-What did you say? upon it. I can only keep on saying

to get more in 1922. Am I not charged with the duty of finding out led to enquire whether there was what happened in 1922, but because I an attempt, and would it not am charged with the duty of finding a flood of light upon the out what happened in 1920; and the transaction if there was an events of 1922 may throw, to my mind, at to get monies in 1922? This a flood of light upon the previous as is evidence suggesting such transactions, and it is right that that

re entitled to exercise precisely or's decision. I shall make application have to refer to the Directors. He wer that is conferred upon you later on to have this evidence elimin- also expressed the opinion that they commission confers upon you COMMISSIONER-I decided to re-

he was trying to get it.

COMMISSIONER-I have

ime Minister, while negoti- the previous transactions. It is one ncerning those companies continuous effort which was sometimes MR. HUNT-May I say that shown that monies were ac- evidence is already in in the examin-

id during the progress of ation in chief of Mr. Miller. MR. LEWIS-I shall make applica for two or three weeks ne- tion to have the evidence eliminated

COMMISSIONER-I shall rule in the same way. Q .- Did you have any consultations or conversations with Sir Richard at the Ritz Carlton in Montreal?

A.-Yes. MR. HUNT-The two of you met at the Ritz Carlton in Montreal, did any conversations take place there?

Q.-What was the conversation? A .- The conversation was first re garding the labour situation at Bell

Island; Sir Richard was in Montreal in connection with that matter COMMISSIONER-He was in Mor treal in connection with that matter?

A .- Yes, sir, I was there to participate with him in that matter with Mr. McDougall on the one hand and also to open negotiations with Mr McDougall. Q .- You are being asked what wa

the conversation? A.—We discussed the labour troub le at Bell Island and we then discussed the point of getting money \$100,000.00 from the Besco.

Q.-What was said and by whom A .- Sir Richard Squires told me n that conversation to the best of my some campaign funds and that he thought he could do so through Mr. McDougall but the contribution was to come from Besco and the amount named was \$100,000.00. MR. HUNT-Who named that favourable."

amount? A .- Sir Richard Squires Q.—What else was said, anything? versations in that way.

COMMISSIONER-What binding contract until it was A .- I said I would bring it before

MR. HUNT-How was it that these matters came within your knowledge or scope at all?

A .- I was requested through Mr during the pendency of negotia- Miller who told me that he came direct from Sir Richard, the day Sir of the contract known as the Richard was leaving to go away, to McDougail to Sir Richard? Vin-Coaker contract, monies were get ready to go to Montreal and to to Sir Richard Squires. Now that meet Sir Richard there. The reason I

ace with the requirements of the in Montreal at school was sick. MR. HUNT-Was she sick? A.-No

Q .- You say you undertook to see ified in the Commission, and at a Mr. McDougall, did you see him or A.-I saw him

Q.-When? A.—The day following my conver MMISSIONER-I have already sation with Sir Richard.

A .- In his office in the Canada Ce-

Q.-Where?

hree times that my point is that Q.-What was the conversation vidence seems to me to have an | with Mr. McDougall? A .- First about the Bell Islan

labour matter, but that was disposed d was taking money, to his of, I told him my mission regarding edge, in 1920. I think the sug- the obtaining of money, I told him that he, himself was attempt- that Sir Richard Squires desired to Waldorf Astoria during that period. get money in 1922 may be very obtain some campaign funds and I Q.—How long were you in Montreal told him the amount and I told him or New York; how long were you

good; that was to be the considera- returned I think about the 22nd Jan-Q .- What, if anything did Mr. Mc-

ougall say to this?

MR. HUNT-There is evidence that A .- Those were the words he used

> A .- I said yes, that was understood. Q-What did he say? A -He shook his head and regard.

ed it as a pretty exorbitant demand. COMMISSIONER-Did he say it? A .T think he used the words but

I would not be adverse to a small contribution if circumstances warranted to investigate the payment ceive it because in my judgment it but he thought it would be somewhat there? difficult to get the company to consider up in the \$100,000.00. Q.—Was anything else said? A .- I asked Mr. McDougall what he

considered a fair contribution and he said about \$15,000.00 or \$20,000.00 Q.-What did you say to that? A .- I don't know what reply I made to him but I related our conversation

to Sir Richard at our next meeting COMMISSIONER-How long after? A .- That afternoon or the next day. It was on the even of Sir Richard's departure from Montreal to New York. I am not sure of that. He went either that afternoon or the next.

Q.-Where did you meet him? A .- At the Ritz Carlton. Q .- Where were you staying? A .- At the Ritz Carlton.

MR.-What did he say? A .- My recollection is that we de decided; or he said we will let the matter stand for the present. That was my understanding and we would get on with the labour problem. during your stay after seeing Sir

Richard the second time? A .- I saw Mr. McDougall several times after that and the question of campaign funds was brought up by me with Mr. McDougall.

Q.-What else was said? A .- I renewed the conversation with that was my principal business there the Wolvin-Coaker contract; these and the final conversation we had clauses dealing with some expendiment of the contract was discussed to make in Newfoundland. recollection that he desired to obtain again and Mr. McDougall seemed to be favourable.

Q .- I just want to know what Mr. McDougall said? A .- I cannot tell the exact words. MR. JENKS-He said "he seemed are?

A.-He said he was favourable to a contribution if the desired amendment was made to the contract, but A .- There may have been other con- until that was done he could not personally recommend any payment, MR. HUNT-Do you remember

when he said it? had been up and back from New York versations in Montreal, and asked several times with memos from one to the other. I think it was four trips from Montreal to New York. COMMISSIONER-From Sir Rich-

ard to Mr. McDougall and from Mr. A.-Yes. MR. HUNT-Do you remember

conducted in an orderly way, as had to give to get leave of absence when Sir Richard went from Mon-A.-Between the 27th and 28th De-

cember. I am not sure of the date. Q.-Do you remember when you A .- I went there the day following Sir Richard's going and I took a memo regregarding the resumption of work

at Bell Isid. and to my recollection the matter of the revision of the contract was also mentioned Q.-Where did you stay in New A .- At the Waldorf Astoria.

Q.-Where did Sir Richard stay? A.-At the same hotel. Q.-Did you meet him Waldorf Astoria?

A .- I met him very often

Q.—What were those trips between A .- The subject of the resumption of the work at Bell Island was under discussion with Sir Richard and Mr.

Q.—That was the subject of memos that were exchanged between Sir A .- Yes, I took them from New York to Montreal and from Montreal MR. HUNT-Was this your only with any of those matters. business in Montreal and New York? MR, JENKS-Certainly. A .- The principal business I went

nay be permitted, this being only a

A.-At the request of Premier COMMISSIONER_I shall hand

COMMISSIONER—At the request of Mr. and Miss Miller, purporting to have come from Sir Richard. A .- Yes, that is so. MR. HUNT-You did in

a go-between between Sir Richard and Mr. McDougall? A .- Yes, with Sir Richard's approval he gave me official standing with Mr. McDougall by entrusting to me his memos on this business.

Q.—Did anything happen upon your return home or soon afterwards? A .- Would you permit me to refer to a question you asked me a little while ago. Before leaving Montreal my last interview with Mr. Mc-

Dougall, it was understood between us that if the amendment-COMMISSIONER-I don't like so much "understood between us." What did he say? A .- Mr. McDougall said if the sug-

gested amendments were put through Q.-Did you see anybody else there he would be prepared to recommend the payment of the money. Q.-Of the whole? A .- Just the payment of the money

MR. HUNT-I think this is the first time you have stated in your evidence the "amendments"; what amendments were they? A .- The striking out or the elimina-McDougall about the contributions as tion of two of the principal clauses of

about it to my recollection, the amend- tures which the company were obliged COMMISSIONER-Are you familiar with the contract? A .- I have seen it.

Q.-Could you tell me if I put it into your hands which clauses they

(Commissioner hands contract to MR. HUNT-Upon your return

home, was anything done by you in connection with this "Besco" matter? COMMISSIONER-I think I shall A.-After the House of Assembly had opened, in March, I think I wired A .- Some time subsequent to Sir Mr. D. H. McDougall and drew his pared to carry out our part of ar-Richard's departure for New York I attention to the result of our conthe agreement discussed between Mc Dougall and myself in the event of say I know. the clauses being eliminated by the

Legislature. That was my message. MR. LEWIS-Was it a letter? WITNESS-No, it was a message.

COMMISSIONER-Can you produce your message? A .- No. I can produce the reply. MR. LEWIS-I don't thing he ought

to be allowed to read it. COMMISSIONER-Mr. Meaney. shall have your heply. WITNESS-This is the reply

ceived from Mr. E. H. McDougall, March 29th. 1922. COMMISSIONER-Let me

COMMISSIONER-I shall hand i to you in a minute, Mr. Lewis. (Reading) "Trenton, N.S., March 29th, 1922." This is what it says: "J. T. Meaney, St. John's: Reference your cable 27th we are prepared to carry out our part arrangement made in Montreal whenever matter finally completed See details telegram Gil lis to Miller to-day,-D. H. McDOUG-ALL."

MR. LEWIS-May I suggest that if this is to go in, we ought to have the letter received or the cable referred to in it read also. COMMISSIONER-But this witness

MR LEWIS-Then it must be in the possession of the Besco people. Could they be asked to produce it? COMMISSIONER-The main thing with regard to the Besco people is And the letter was not addressed to the general representatives, it was addressed only to Mr. D. H. McDougall. Mr. Jenks, will you please tell us if you can get it?

MR. JENKS- Mr. McDougall is now in Vancouver, sir, but I think he would like if possible to be here. I shall endeavour to get him here, and also any correspondence he has on the matter.

been made to get him here? MR. JENKS-No, sir, because

MR. JENKS-I have no doubt he what was the nature of the tran ssible or not may be another mat- us. COMMISSIONER And if he can Did anything happen after that? ne, we shall be very glad, and ask

m to bring all letters and telegrams tion. received from Mr. Miller, or from Mr. Meaney, or from Sir Richard with this Besco?

lages he may have received from anyody else with regard to this matter. would be glad if you would ask him to look up any messages or any docu-MR. LEWIS-In the meantime, if I

original which he claims to have received. (To Witness) Is this the orginal of the message you received?

MR. LEWIS Would it not be possible to first secure a copy of the message sent from St. John's?

WITNESS-It is possible, but I obtained no copies here. That is the message that was delivered to me. COMMISSIONER—Mr. Lewis means think, a copy of the message you WITNESS (To Mr. Lewis)

our pardon, sir. COMMISSIONER-You sent a tele- seems to have slept for a time. gram on the 27th and received an an- MR. HUNT-Mr. Meaney, some time swer on the 29th? A.-Yes.

a copy of the message you sent which that? We have left March, 1922, as produced this answer. We could only I understand it; and we are coming be made certain as to what this mes- now to the fall of 1922 or January. sage means by the production of the 1923. In the interval had you commessage Mr. McDougall received. Is municated with Miller? there a copy in the office here of the MR. LEWIS-I don't think he wire you sent?

our records in the Post Office are destroyed every year. COMMISSIONER-I know that in taken? England where there are such a large number of telegrams sent the post of- me. fice people only keep them for a certain number of month-six or what-

destroyed and you can't get them af-WITNESS-It is the same here, sir. COMMISSIONER - This message being sent two years ago. I don't know if it is possible for you to get it. A .- No, sir. I don't think it can be ard?

obtained. MR. LEWIS-Then may I ask that the marking of this message in evidence be left until they get the other asked him. message. I think it would be better

to defer putting it in evidence until we have the whole story. take it now. I really gives very lit- ready to go to Montreal, that it was

arrangements were. WITNESS-May I be permitted COMMISSIONER-Mr. Meaney, Mr. Lewis-if he cares to do so-may ask you what the arrangements were that are referred to in this message. He is when you received this leave of ab-

not bound to do so, and I don't think sence? we can ask you for the moment. MR. HUNT-The main reason we plication there which might be able

bring it in is to show that Mr. Mc- to fix the date. It must have been if Mr. Miller was telling him from Dougall did communicate with Mr. early in January, 1923. Meaney in connection with these mat-COMMISSIONER-Obviously he did. wanted you to go. Did they tell yo

further was communicating with him Montreal the previous winter. As to ould be willing, but whether it is tions this telegram does not enlight

> MR. HUNT-That was March 29th MR LEWIS-I object to this que

MR HINT-I mean in co

if you like. anything further in connection with Sir Richard. COMMISSIONER-There were n

further telegrams as far as you

A .- No. I know of telegrams t other people in connection with it-Mr. Gillia MR. HUNT-Well then, when die you next have anything to do with Sir Richard, or Besco, or anybody in connection with this Bell Island busi-

with Sir Richard? Q.-Directly with matters bearing on these people. MR. LEWIS-I object. You are

WITNESS Do you mean directly

speaking of this \$100,000.00 matter? MR. HUNT-No. (To witness) Did anything happen at all in connection with the Besco business? WITNESS-Yes, I had no corres

pondence directly with Sir Richard about it and no conversation about it in that year until the fall of 1922 or January 1923 COMMISSIONER - The matter

elapses between the fall of 1922 and the month of January, 1923. Can Q.—What Mr. Lewis wishes to get is you fix the date more closely than

should be allowed to tell about his communications with Mr. Miller. be possible to obtain a copy, because COMMISSIONER-You told us, Mr. Meaney, that in the fall of 1922 or in January, 1993, some other step was

MR LEWIS-By whom? Pepsoden A .- By Mr. Miller and his sister. Q .- Did they purport to be asking

you on their own account or anybody else's account? A .- On behalf of Sir Richard COMMISSIONER-They purported to be asking on behalf of Sir Rich

COMMISSIONER-I think I must have this, Mr. Lewis, as to what they MR. LEWIS-Subject to

tion then, I presume. MR. HUNT-What did they ask you WITNESS-They asked me to get Sir Richard's desire I should go.

MR. HUNT-You were still Con-

troller, I think? A .- Yes, I made an application leave of absence. COMMISSIONER-Did you get it A .- I did. sir.

MR. HUNT-Do you remember A .- I had a carbon copy of my ap

Q .- They told you to get go to Montreal, that Sir Richard It is quite clear that at that time-in anything else?

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A .- They told me Sir Richard de- MR. HUNT-What was his reply to sired me to get ready to go to Mon- Sir Richard, sir, if you do not mind. treal,, to take up again the negotiation with McDougall for the obtain- Meaney should go, as he had been on ing of funds in consideration of the a similar errand before." elimination of those two clauses. | That is my note, and that is what MR. HUNT-Was any amount nam- was in my recollection. That is why

A.-No. Q.-When did you first hear of a to this evidence, Mr. Lewis.

informed you? A .- In that conversation with Mil-Q .- What amount was named?

amount was to be? COMMISSIONER-I have not said tion with this matter? am going to take anybody's word MR. LEWIS-I should like to know

his own idea or was he authorized to

COMMISSIONER-Mr. Meaney say that Mr. Miller came to him and said it was Sir Richard's desire that he should go to Montreal and take up again the negotiations with Mr. Mc-Dougall for the purpose of getting funds in consideration of the elimination of the two clauses. He mention some figure, which may have been \$300,000.00 or \$1,000,000.00, but he does not say that the figure was auhorized by Sir Richard Squires or that Miller gave it as authorized by Sir Richard. I think it would be better for you to take it, Mr. Lewis, in the general way the witness is prepared to give it.

MR. LEWIS-I don't think the witess should be permitted to testify as to conversations between himsel COMMISSIONER-Who at the time

e tells us, was representing Sir hard. Miller has already given evidence to that. MR LEWIS-Has Miller said that he was authorized by Sir Richard? COMMISSIONER-So I und

As a matter of fact, the figure I men

tioned just now was derived from my

ion of Miller's evid MR. LEWIS-My T that they wanted to get in the vi of \$300,000.00, but I do not recal he was instructed by Sir to demand \$300,000.00. COMMISSIONER-Let us

have a note of it. I think this is my ichard Squires again, s he heard I was going to I cted me to arrange to 000.00 from the Steel the elimination of the cla

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COMMISSIONER-"I suggested that

much further to raise the objection specific amount being named and who! MR. HUNT-Mr. Meaney, when you were asked this, what did you say? A .- I said I was satisfied to go, and try to do the best I could. I also stated that I thought \$300,000.00 was MR. LEWIS-Are you going to pretty steep, or words to that effect. take Miller's word as to what the Q .- Did you have any conversation with Sir Richard personally in connec-

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