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British Steel business.

lief. I don't know what other policies sitting until alf past five. were paid at the office.

WITNESS-It is the truth, no matter how it sounds, sir.

to be found in your business office.

WITNESS-I could not give you the details, as I have not seen my insurance books since 1918.

policies on which brought business of | hour. \$5,000.00 or \$6,000.00, of which you hoped for an extension.

WITNESS-I can have my insurance clerk find out exactly, for your information, what the profits would be.

commission you say, Sir Richard, is five per cent., and if \$480.00, as you fold us yesterday, was an outport agent's commission and she was worth that, she should have brought \$9,600 .-00 in to you?

A .- On a basis of five per cent. if the were an outport agent. MR. WARREN-Mr. Commissioner

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I mur ask for an adjournment now, justify a payment of \$480.00 per A .- If you would let your mind work as the are certain public duties num to Miss Miller? a little more accurately you would un- which 1 ave to perform, and I would derstand that my answer to you was ask, as I have not finished my cross- MR. WARREN-Very good. You that she controlled that in my be- examination that we make it up by

COMMISSIONER - He certainly lic duties which particularly require you? gave me to understand there might be your presence, in your public capacothers in his office, but that he was ity, but your convenience is not the pay more. not prepared to name any of the only consideration. I am quite preparothers. To me that sounds very like ed to sit until half past five. Do you

mind, Mr. Howley? MR, HOWLEY-I am prepared, gen-

erally speaking, sir, but I am sure you | surance? COMMISSIONER - Of course, I recognize what a great difficulty it is don't expect you to give me the de- to distribute the time out of session tails of every insurance policy that is in order to anettd to other business matters. COMMISSIONER-If you say it is

really inconvenient to you, owing to any services? COMMISSIONER - It means then office, matters that require looking af- services as a political supporter or- her?" that she was connected with the Brit- ter, if you say it is inconvenient to dinarily renders in connection with ish Empire Steel Corporation, which you to sit later than five o'clock, then the work, you had already had in your office, the we shall not mind the extra half

MR. HOWLEY-I just wish to point out that there will be time when it would be inconvenient for us to sit.

COMMISSIONER-I should like to sit for a full day, if I can. Mr. Warren MR. WARREN—An outport agent's has public business which he must attend to. I should like to sit for the extra half hour, unless by doing so I am doing an injustice to anyone else.

Adjourned to 2.30. MR. WARREN-Before adjournment, there were some questions di rected to Sir Richard with regard to his insurance company. As far as I

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desire to ask any questions as to his own or his firm's receipts from that nsurance Company. I am directing my attention entirely to the total amount of premiums he received, and what an outport agent's commission vould amount to. Sir Richard, I nnrstand, has since the adjournmen nade up the figures, and I see no reason why they should be made part of this Enquiry; but, in case you, sir, as ures, I have agreed, subject to your approval, that the figures should be handed to you. COMMISSIONER-I think I should

like to see them, I see no reason why an entirely private matter of that kind should be made public, if he desires that it should not be. At the same time, I shall like to have them before

MR. WARREN-They have been shown to me. They represent only the profits or commissions he received on this particular business that was re-

COMMISSIONER-The British Enpire Steel Corporation. (To Witness) Well, have you any objection to my seeing those figures?

WITNESS-No. I shall explain they COMMISSIONER-I thought you

wanted to keep them from the public. MR. WARREN-He did not want to publicly and openly disclose a private matter. I quite understand; he has a very good reason for the position he takes up.

WITNESS-I am agent for Globe & Rutgers, and also for the United British Fire Insurance Company. Witt: each of these companies, I made my own private arrangements as to Newfoundland business. As to what the nature of the arrangements made with the companies-made with each company-was, I am not prepared to disclose.

COMMISSIONER-If you made bet ter arrangements with one of them so much the better for you.

A .- It was a matter of arrangeent. The value to me and to my firm of the insurance of that company, in my opinion, far more than justified the payment of a salary of \$40.00 per month to control and develop it. (Produces Memorandum to Commission

er). Those are the figures. MR WARREN-They go in under oath, of course. WITNESS-Well, they were pre-

pared for me. COMMISSIONER-You say. think these figures were sufficient to

WITNESS-Yes. per month to Miss Miller because of

COMMISSIONER-These are pub- the business that she was bringing to

A .- I would have been prepared to MR. WARREN-And you were prepared to pay more. That payment of \$40.00 per month to Miss Miller would be purely on account of in-

A.-Yes Q.—Not for any other services? A .- Not for any other services. Q.-After July, 1921, was Miss

Miller acting for you—rendering you the amount of other matters in your A .- None whatever, excepting such

> Q.-I am afraid that does not convey much to me.

> A .- I am sorry. Q.-I want to know if she was rendering you any service?

A.—The same as any political supporter would render. I could name up a dozen political supporters in St. record, kept in your books? John's and the outports who had no business relations with me, were receiving no salary from me, and who were rendering me the same class of

services as Miss Miller. What service did Miss Miller render made out, whatever they were.

A .- She was interested in the political welfare of the party of which Q.—And what service did she ren-

der? I am not asking what she was nterested in. A .- I think that anything Miss Miller or her brother did for the upkeep of the party, they gladly did without muneration or reward.

O.-My question was: what service did she render?

A.—That was a service which sh

Q.—What service? A .- Political service.

Q.—What political service? A .- I can't tell any particular in

dividual man or woman she approached for political support or contribu tions, or give any particular inform brought to me. Q.-You said she rendered you poli-

tical service. When one makes a gen-eral statement of that sort, then is natural the Commission would like to know what the services were. You answer that you cannot recall any alar service after she left your ffice in July, 1921.

A.-I can. I have already told you two or three times, I have a reco tion of a time in the spring of 192 when she collected an amount of \$2,-

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her political services—the obtaining don't want to find out now from other documents. If at the time a record of money for campaign funds? A.—That was a very valuable serwas made of the transactions I would vice which was participated in by her. like to see it. Was she paid at the

Mack Sennett ever produced.

COMMISSIONER—She did not go office? and hold meetings for you? COMMISSIONER - What other political service did she render as I can find out. well as helping to finance the poli-

tical campaign? Was there anything MR. WARREN-Was it not Miss ment with her? Miller's job to help finance your political campaign?

WITNESS-No. Not more than any one of half a dozen others. Q.-Never mind about any others. Was it Miss Miller's job? A .- No. She voluntarily helped in

any way she could.

MR. WARREN-Miss Miller such a hearty supporter of our poli- think on one occasion there was tical party at the time, that she de- \$120.00. voted all her time after you dismissed her to helping the party in any produce those records. shape or form she could?

A .- I believe she did, in any way she could, and I am glad to say, for to Globe & Rutgers' account? the success of our party, there were thousands who did the same thing. COMMISSIONER-We don't want to know about thousands of others. As far as you know, at any rate, she

was still devoted to your interests? WITNESS-Yes, to my political counts you had here an entry of Q.—Am I to take it then that she interests. MR. WARREN-And all she got Miller.

for the work she did was nothing through the office? whatever from you? A.—I paid her nothing whatever. casions, and by cheque, paid by my- you in 1921?

her political activities. I might also the office records. say that not one of my West End Committee men were paid either.

MR. WARREN-How was the \$40.00 per month paid to Miss Miller? A .- I think she usually applied for It was arranged between you and it. I am not quite sure.

Q.—I asked, "How was it paid to

paid at all. Q.-By cash, or by cheque or not paid at all. Did it ever happen that she was not paid at all? A .- I don't know whether she was | ness.

paid regularly up to the cancellation of that insurance. COMMISSIONER-Was there not a

A.-Yes. Q.-Kept in that ledger? A .- In looking over the Globe Rutgers' Fire Insurance account I it.

noted a couple of entries of \$40.00, Q.—That has nothing to do with it. \$80.00 or \$60.00. I could have them there? COMMISSIONER-I don't like these accounts made out afterwards. I had better be kept here. You expect

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at all stores.

MR. WARREN-You have sworn that Miss Miller was paid \$40.00 per month. Did you make that agree-A.—Yes. Q.—It was definitely settled at \$40.00 per month? A .- Yes. It was arranged between Miss Miller and myself. Q.-Do you know whether she got

A.-I think she was sometime

her, and sometimes paid at the office.

\$40.00 per month? A .- I know she got several payments of \$40.00, \$80.00 or \$120.00. I

Q.—I am afraid you will have A.-I shall be glad to do so.

Q.—You say that this was charged case? A.—I am not saying so. When saw the account here some time ago work. I noticed an entry on that account. count on the desk at the time. Q .- You noticed in one of the ac-

A -I remember, on one or two oc-

Q.—Excepting this \$40.00 on ac- self. If you are asking me now to speak from memory about the ac- did not do any financing except for A .- I do not know whether she has now. A .- That had nothing to do with counts, I shall be glad to produce political purposes, but that she de- apparently had it done in the past or

this \$40.00 per month, which you say got the money I have no knowledge debited some amounts as a part of the cheques? COMMISSIONER-I am not inter- was arrived at on the basis of insur- of, ested in your West End Committee ance which she was sule to bring, almen; I am interested in Miss Miller. leged to have brought, or could bring. A.-Or control.

Q .- There was no coubt about that Miss Miller that you would pay her that and she was getting \$40.00 per month from July, 1921, for and on account of insurance, and that only? A.-Yes.

COMMISSIONER-That was entirey office business, I presume? WITNESS-Yes, insurance busi-COMMISSIONER-It was not part

of your political activities? WITNESS-No. COMMISSIONER-Do you expect that a record will be found in your ledger of the whole thing?

COMMISSIONER—Is the ledger WITNESS-No, it is at my office.

COMMISSIONER—The documents sonal cheque, but that is a matter of to find a special column somewher there ought to be a special column

A.-Yes. COMMISSIONER-Not with the rdinary wages of your staff, but a special sheet in the ledger. There cheque? should be a special leaf, containing this account, and nothing else but

memory of the books themselves.

ATTORNEY GENERAL—You said Sir Richard that you paid Miss Mil- Thousands of cheques have been ler forty dollars a month for attending othe insurance work, is that so? so that I cannot tell without referrA.—I made arrangements to pay her fing to the records. forty dollars a month; I know that I Q.—Will you get the records that paid her various amounts from time

A.—Because most of the payments | Q.—Did you ever send her a cheque were made by me by cheque, and, as I from Ritz Carleton Hotel in Monhave said, when I looked at some en- treal?

Q.—Do you know whether that went away for some amounts that item was entered in the ordinary were due. Either while in transit or course of business or was it one of after I arrived in Montreal I mailed the items you sent over to Mr. Fras- a cheque. Whatever she wanted as er to have put in the book? payment on account or payment up A.-Mr. Fraser would have the an- to date I paid it to her.

Q.—Very well, but I propose to put fice for payment as it was a straight irs. Harsant in the box again and I on account instead of by personal am dut yound to ask her that ques- cheque from Montreal or in transit? about the forty dollars a John's Bank in respect of her salary.

ATTORNEY GENERAL—Why did

A.-I do not know the date. Q.—What year it? A .- I gather it was in July, 1921.

Q.—She left your office employ you say in Juply 1921, but I gather that she did not really leave in July 1921, paid by cheque, which I forwarded and that she was working with you after that. Is that correct? A .- You can say what you choose.

Q.—Is it true or not I am asking? A .- She was connected with me for six years and naturally served me for that period and I understood received payment for her services until shedelivered up the I.O.U's. Then I thought she had insurance relations only for which she was paid \$40 month. Then she became a political supporter of mine and also her brother and they assisted me as best they could, as others did.

Q.—While paid forty dollars a month by you or your office for insurance work, after her services were no longer required in July 1921, yet she was not working for you, but was doing things gratuitously, is that the

A.—She was receiving no pay in my office, she was paid for political

Q.—It all depends on what you call There may have been some other ac- political work. Would you call fin- partnership matter. The whole profits you admitted yesterday that Mr. ancing the "Star" political work? A.-Yes.

\$40.00 which you connected with Miss did finance the "Star" after she left Q .- In spite of the fact that she de- cheque while in transit to Montreal Curtis about the matter did leave in posited three thousand dollars for instead of having it go through the effect. However, the matter has been

A .- I have already sworn that she the past. posited two amounts of \$3,000 and not. Q.—You are speaking definitely of \$2,500 but the sources from which she Q.—You said that she had been the authority of your clerk to sign

Q .- You had not already sworn to thatthat? A .- I have sworn that both her-

self and her brother James identified my campaign fund. came from him.

vious answer to a question he told us of the books through Mr. Fraser. I before. As a rule I do not want to he did not know where the money did not carry a transaction of \$120 in hear the same thing twice. came from and now he says it came my mind. from Mr. Miller.

COMMISSIONER-Did 'you know what happened? A .- I did not know that these

amounts were personal subscriptions of Mr. Miller ATTORNEY GENERAL-Did you WITNESS-I cannot tell until I see not pay Miss Miller after she was supposed to have left your employ? A .- My own recollection is that she was paid on several occasions by per-

record and I prefer to speak from record rather than from memory. Q.-L m afraid I will have to refresh your memory without your record. Now you said that you used to pay her by your own personal

A.—Yes, that is my recollection. Q.—Then you do remember that you did pay her?

A.—I am not prepared to say whether I paid her personally or whether she was paid in the office. handled by the office and by myself,

you refer to? A .- Yes, I will be glad to have Mr.

pond with those payments.

A.—I think I did. My memory is that she made application before I that she made application before I

Q.—Why not refer her to the of-

you send her a cheque from Montreal on the way to Montreal or after or in transit instead of having the got there a cheque on account? neque go through the office in the rdinary business-like way?

nount was due her. I was busy at the on account or in full. time and I did not see her when about make my departure. Q.—And soon after you left you

A.—Before I left she said this

for the purpose of cleaning up the had been endorser to a note, the

transit after I had cleaned these maters up I mailed the cheque. Q.—If this was a business transac on and she was entitled to \$40 a onth and it was transacted on Globe and Rutgers account, why did you and I confess that this was the rea other about it when you were so busy reason. with other things and instead of sending her a cheque either in transit or

ot let it go through the office? A .- From a financial standpoint it made no difference COMMISSIONER-This he explained efore. For instance it was not a

the other partner, is that it? ATTORNEY GENERAL—But why to Mr. Curtis?

orty dollars a month?

A.-I do not think you have in min1

very clear digest of the evidence.

Q.—I am trying to get at it. A .- I did not say that there was an themselves in procuring money for entry in the office for that cheque. so that the Attorney General is wrong I think that I made it clear that the Q.—You know that the amounts payment was a personal one, I pre- son, is he? pared one list and sent it to the office MR. HOWLEY-That is not what to be entered up. Whether there were it was not to be charged to my acmy witness meant and you know it. | direct payments or not it is impossible count and the first suggestion— ATTORNEY GENERAL-In a pre- for me to tell without the production | COMMISSIONER-You said all this

> ATTORNEY GENERAL-If you member you produced some notes yeswere paid by cheque there would be a terday in which she had been the enstub to represent it would there not? dorser. If I was wrong in stating that A .- A multitude of things happened that was the reason in the main that elating to my affairs and a great brought about the cancellation of her nany things are not entered in my power of attorney, I will take it back

Q .- Anyway you paid to Miss Miller

A .- I paid her something on count. I do not know whether amount, as stated by her, of \$120 w

Q.-Did you check it up? A.-No, I took her word for it, ju as I would if a clerk of mine car ddenly thought of sending it while into my office to-morrow morn and asked me for two months wa that were due him.

iltitude of business matters that I brought about the cancellation of h had no time to attend to. And while in power of attorney? A .- You are misquoting my evid and you are doing it knowingly.

> reasons and this was one of them; COMMISSIONER-But the other

COMMISSIONER-You did give the

gave the reasons.

after you got in Montreal why did you do not amount to much in my op ion? A .- From my standpoint they very substantial; but I am not offer

ing any criticism. COMMISSIONER-But I thou went to you and were not divided with Cramm on the one part complained of Miss Miller and Miss Miller on the other hand complained of Mr. Cram

ffice, as has apparently been done in dealt with with Miss Miller personal ly and I am not going to discuss

> personal reasons why you withdrew A .- I withdrew the authority b cause I wanted no cheques any longer

COMMISSIONER-What were

to be signed by her. Q .- And one of the reasons was because she had signed as promissor; when he says that was the sole res

A .- I gave notice to the Bank that

Now what was the amount you paid

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iss Miller

articular Q.-Do eferring A.-No Q.—But A.-Yes. Q.-Now ack here nind seei

A.-I we n Dec. 20 January Q.-And period in 21 and Ja Miss Mill work? A.-Tha facts are Q.-Do the cheque A.-I am

mation for the Bank adian Ban Q.-But months sa A.-I the ly from re Q.-But

be verye

of the fact it before : A.-Yes Q.-But from her A.-No Q.—ln communic in Montre A .-- I do lection:

> Q.—Did A.-I h

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1921, and