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

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that if you were able to render cer- ed it. tain 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 cry 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 my in- the cause of your losing the agency. structions were positive and I was made 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 some statements had been made that 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. is that somebody was alleging that o'clock and that he had told Mr. Wol-Q .- And the suggestion made here 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 leterthis 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 ap pointment-and you said yes. A .- As far as I understand, yes,

COMMISSIONER-That is what understood you to say would be the WITNESS-It was, probably.

MR WARREN-Mr. Miller, was so much a question of proving that 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? denied in Montreal that he got the to be straightened out before he could

to send an auditor or representative down to take it up. Q .- And when the auditors came

they go into your books? vouchers belonging to Sir Richard. were ill at that time?

A.-Yes. Mr. Meaney ask for you?

A.—When I received the letter present whereabouts I have also sent from Mr. Gillis I went to see my sis- a copy of the telegram to Mr. D. H. Mc- to the city. ter, and she was ill, and I then called Dougall." 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 draftsthese notes and cheques? A .- Yes.

Q.—You asked Mr. Meaney to go mean by saying also "in the interest down to the Bank of Nova Scotia of all concerned"? Did you mean the and find out whether they had gone Company to be included in that? to Sir Richard's account?

ATTORNEY GENERAL-I take it that at that time you were under sus- to help him over some of his financial picion by the Company with regard to stiles be in the interest of the Com this forty-six thousand dollars? pany? A .- I naturally would be when the

I am given to understand, however, Prime Minister denied having receiv-

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

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 you will be asked to submit satisfact- 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 Soulres was 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.—During my stay in Montreal I day. I called there at 12 o'clock noon one day and was informed that Sir Richard Squires had been there at 10

ceived a cent of this money. Q.—So that is why you say that Si 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 COMMISSIONER-I would like get that, as it is in the commencement

of this correspondence. I would like to have it the first thing to-morrov morning so as we could deal with it? A .- I will have it for to-morrow.

ATTORNEY GENERAL-Here is a etter 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 people"? be possible to arrange loan to meet A .- Well, when Sir Richard Squires some pressing obligations which had swear that Sir Richard Squires told

money, there was no alternative but get away on the next boat on his vacation. The reason for rush reply was due to his leaving the matter go until the last moment expecting chedown to investigate the matter, did que from parties which were past due. This amount is only required for a A .- No, I handed them over the couple of months, and if you can see your way clear to help him out, I am Q .- You handed them over the sure it will be to the interest of all vouchers, and I think you said you concerned. He told me confidentially that he preferred looking to us to help him over his present difficulties, and Q .- And you have said that Mr. any action our people care to take Meaney asked for you, or that you would likely be reciprocated later in asked for him. In what way? Did some other way. Owing to the matter being urgent and not sure of your

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

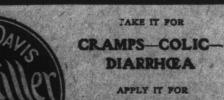
A.-Sir Richard Squires. COMMISSIONER - The inference that it was Sir Richard Squires is obvious. Will you tell me what you A.-Yes.

COMMISSIONER-How would the accommodating of Sir Richard Squires

A.—In a great many ways because

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the Company and the Government. Q.—You mean you were putting him Q.—What do you mean by stating under the obligation of the Company. that Sir Richard Squires was the I do not know if that is the way you cause of your losing the appointment? take it. The inference is obvious. He was going to get assistance for a finused to visit the Besco office every ancial stile. 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 follows: position as Prime Minister? What do you think of it now?

A .- It was meant in a general way. COMMISSIONER-Do you mean that mean better prospects for them?

the Government from time to time the same released to you. could object to. COMMISSIONER-You thought that

ATTORNEY GENERAL-What do H.B.G.McL. 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 A .- The Company. ATTORNEY GENERAL-Do you

you confidentially, as was read in that Q.-Do you swear that if you did good turn for him then that he would

reciprocate thereafter? A.-Yes, that is what he meant. O ._ The same letter was addressed to Mr. D. H. McDougall, President of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Com-

pany, Ltd., was it not? 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 also during the course of your crossstand 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

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 Isld. and eventually was returned to you dishonoured?

A.-Yes Q.-What did you do with it after wards? A .- I gave it or sent is to Mr. Gilli and it was sent to Sydney.

> COMMISSIONER-When en afterwards? A .- Some time afterwards. Q.—During 1921?

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

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 S MR. LEWIS-Why do you say that?

ave you any reason to suppose it?

A .- I think he was anxious to go the cheque. ATTORNEY GENERAL Did

Q.—Is that Mr. Gillis's reply! COMMISSIONER-Do you want that

ATTORNEY GENERAL-Yes COMMISSIONER-That. letter dated July 11th, 1923, and reads

Dear Sir .- I received your telegram

Supt Ore Mines and Quarries, cheques and drafts and bills and ATTORNEY GENERAL Would you of August dated the 3rd, 10th, 14th, look at that, Mr. Miller? That, pur- 16th and 17th totalled about \$43,000. ports to be a telegram from D. H. Mc-, Why did you stop on August 17th at McDougall to you?

COMMISSIONER-At what stage of this eventful history? ATTORNEY GENERAL - August

18th. 1921. COMMISSIONER reads telegram as follows: J. J. Miller

co Goodridge and Co., St. John's.

"Wolvin will be Montreal next more. week and will be glad see party. I expect be New Glasgow or Sydney and will look forward seeing him also." D. H. McDOUGALL.

ATORNEY 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 examination that Mr. Glennie, Man-ATTORNEY GENERAL-I under- ager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, was pressing you with regard to those notes and overdrafts . Is that true? Q.-Would you look at that? That purports to be a letter from Mr. Glennie addressed to you . Did you receive that?

> COMMISSIONER-The date of that Sept. 6th, 1920, is a little puzzling.

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 b retired. We have not as yet seen an

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ask Mr. Gillis for this cheque? A .- Yes.

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that is the general form of doing to-day requesting return of Daily the Monday morning. things in Newfoundland? I hope not. Star cheque, which was given to you! It would be to the interest of Sir in exchange for the Company vouchers cheques? Richard Squires to get the accommod- made on Special Account at Wabana. A .- No, he kept them. ation and of interest to the Company As this matter as far as your special because it would benefit the Company, interest was concerned was covered those cheques and checking them; and thereafter the Company could fully by Mr. Tasman's report, our over did he ask you what they were seek favors and concessions that would Comptroller, Mr. Doak, can see no for? reason why this cheque should leave A.—Any more than he A .- We expected a lot of favors the possession of the Company. If amount was corerct. sometimes with respect to shipping, the matter is of vital importance to Q.—He did not comment on the such as allowing the clearing of boats you personally, I will take up with amounts or ask you what had beon Sundays, as that is a matter that the Comptroller the matter of having

thing I want to task you. All those things which you gave in the month that figure?

A .- I was called on from time to time by the Bank Manager to cover that draft. COMMISSIONER - Did you cover

A .- No. he never questione

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 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 morn-

A .- Yes, sir. (Mr. John T. Meaney examined by Mr. Hunt.) MR. HUNT-How long have yo 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 intimat terms? A.—We became more intimate

Q.-Can you place the dates of the time from which your friendship became intimate? A .- I am not sure of the date, but think it was in the summer of

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?

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A .- That is not correct, sir. COMMISSIONER - We were told Sir Richard Squires before he went upled by Mr. Winter when he was vere present at the time? A .- That is not correct. I was nev-

that you keep it in view as we would with like to have the whole thing cleaned up in a short time. I will be glad if 1921, may I ask? A.-Yes

Q.-I take it for granted that the

you will advise me what you are do-Q.—Up to the summer of 1921 did Richard Squ ou have any business relations with (Sgd). G. GLENNIE, Manager. COMMISSIONER—Is that the note

or \$20,209,00? Q.-Po you remember if, after the COMMISSIONER—That note was 1921, you had any business relations iven on the 16th of August and was with Mr. Miller? redited on the 28th at the reduced A.-I had no business relations it? with him.

Q .- I thought that being your montime in 1921 you had any conversa- that the B ey that you would avoid him. Did tion with Sir Richard or with Mr. Milyou tell him there was no money for ler in connection with Bell Island? A .- Yes, with Mr. Miller

A .- I said we were expecting Si Q.-When was that? Richard Squires home as he had A .- Near the end of 1921 if only gone for two months. collect ATTORNEY GENERAL - Those Q.-What was that upon? cheques that were put in on cross-A .- It referred to labour troubles

examination you say were given you by your sister? A .- Yes. from the Government Q.-And with instructions not to eash them until you saw Sir Richard fixing of labour troubles and conces-

Squires? sions were not part of your duties as A .- Yes. Q.—Did you see Sir Richard Squires when he went through the cheques Q.-What way did you become inand totalled them up on a piece of terested in such matters as labour paper until he arrived at the full troubles?

A .- Mr. Miller outlined certain propositions by which the company Q.—Then you gave him the cheques would benefit from a modification of at that time? their contract, and if they obtained

A .- Yes from the Government those conces-Q.-And it was from the cheques sions Sir Richard Squires was to be C that he totalled up the amount to forty-six thousand dollars? MR. LEWIS-Was Sir Richard A .- Yes.

Squires when those were outlined? Q .- He did not give you the Daily A.-No. Star cheque at that time? MR. HUNT-Did you have conver A .- He told me he would get sations with Sir Richard on the mat-Q.-Did he give you back you

A .- Not up to that time Q.-Did you or did you not subs quently have any conversations with Q.-When he was totalling up Sir Richard concerning it? A.-Yes, in 1922.

> A .- In St. John, s, once or twice n 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, COMMISSIONER-There is one summer day I expect. A .- It would be somewhere

> what the conversation was? A .- Yes, in part. I was at that time interested in looking after lab- With Sir Richard not until December our complaints in Harbour Main dis-

trict on behalf of the Government,

there that he was associated and Bell Island figured largely in to that district, and our discussions, MR. LEWIS—Is that the summer of along those lines turned to the matter of a change in the contract, and

summer or during the summer of locally as the Woldin-Coaker con-

ant to know about it. Do you re

-So far as I can remember nov Q.-Do you remember if at any sition the company took was

> MR. LEWIS-By whom? A .- By Sir Richard Squires through the agency of myself and others Some monetary consideration if the proposed amendments were obtained MR. HUNT-Who first suggested

A.—The suggestion came from M: and also to some proposition by which Q.-Who first suggested it at this the company was to get concessions ting with Sir Richard Squires?

-I brought that up.

shocked at it?

COMMISSIONER - And he was

Q.-Nor you either? A.-We would not be shocked a

on for certain amendments

rived on Christmas day, and he was Q.—But according to you, it did

not shock either you or him in the A .- I do not know what effect it had

A -Not to my recollection MR. HUNT-Just what was said as

Q.—But he did not show any signs

O-When did you next have any

ommunication with either Mr. Miller or Sir Richard with reference to MR. HUNT-Do you remember any matters in connection with Bell A.-With Mr. Miller occasionally

MR. LEWIS-Is your Honor going

Squires during his absence? COMMISSIONER-I must have the

us that you saw him again in ber. Tell us about that. A .- That was in Montreal. Prior that there was a request by Miss Mil.

ler and Mr. Miller, which came direct from Sir Richard Squires COMMISSIONER-Well, that it came direct. You mean the

A.-Yes COMMISSIONER-I had gone the on the request of Mr. Miller and Miss Miller. Is that right?

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A .- Yes, sir. But perhaps full answer. MR. HUNT-You met Sir Richard

Montreal? A.-Yes. Q.—What conversations did you have with him there?

A .- I met Sir Richard in Montreal about the end of December and our conversations at the first meeting were at the Ritz Carlton Hotel. W discussed the labor tie-up at Bell Istaining of funds from the Besco pe ple in consideration of the same con viously in my answers.

Q.-Was any amount mentioned at that time? A .- The amount named at the time was \$100,000. It was named by

Sir Richard, not by me. Q .- What time was this A .- He arrived at Montreal on t 28th. I think it must be between th 26th and 29th of December. I a

Q.-In what year?

A.-1922. Q .- What happened after that? perhaps more, in negotiations with the Besco people or with Mr. D. H. Mc Dougall relating to the resumption of work at Bell Island, and during this negotiation the proposal was submitted to D. H. McDougall.

MR. LEWIS-Now if your honor pleases. I don't want this to be made a matter of record. The charge is that during negotiations certain monies were paid by certain companies to the then Prime Minister. The evito anybody was paid long before December, 1922.

COMMISSIONER-I agree. MR. LEWIS-Now, I think it is incompetent for this witness to testify (Continued on 9th page.)

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