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The Enquiry Conducted

By T. Hollis Walker, K.C.

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I am given to understand, however, that if you were able to render certain services of value to the Company, the matter might be overlooked, but anything along these lines must be adjusted at once as a representative of the Company may be sent to St. John's any day to investigate the entire matter.

I am convinced the situation has reached a very critical stage, and that you will be asked to submit satisfactory vouchers, make the promised arrangement, or be the goat.

The above is a plain statement of the case and I need not trouble you with my views of the matter as I was instructed to understand that our people were in earnest and no delay would be countenanced.

Yours truly,
(Sgd.) N. B. GILLIS,
Supt. Ore Mines & Quarries.

H.B.C.McL.
Now, Mr. Miller, this says that some statements had been made to your story of the disposal of the money was absolutely in error. What was the story you told?

A.—That it was paid to Sir Richard Squires.

Q.—And the suggestion made here is that somebody was alleging that that was false?

A.—Sir Richard had denied it.

MR. WARREN—Now you just said that in order that you would get your appointment, you had to clean up this matter of \$46,000.00. Is this the matter referred to in that letter—this matter of \$46,000.00?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Mr. Lewis put a question to you in this form: Is it true that if you proved that Sir Richard Squires got the money, you would get your appointment—and you said yes.

A.—As far as I understand, yes.

COMMISSIONER—That is what I understood you to say would be the case.

WITNESS—It was, probably.

MR. WARREN—Mr. Miller, was it so much a question of proving that Sir Richard Squires got the money as of proving that you did not?

A.—It was on account of the statement made by Sir Richard Squires during our visit there in January.

Q.—You have already stated that that happened in Montreal when you were there previous to February?

A.—Yes.

Q.—But did you have to prove that you did not get the money?

A.—Well, when Sir Richard Squires denied in Montreal that he got the money, there was no alternative but to send an auditor or representative down to take it up.

Q.—And when the auditors came down to investigate the matter, did they go into your books?

A.—No, I handed them over the vouchers belonging to Sir Richard.

Q.—You handed them over the vouchers, and I think you said you were ill at that time?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And you have said that Mr. Meaney asked for you, or that you asked for him. In what way? Did Mr. Meaney ask for you?

A.—When I received the letter from Mr. Gillis I went to see my sister, and she was ill, and I then called for Mr. Meaney and gave him the drafts and asked him to go down to the Bank of Nova Scotia and get them verified, as I had received another letter stating the auditors were coming down.

Q.—What do you call the drafts—these notes and cheques?

A.—Yes.

Q.—You asked Mr. Meaney to go down to the Bank of Nova Scotia and find out whether they had gone to Sir Richard's account?

A.—Yes.

ATTORNEY GENERAL—I take it that at that time you were under suspicion by the Company with regard to this forty-six thousand dollars?

A.—I naturally would be when the

Prime Minister denied having received it.

ATTORNEY GENERAL—They were suspicious on the ground that Sir Richard Squires had not received the money, but that you had?

A.—Yes.

Q.—With reference to this letter of July 7th, which has just been quoted, from you to Sir Richard Squires and which was brought up earlier in your cross-examination, I think it referred to your appointment as the Company's agent at St. John's, and you stated that you had written the letter because Sir Richard Squires was the cause of your losing the agency. What do you mean by that?

A.—I was invited in 1923 to Montreal by Mr. H. D. McDougall, Vice-President, and I took it for granted that that was the reason that I was going down there.

Q.—To be appointed?

A.—Yes.

Q.—What do you mean by stating that Sir Richard Squires was the cause of your losing the appointment?

A.—During my stay in Montreal I used to visit the Besco office every day. I called there at 12 o'clock noon one day and was informed that Sir Richard Squires had been there at 10 o'clock and that he had told Mr. Wolvin, the President, that he had not received a cent of this money.

Q.—So that is why you say that Sir Richard was the cause of your losing the appointment?

A.—I blame him for that.

ATTORNEY GENERAL—Now those notes, as we have heard it this afternoon, were from time to time discounted. Did you know at the time they were being discounted?

A.—Yes.

Q.—You say you knew at the time they were being discounted, and the proceeds used?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Confirming telegram sent you on August first. Have you been able to get that yet?

COMMISSIONER—I would like to get that, as it is in the commencement of this correspondence. I would like to have it the first thing to-morrow morning so as we could deal with it.

A.—I will have it for to-morrow.

ATTORNEY GENERAL—Here is a letter Mr. Miller that you sent to Mr. Hector McInnes, K.C., of Halifax, N.S. "Confirming telegram sent you on August 1st. I beg to say that this party sent for me and asked if it would be possible to arrange loan to meet some pressing obligations which had to be straightened out before he could get away on the next boat on his vacation. The reason for rush reply was due to his leaving the matter so until the last moment expecting cheque from parties which were past due. This amount is only required for a couple of months, and if you can see your way clear to help him out, I am sure it will be to the interest of all concerned. He told me confidentially that he preferred looking to us to help him over his present difficulties, and any action our people care to take would likely be reciprocated later in some other way. Owing to the matter being urgent and not sure of your present whereabouts I have also sent a copy of the telegram to Mr. D. H. McDougall."

Very truly yours,
J.J.McL.

ATTORNEY GENERAL—Whom did you mean by saying "this party sent for me"?

A.—Sir Richard Squires.

COMMISSIONER—The inference that it was Sir Richard Squires is obvious. Will you tell me what you mean by saying also "in the interest of all concerned"? Did you mean the Company to be included in that?

A.—Yes.

COMMISSIONER—How would the Commissioning of Sir Richard Squires to help him over some of his financial straits be in the interest of the Company?

A.—In a great many ways because

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there were a lot of dealings between the Company and the Government.

Q.—You mean you were putting him under the obligation of the Company. I do not know if that is the way you take it. The inference is obvious. He was going to get assistance for a financial strait. Now tell me how was the Company going to be interested?

A.—Any more than the Company would want a special favor done.

COMMISSIONER—Do you think that is quite straight for a man in his position as Prime Minister? What do you think of it now?

A.—It was meant in a general way.

COMMISSIONER—Do you mean that that is the general form of doing things in Newfoundland? I hope not. It would be to the interest of Sir Richard Squires to get the accommodation and of interest to the Company because it would benefit the Company, and thereafter the Company could seek favors and concessions that would mean better prospects for them?

A.—Yes. We expected a lot of favors sometimes with respect to shipping, such as allowing the clearing of boats on Sundays, as that is a matter that the Government from time to time could object to.

COMMISSIONER—You thought that was the reciprocal benefits. Very well.

ATTORNEY GENERAL—What do you mean by "he told me confidentially, etc." Who is "he"?

A.—Sir Richard Squires.

Q.—Then again there is the term "any action our people care to take" in the letter. What is meant by "our people"?

A.—The Company.

ATTORNEY GENERAL—Do you swear that Sir Richard Squires told you confidentially, as was read in that letter?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Do you swear that if you did a good turn for him then that he would reciprocate thereafter?

A.—Yes, that is what he meant.

Q.—The same letter was addressed to Mr. D. H. McDougall, President of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company, Ltd., was it not?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Now this cheque for \$46,000 was promised to you on the Sunday you say by Sir Richard Squires?

A.—No, on Saturday night I received a wire from my sister to come to the city.

ATTORNEY GENERAL—I understand that Sir Richard had promised to send it to you?

A.—No, he promised to give it to my sister on the Monday morning.

Q.—And you sister brought it to you?

A.—She was in the office at the time Monday morning and Sir Richard was there also. He gave the cheque to my sister and she handed it to me.

Q.—Then, apparently, you took it to the Bank at Bell Island, and eventually was returned to you dishonored?

A.—Yes.

Q.—What did you do with it afterwards?

A.—I gave it or sent it to Mr. Gillis and it was sent to Sydney.

COMMISSIONER—When was it seen afterwards?

A.—Some time afterwards.

Q.—During 1921?

A.—Yes.

ATTORNEY GENERAL—Did you ask Mr. Gillis to return that cheque to you later on?

A.—No, I understood from him later that he had passed it over to the Auditors.

Q.—But recently have you asked Mr. Gillis, or has anybody else asked Mr. Gillis, to let you have the cheque?

A.—No, unless it was through Sir Richard Squires.

MR. LEWIS—Why do you say that? Have you any reason to suppose it?

A.—I think he was anxious to get the cheque.

ATTORNEY GENERAL—Did you ask Mr. Gillis for this cheque?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Is that Mr. Gillis's reply?

A.—Yes.

COMMISSIONER—Do you want that put in?

ATTORNEY GENERAL—Yes.

COMMISSIONER—That letter is dated July 11th, 1923, and reads as follows:

"J. J. Miller, Esq.,
Nfld. Coal & Trading Co., Ltd.,
St. John's, Nfld.

Dear Sir—I received your telegram to-day requesting return of Daily Star cheque, which was given to you in exchange for the Company vouchers made on Special Account at Wabana. As this matter as far as your special interest was concerned was covered fully by Mr. Tasman's report, our Comptroller, Mr. Doak, can see no reason why this cheque should leave the possession of the Company. If the matter is of vital importance to you personally, I will take up with the Comptroller the matter of having the same released to you.

Yours truly,
(Sgd.) H. B. GILLIS,
Supt. Ore Mines and Quarries.

H.B.C.McL.

ATTORNEY GENERAL—Would you look at that, Mr. Miller? That purports to be a telegram from D. H. McDougall to you?

A.—Yes.

COMMISSIONER—At what stage of this eventual history?

ATTORNEY GENERAL—August 18th, 1921.

COMMISSIONER reads telegram as follows:

J. J. Miller,
c/o Goodridge and Co.,
St. John's.

"Wolvin will be Montreal next week and will be glad to see party. I expect he New Glasgow or Sydney and will look forward seeing him also."

D. H. McDougall.

ATTORNEY GENERAL—Whom do you understand to be the party?

A.—Sir Richard Squires.

COMMISSIONER—He goes by so many names. We have him here called "Rastus."

ATTORNEY GENERAL—You said also during the course of your cross-examination that Mr. Glennie, Manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, was pressing you with regard to those notes and overdrafts. Is that true?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Would you look at that? That purports to be a letter from Mr. Glennie addressed to you. Did you receive that?

A.—Yes.

COMMISSIONER—The date of that Sept. 6th, 1920, is a little puzzling. (Reads letter).

Bank of Nova Scotia,
Sept. 6th, 1920.

J. J. Miller, Esq.,
Bell Island.

Dear Mr. Miller—The last time you were in town you mentioned that a large amount of money might be expected when the note which we took to cover certain other notes would be retired. We have not as yet seen any

signs of this money and would ask that you keep it in view as we would like to have the whole thing cleaned up in a short time. I will be glad if you will advise me what you are doing.

Yours truly,
(Sgd.) G. GLENNIE, Manager.

COMMISSIONER—Is that the note for \$20,000.00?

A.—It would mature at that time.

COMMISSIONER—That note was given on the 16th of August and was credited on the 28th at the reduced rate. Did you go to see Mr. Glennie?

A.—Yes.

Q.—I thought that being your money that you would avoid him. Did you tell him there was no money for him?

A.—I said we were expecting Sir Richard Squires home as he had only gone for two months.

ATTORNEY GENERAL—Those cheques that were put in on cross-examination you say were given by your sister?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And with instructions not to cash them until you saw Sir Richard Squires?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Did you see Sir Richard Squires when he went through the cheques and totalled them up on a piece of paper until he arrived at the full amount?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Then you gave him the cheques at that time?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And it was from the cheques that he totalled up the amount to forty-six thousand dollars?

A.—Yes.

Q.—He did not give you the Daily Star cheque at that time?

A.—He told me he would get it on the Monday morning.

Q.—Did he give you back your cheques?

A.—No, he kept them.

Q.—When he was totalling up those cheques and checking them over did he ask you what they were for?

A.—Any more than he said the amount was correct.

Q.—He did not comment on the amounts or ask you what had become of the money?

A.—No, he never questioned.

COMMISSIONER—There is one thing I want to ask you. All those cheques and drafts and bills and things which you gave in the month of August dated the 3rd, 10th, 14th, 16th and 17th totalled about \$43,000. Why did you stop on August 17th at that figure?

A.—I was called on from time to time by the Bank Manager to cover the drafts.

COMMISSIONER—Did you cover the cheques on August 17th?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And then you were not asked for any more or you were not willing to give any more? Which was it?

A.—I think I objected to get any more.

Q.—To whom did you object?

A.—To my sister.

COMMISSIONER—Now we can have a fresh witness. I trust, Mr. Miller that you will bring that telegram of August 1st to-morrow morning.

A.—Yes, sir.

(Mr. John T. Meaney examined by Mr. Hunt.)

MR. HUNT—How long have you known Mr. James Miller, Mr. Meaney?

A.—I think since the latter part of 1920 or the early part of 1921.

Q.—Do you remember how you came to meet him?

A.—I think I met him through an introduction from his sister.

Q.—Well from that time up to the present have you been on intimate terms?

A.—We became more intimate as time went on.

Q.—Can you place the dates of the time from which your friendship became intimate?

A.—I am not sure of the date, but I think it was in the summer of 1921.

COMMISSIONER—At an earlier stage of this enquiry it was stated that you were in the habit of being around Sir Richard Squires' office when he was away seeing Miss Miller. Is that true?

A.—That is not correct, sir.

COMMISSIONER—We were told that Mr. Miller had permission from Sir Richard Squires before he went away to occupy a room that was occupied by Mr. Winter when he was a partner of Sir Richard; and I think I remember something being said here of an orgy having taken place in that office and a suggestion made that you were present at the time?

A.—That is not correct. I was never there with Mr. Miller or with any

party there that he was associated with.

MR. LEWIS—Is that the summer of 1921, may I ask?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Up to the summer of 1921 did you have any business relations with him?

A.—No.

Q.—Do you remember it, after the summer or during the summer of 1921, you had any business relations with Mr. Miller?

A.—I had no business relations with him.

Q.—Do you remember it at any time in 1921 you had any conversation with Sir Richard or with Mr. Miller in connection with Bell Island?

A.—Yes, with Mr. Miller.

Q.—When was that?

A.—Near the end of 1921 if I recollect.

Q.—What was that upon?

A.—It referred to labour troubles and also to some proposition by which the company was to get concessions from the Government.

Q.—I take it for granted that the fixing of labour troubles and concessions were not part of your duties as Controller?

A.—No.

Q.—What way did you become interested in such matters as labour troubles?

A.—Mr. Miller outlined certain propositions by which the company would benefit from a modification of their contract, and if they obtained from the Government those concessions Sir Richard Squires was to be benefited financially.

MR. LEWIS—Was Sir Richard Squires when those were outlined?

A.—No.

MR. HUNT—Did you have conversations with Sir Richard on the matter?

A.—Not up to that time.

Q.—Did you or did you not subsequently have any conversations with Sir Richard concerning it?

A.—Yes, in 1922.

Q.—Where?

A.—In St. John's, once or twice in his office. I cannot fix the date.

Q.—Do you remember what month that was?

A.—I am afraid I cannot recollect.

Q.—Do you remember what season?

COMMISSIONER—I nice, frosty, summer day I expect.

A.—It would be somewhere about the middle of the year, perhaps.

MR. HUNT—Do you remember what the conversation was?

A.—Yes, in part. I was at that time interested in looking after labour complaints in Harbour Main district on behalf of the Government,