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through Butler and went to the Crosbie Hotel," is that right?

A.—Yes. When I arrived there I met Mr. McInnis and Mr. McDougall in one of the drawing rooms. Mr. McDougall waited for a while and spoke to me and then left me with Mr. McInnis, and then Mr. McInnis asked me if I would do something personal for him for Sir Richard.

COMMISSIONER—Yes.....

WITNESS—He asked me to call on Mr. Glennie next morning at the Bank of Nova Scotia. I called on Mr. Glennie the next morning and after some questions, he gave me a parcel for Sir Richard Squires.

MR. WARREN—Just a minute now ....What were the questions Mr. Glennie submitted to you?

MR. LEWIS—I don't think she is competent to testify as to statements made by Mr. Glennie at that time, in the absence of Sir Richard Squires.

COMMISSIONER—Mr. McInnis was asking her to do that on behalf of Sir Richard Squires. (To Mr. Warren): Is Mr. McInnis to be called?

MR. WARREN—I don't know. Is he here, Mr. Jenks?

MR. JENKS—He is not here, but if necessary we can bring him.

MR. WARREN—Well, we are quite prepared to invite him here.

COMMISSIONER—He purported to be acting as agent for Sir Richard. This lady cannot prove he had any authority to do so. Her statements do not seem to me to be evidence against Sir Richard.

MR. WARERN—Then I don't press it, sir.

COMMISSIONER—We have got as far as this: She was asked to do something on behalf of Sir Richard, and she called on Mr. Glennie the next day and took the result of her call to Sir Richard? You did take it to Sir Richard?

A.—Yes.

MR. WARREN—What was it you took to him—a parcel?

A.—Yes.

MR. LEWIS—What was its description? Its extraneous appearance?

COMMISSIONER—I thought you objected to this, just now, Mr. Lewis.

MR. WARREN—I also understood you to strongly object, but if you want to, let us have it out.

MR. LEWIS—I should like to know what the parcel was like. If he handed her an umbrella and told her to take it to Sir Richard, she can say so.

COMMISSIONER—What was it you took to Sir Richard?

A.—A parcel.

Q.—What sort of parcel?

A.—It was almost square.

Q.—Was it a foot each way—the size of an envelope or the size of a book like this? (Shows book to witness).

A.—About that size only much thicker.

Q.—This is about 8 inches one way and a foot the other way—about 12 x 8.

WITNESS—Yes.

COMMISSIONER—Very well, then. Did he tell you anything about what was in the parcel?

MR. LEWIS—I object to any verbal statements made by him in the absence of Sir Richard, and I don't think they should go on the records of this Court.

COMMISSIONER—I am asking this on my own responsibility. I am tired of this fencing, and I am going to take it into my own hands and have it all.

MR. LEWIS—I trust then that Your Honor will be good enough to make a note on your record of my objection.

COMMISSIONER—We have spent too much time in altercation, and as I have said I am tired of fencing. (To Witness): I want you to tell me what Mr. Glennie said to you when you took the parcel?

A.—He asked me who had sent me for it and I told him Mr. McInnis. He asked me if I knew anything of the contents, and I told him no. He asked me, I think, if Sir Richard had given me any instructions about it, and I said no. I think, he then asked me if I knew anything whatever about it and I said nothing more than that Mr. McInnis sent me to get it for Sir Richard.

Q.—Is that all?

A.—That is about what it amounts to.

Q.—When you brought the parcel to Sir Richard—I suppose you brought it to Sir Richard?

A.—Yes.

MR. WAREN—What did he say?

WITNESS—I took it to the Prime Minister's Office.

COMMISSIONER—Did you give it in his hand?

WITNESS—He called me into the room off Mr. Carew's office, and I handed him the parcel. He said: "You don't know anything about this, do you?" and I told him no.

Q.—Did you give him the parcel?

A.—Yes, I left it there with him.

Q.—Can you say how heavy it was?

A.—It was pretty heavy.

Q.—With reference to that period just before Sir Richard Squires went away, Mrs. Harsant, I want you to look at this note, $5973.75?

(Note produced by Attorney General and identified by witness.)

Attorney GENERAL—Is that in your handwriting?

A.—Yes. It was to meet an overdraft at the Bank at the time, I think.

COMMISSIONER—I think we were told already what the overdraft was.

(Commissioner looks up particulars)

COMMISSIONER — The overdraft was $11,194.05 at that time and was reduced by this draft to $5973.75.

ATTORNEY GENERAL—I think this was a draft on the Dominion Iron & Steel Company and accepted by your brother, Mrs. Harsant, was it not?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Did you discount that or what did you do with it?

A.—I do not remember exactly, but I know it went through the bank. I must have taken it down to Mr. Glennie. That was about the time Sir Richard was leaving. He (Sir Richard) either had in his possession or was going to get a big cheque from my brother R. W. Miller, who had quite a lot of insurance premiums to get from the Steel Company, and that is how it came to be made in these figures.

ATTORNEY GENERAL — That is what I wanted to know, how the amount was arrived at. You have heard of your brother having done some insurance business with the Steel Company?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Is that your brother?

Q.—Yes.

Q.—He was Agent for the Motor Union I think?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Had you borrowed any money from him?

A.—No. I am not quite sure of the circumstances in connection with that note. I think that my brother Jim told me that he would let me have that cheque for a few days because he could get that from the company. In the meantime he got through this draft.

Q.—Your brother Jim loaned you for a few days this cheque that was coming to R. W. Miller and in the meantime put through this draft?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Mrs. Harsant it has been sworn that this went to the credit of Sir Richard Squires' account. Who put it to that account?

A.—I would do that.

Q.—Do you know what became of that amount afterwards?

A.—That amount was taken care of by my brother, Jim, and paid by him at Bell Island after that.

Q.—Just look at that cheque Mrs. Harsant. (Cheque produced and identified by witness.) Is that in your handwriting?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Who put that to Sir Richard's account?

A.—I did.

COMMISSIONER—I think this will expedite matters. Did you put all to Sir Richard's account?

A.—Yes.

Q.—You were the only person?

A.—Yes.

A.—Mr. Simmonds, the Assistant Manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, would come to me regularly and with an order already written and place a sight draft on my brother for me to sign.

ATTORNEY GENERAL—The Bank occupied the ground floor and your office was in the upper flat in the same building was it not?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Here are two telegrams that were sent to you by Sir Richard Squires while he was away at that time. The first one is dated August 4th. Telegram produced, identified by witness and is read by Commissioner as follows:

"Have telegraphed Goodland give you list Star accounts, pay Murphy immediately, credit arranged, also one thousand dollars Steer note Canadian Bank, renew balance."

ATTORNEY GENERAL—Did Goodland give you a list of the Star accounts?

A.—He gave them to me immediately. I think I had to raise the money to meet those notes and to pay Murphy. I think my brother paid some of the money.

Q.—Sir Richard Squires said he does not know who Murphy is?

A.—That is Joe Murphy who loaned money to the Daily Star and had difficulty in getting it back.

Q.—Did you pay Murphy?

A.—Yes, I paid him.

Q.—What was the result of the Star accounts being handed over to you?

A.—Mr. Goodland sent me down an appalling list and from day to day until Sir Richard Squires came back there was a continual stream of creditors in to me every day.

Q.—I think the Star office after that referred all their creditors to Sir Richards' office?

A.—I am sure they must have.

Q.—What sort of creditors were they? Do you remember any of them?

A.—The Royal Gazette, Mr. Sullivan of the A.N.D. Co., the Reid Nfld. Co., the St. John's Gas Light Co., and bills for insurance premiums in connection with Dr. Mosdell's with regard to the Daily Star. I cannot remember them all.

Q.—They totalled a large amount?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Did you succeed in paying off any of that?

A.—Yes, Mr. Sullivan produced a bill for eight or ten thousand dollars and before Sir Richard Squires came back I had it reduced a couple of thousand dollars and that is why I signed the A.N.D. Co. note that Sir Richard disapproved of. Mr. Sullivan told me he would not supply any more paper to the Star so I had to give the note.

Q.—Mrs. Harsant, there is another part of that telegram sent you by Sir Richard Squires that I would like to ask about. What did the words "credit arranged" mean so far as you were concerned?

A.—There was an understanding between Sir Richard and myself that there was somebody going to finance the account and that is why he sent me the second message to wire him at London. (Telegram produced and identified by witness.)

COMMISSIONER reads telegram as follows:

"Cable me London Tuesday."

SQUIRES.

Q.—Did you forward the reply?

A.—Yes, I found the copy of the reply to-day.

(Copy of telegram produced and identified by witness.) Commissioner reads it as follows:

Squires, Rurality, London.

"Satisfactorily arranged."

MILLER.

Q.—What did you mean by that, Mrs. Harsant?

A.—I thought I could carry that with the assistance of my brother until Sir Richard Squires got back, which I thought would be at the end of two months; but he did not come back until some time at the end of December and new bills were cropping up all the time. That is why I replied as I did to his second message.

Q.—Do I understand that it referred to financial business?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Look at that message, Mrs. Harsant. That is from London.

(Message produced and identified by witness.)

Commissioner reads message as follows:

Miss Jean Miller,

C/o Squires & Winter, St. John's.

"Go Canadian Bank, have them cable to their branch here my St. John's balance."

SQUIRES.

Q.—Did you carry out that?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Was the balance large or small?

A.—About a thousand dollars.

ATTORNEY GENERAL—From time to time then, Mrs. Harsant, you financed Sir Richard Squires, we find, to the extent of forty odd thousand dollars, for which this "Star" note was given?

A.—Yes.

COMMISSIONER—And for that she gave him cheques?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Before we get on to that, you say, Mrs. Harsant, that you paid the creditors of the "Star" from time to time?

A.—Yes, I paid them all I could and reduced nearly all the notes.

Q.—Did you keep a record of that?

A.—There would be a record in our books about it.

COMMISSIONER—In the books of the office?

A.—Yes, in the ledger and cash book.

ATTORNEY GENERAL—Could you identify these accounts if you saw the books?

A.—I could by going through them.

COMMISSIONER — See the Daily Star leaves in the ledger, Mr. Warren. Are these the leaves you refer to witness?

A.Yes.

COMMISSIONER — These are the ones that were torn out of the ledger?

MR. HOWLEY—Pardon me, sir, they were not torn out.

COMMISSIONER—I did not mean the word torn out in any offensive sense.

(Witness examines sheets of ledger.)

WITNESS — These entries were taken from the cash book in somebody else's writing.

COMMISSIONER — The particular entries were not made by you, and it might be one of the sheets that were made up by Mr. Fraser?

A.—No, I think the writing is that of Miss Noseworthy, who was a clerk in the office, as was also Miss Reader; both were assistants of mine.

COMMISSIONER — Can you find there any sums that you paid out up to August 1920?

ATTORNEY GENERAL — What I want to arrive at is this. Who entered up the Star items in the Ledger? Did you?

A.—The entries would be made by me in the regular way and then posted into the cash book, then the entries in the cash book would be posted in the Ledger. Probably an assistant of mine posted them.

Q.—Who kept the cash book?

A.—I did. But one of my assistants would write it up for me sometimes.

COMMISSIONER—There is an item here for $800 in this sheet for Joseph Murphy. That was the one mentioned in the cable. Then there is an item for three sums of money, namely $400, $200 and $750, but it does not say for whom. Do you anything about those?

A.—I don't remember.

Q.—I think one of the things you told us was in this sheet was the "Royal Gazette." There is an entry here for the Royal Gazette, a note for 60 days from August 31st. What were these, paid out or received in?

A.—That is when I would endorse a note for them and they would put it to their credit.

COMMISSIONER—There is a page here which has no date or any sort or kind of description whatever on it. There is no date on that page. On this page then, at the end comes, in the same writing August 16th, Paid Star R. A. S. $700.00.

WITNESS—Sir Richard must have instructed me to pay out $700.00.

COMMISSIONER—This was Aug 13 after he had gone.

MR. HOWLEY—I put sheets dealing with the account from August, and in so far as this commencement of the August account runs——

COMMISSIONER—The first note on this sheet is August 31st, and then it harks back to August 13, and the next sheet begins Aug. 6, 1920, and then it goes on to August 13th, August 19th and August 15th, 1920, Sept. 10th, and goes on to December 5th, when there is a note 30 days Star $2,905.00, then there come three sheets, which to make the matter plainer take me back to November 1920, and another one dealing with September and another October. I do not know whether you can tell us anything about those.

MR. WARREN— The entries on those sheets of the ledger were made from the cash book you think?

A.—These are made from the cash book, I expect.

Q.—In addition to having these entries made in the ledger of the amounts you paid out, was there a sheet in the ledger for amounts received from Mr. Meaney or from your brother?

A.—Yes. I had two memorandas. One in my brother's name, and one in the name of J. T. Meaney.

Q.—Is that the memorandum that you kept in that account?

A.Yes.

MR. WAREN—I ask that that go in.

COMMISSIONER—Is this one of the sheets of the ledger that we had before us before?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And this is the ordinary ledger in use in the office?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Open to the inspection, whether he did inspect it or not, of Mr. Fraser?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And of Mr. Curtis?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And of Sir Richard Squires?

A.—Yes. It was on the desk in the office all day, and at night it was put in a vault.

Q.—Were they made before you gave up the books, and Mr. Fraser was put in control in the month of July?

A.—Yes.

COMMISSIONER — August 7th, cheque R.W. $5973.75, thirty days draft, same date $5973.75, 14th, sight draft, $5000, 16th, sight draft, $5000, same day sixty days' draft $20,209.30, 17th, sight draft, $2000, same, $4000, November 26th, 1500, September 30th, cash, $500. That is a debit. The others are all on the other side. I see they are all apparently in the lady's writing.

MR. WARREN—Now, then, Mrs. Harsant, here are a number of cheques that were produced and handed to your brother in his examination. Do you remember those. They are in your handwriting, are they not?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And your brother says that these cheques were handed to him by you?

A.—He was asking me for a settlement of the $46,000 for months.

Q.—Just give us a description of this?

A.—He came one day, and he was asking for a settlement, and I made out a cheque for this amount he had advanced, and I told him not to cash it until he had seen Sir Richard.

Q.—Have you ever seen them since?

A.—No; I do not know what happened to them.

COMMISSIONER—Do you know when it was that you gave them to him?

A.—Some time after Sir Richard came back. They are dated.

Q.—They are all dated on August dates, and they are obviously consecutive.

A.—I took them out of the cheque book.

Q.—They are all drawn at the same time, but the dates on them are the dates corresponding with the documents?

A.—I do not remember doing that, but I evidently did. But they would not be presented at the Bank because we had no money.

COMMISSIONER—But if we see the stubs we shall be able to tell approximately when they were issued?

A.—Yes.

MR. WARREN—You have one lot at one time and you seem to have given another lot of cheques at another time?

A.—I thought I gave them all together.

COMMISSIONER—If you look at the $20,000 cheque and the $380.00 cheque you will see that the numbers go from the eleven hundreds to the thirteen hundreds. Therefore, you had drawn about 150 more cheques in the interval.

A.—The office stubs would explain that.

MR. WARREN—Did you number the cheques?

A.—No, they were numbered by my assistant.

Q.—You have told us that you financed from these amounts certain creditors of the Daily Star. Did you have to finance or make any deposits to the R. A. Squires' account at the Canadian Bank of Commerce while he was away at that time?

A.—I do not remember whether I made any deposits in the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

Q.—In the Bank of Nova Scotia?

A.—For Sir Richard, personally? Yes. I knew that he drew cheques in London and mailed them to the Bank of Nova Scotia, and Mr. Glennie would send for me on these occasions.

Q.—Why?

A.—There would not be sufficient funds to meet them.

Q.—And you did find funds?

A.—Yes, and Mr. Glennie insisted that I find them. He would not advance Sir Richard one cent when Sir Richard was away.

Q.—Mrs. Harsant, out of all this amount, did you use any of it for yourself?

A.—Well, Sir Richard came to see me one Monday morning and asked me the amount that he owed to my brother, and I looked up the ledger sheets and told him the amount. He said "Get me a Bank of Nova Scotia cheque." I produced the office cheque book, and he asked me for a spare cheque, and I handed to him, and he asked me to make it out to my brother for $46,000. I told him, before it was made out, that there were a lot of expenses also amounting to $1500 that I had kept myself, and he said "do not bother about that now," so the cheque was made out for the total amount of $46,000.

Q.—You say that you had taken $1500 for yourself on instructions?

A.—Yes, there were a lot of expenses.

Q.—This cheque is typed, who typed it?

A.—I typed it myself. It is not from the regular office cheque book at all, it is from a spare book.

COMMISSIONER—Have you got a number on it?

A.—No, it had no number when I gave it to Sir Richard.

MR. WARREN—What would be the nature of the expenses that you had?

A.—There were a lot of expenses for cars around town from the time that the Steel Company's officials came down in the summer of 1920. Some times these were paid by my brother and sometimes by myself. Sometimes I would have to get a car for D. H. McDougall to go to Sir Richard's house and call back there for my brother, and he would not be ready to leave. Sir Richard would say "wait a few minutes," but it might be three hours after that that my brother came out, and the car would be waiting probably all the time.

Q.—There is a deposit slip here, which has been put in, showing that there was a deposit of $5000 to Mr. Curtis's account at the Bank of Nova Scotia, the L. R. Curtis account.

COMMISSIONER—Trust account.

MR. WARREN (Continuing) — Is that in addition to the $46,000?

A.—Yes.

Q.—It is dated August 1921, two months after you left. That, you say, was not part of the $46,000, but in addition to it?

A.—Yes.

Q.—I want to ask you that first, because I propose to go back to this $46,000 cheque. Will you describe the circumstances under which you paid out that cheque, and what happened?

A.—Do you mean the $46,000 cheque?

Q.—Yes.

A.—I have just explained it. I typed the cheque for Sir Richard and he took it away with him. He stood over me when I typed it, and then he took it away with him. Then he came back with it. It may have been a half hour but not more than an hour when he came back with it, signed by Dr. Mosdell, and told me to hand it to my brother.

Q.—Which you did?

A.—Yes, Sir Richard many times after that wanted to get the cheque back, but my brother had sent it too Sydney. I think I would have given it to him only for that.

MR. LEWIS objects to the witness volunteering these sattements.

MR. WARREN—Very well, I will ask her the question. Did Sir Richard ask you for the cheque?

A.—Yes, several times. I would have given it to him, but my brother had sent it to Sydney.

MR. WARREN—You know, I am not perfectly instructed in this matter.

COMMISSIONER—This lady is not his client, and the situation between him and her, is not the same as between you and your client, Mr. Lewis. He asked for the cheque back.

WITNESS—And I think I would have given it back to him if I had it.

Q.—And your brother would not part with it?

A.—No.

MR. WARREN—In addition to that you say you deposited $5000 to the credit of the L. R. Curtis account. Why did you deposit that?

A.—I think a short while previous to Sir Richard leaving on one of his trips he sent for me and asked me to raise—I think it might be—$20,000.

MR. LEWIS—To which trip are you referring?

WITNESS—He sent for me previous to each trip.

COMMISSIONER—In 1920 he was away for a period from August to October.

WITNESS—I remember telegraphing him.

MR. LEWIS—I wanted to know if this was in 1920.

COMMISSIONER—It appears in the trust account towards the end of August, 1920.

MR. WARREN—August.

COMMISSIONER—Did I say October. I mean August. He was away from August 21st to October 3rd. Yes. He asked me to raise $20,000. Did he say for what purpose?

A.—I do not know that he did. I do not remember.

MR. WARREN—What did you do?

A.—I think I left for Bell Island to see my brother, and the most that he could give me was $5000, and he gave me that in cash. When I got back to town I heard, I cannot remember from whom, that Curtis had telegraphed Sir Richard——

Q.—Why?

A.—Because he had left without putting the account in funds.

Q.—What did you do?

A.—I took it that a message had been sent to Sir Richard, and I was afraid he might be worried by it, so I sent a message to D. H. McDougall. I knew he was going to see D. H. and I told him to inform Sir Richard to disregard Mr. Curtis' message, and then I deposited the $5000.

Q.—Is that a copy of the message that you sent to D. H. McDougall?

A.—Yes. I sent that because I thought Sir Richard might be worried by the message he had got from Mr. Curtis.

Q.—This is your telegram?

A.—Yes.

COMMISSIONER—This is dated August 23rd. Addressed to D. H. McDougall, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia. "Kindly inform Prime Minister as follows: Disregard Curtis' message. Signed Jean G. Miller."

MR. WARREN—You say you got this money from your brother?

A.—Yes.

Q.—It is deposited August 3rd. That would mean that you got it at some time after that $46,000 cheque had been given to square up the accounts. You got this money in August. Do you remember when the auditors came down from the Company, Tasman and Kempton?

A.—I remember it quite well.

Q.—Did they see you?

A.—They came to see me several times.

Q.—Do you remember showing them this deposit?

A.—I had to show it to them because they asked me if I had anything to show for this $5000.

Q.—And you showed them this deposit slip?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Which shows that the amount had been put to the credit of the L. R. Curtis account. Did they say anything?

A.—No, they seemed quite satisfied.

Q.—Do you remember any occasion on which your brother and Mr. Meaney went away?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Did you have any conversations with Sir Richard about their going?

A.—Yes, I had quite a few about it.

Q.—With Sir Richard?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Would you tell us about the first one you remember.

A.—I remember distinctly the first time that Mr. Meaney went away for Sir Richard Squires, Sir Richard sent for him and my brother.

Q.—Do you know who it was suggested Mr. Meaney?

A.—I do not know who it was suggested Mr. Meaney going, but Sir Richard was anxious for him to go, but did not want him to go officially. He was going away in connection with raising money from the Steel Company.

Q.—Did Sir Richard tell you that?

A.—Yes.

COMMISSIONER — Sir Richard Squires told you that?

A.—Yes.

Q.—That was before the first of Mr. Meaney's visits?

A.—I think it was the first time that he went away.

MR. WARREN—You said Sir Richard said he did not want Mr. Meaney to go officially; what did he say, after that?

A.—I think he asked me if I had any idea or reason he could give for going. He said, "Hasn't he got a daughter in Montreal; couldn't she be ill?" He told me to ask Mr. Meaney to ask for leave of absence to visit his sick daughter.

Q.—She was in Montreal at school?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And so Mr. Meaney did do that?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Now then, go on.

A.—Sir Richard was going out by train this morning and I met Mr. Meaney and he said that Sir Richard would be leaving in a few minutes "and I have not received any reply to my letter." Then I got a car, rushed into Sir Richard's house; Lady Squires met me at the door; it was one o'clock and he was supposed to be going on the train that day; she said I could not see him because he was too busy; Sir Richard heard me and called me and said he was waiting for me. I told him Mr. Meaney had not received a reply from his letter; he said he had not received a letter from Mr. Meaney. He rang up Mr. Carew and asked him if there was a letter there from Mr. Meaney asking for leave of absence to go to his daughter. Mr. Carew said it was there but it had been laid aside for the Deputy to answer. Then I heard him tell Mr. Carew to grant his request for leave of absence.

COMMISSIONER—Was this in answer to the letter asking for leave of absence?

A.—Yes.

MR. WARREN—You say that Sir Richard mentioned to you what Mr. Meaney and your brother were going for?

MR. LEWIS—She did not say so.

COMMISSIONER—I will tell you what she did say. (Reads evidence.)

A.—I think it was $100,000 at the time that Mr. Meaney and Sir Richard wanted.

MR. WARREN—Did he say anything to you about it?

A.—Sir Richard mentioned to me that he thought it would be an easy matter to get $100,000, but I don't know what I answered.

Q.—Did you after that see Sir Richard from time to time.

A.—Yes.

Q.—Where?

A.— Mostly at his home.

Q.—Do you remember when?

A.—Off and on when he was in town; sometimes on Sunday and in the evenings.

Q.—Did he ever discuss this question of getting money at any of these meetings?

A.—My visits were always in connection with finances, nothing else.

Q.—Was at any time this particular part of finances brought up, the getting of money from the Steel Company?

A.—Yes, that was always brought up.

Q.—Did he stay at $100,000?

A.—No, afterwards it was $150,000, then $200,0000 and $250,000, and lastly it was $300,000.

COMMISSIONER — It went up by easy stages.

A.—I remember the $300,000 one distinctly. It was a Sunday afternoon at his house and he told me that I would be looked after and that I would receive from a firm of New York lawyers the mortgage papers of my bungalow. I was not to know where they came from.

MR. WARREN—Your house, or your husband's house was mortgaged?

A.—Yes. $5,000.00 on it.

Q.—It is an expensive house, Mrs. Harsant?

A.—I am very glad you asked me that Mr. Warren because I want to say that all the lumber that went into that house and garage we got free; we did not build the garage because we had a car because we got the lumber for nothing; all the lumber that went into that we got for nothing and my husband more than half furnished it himself.

MR. LEWIS—This is all very interesting but is it relevant?

MR. WARREN—You asked Mr. Miller some such question yourself?

WITNESS—Sir Richard when he was in Montreal called to see Mr. Wolvin.....

COMMISSIONER—That is all very well but wait untill it is asked you. I do not want you to volunteer statements even if it is for your own protection.

MR. WARREN—The last conversation you referred to in which you were promised the title deeds of your house; was that lately?

A.—In the winter when I was married.

COMMISSIONER—You were married in 1922?

A.—Yes and it was in the winter of 1923; it may have been February or March.

MR. WARREN—As far as I am concerned at present that is all I propose to ask Mrs. Harsant. As we have put Mrs. Harsant in the box to help things along it is now nearly ten minutes after five and I will ask as I asked this morning that there will be no further cross-examination to this witness.

COMMISSIONER—I don't imagine that Mr. Lewis is in a position to cross-examine Mrs. Harsant now. He has got the examination-in-chief of both these witnesses and I hope he will be prepared to examine them both on Monday morning.

MR. LEWIS—Mrs. Harsant has identified cheques 1154 and subsequent I wonder if I may ask her about the stubs?

COMMISSIONER—Yes. you may do that.

MR. LEWIS—Showing stubs to witness. This is your handwriting?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And this?

A.—Yes.

Q.—They are all yours, from 1154 to 1160 inclusive?

A.—Yes.

COMMISSIONER—It might help you to know that it is already in evidence that the habit in the office was to have the stubs made out by her

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