

# **Evening Telegram**

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It seems to be the general opinion in the business world that will have serious consequences mind would be a blank. world are similar signs of un- to be involved. to check its descent. In Ger- as a whole. lution can be staged which allegations dealt with the Nova Sco- Agreement as he (Sir Richard) inwould make matters any worse tia Steel Company and the Dominion tended leaving shortly for England. than they are at present, it is Iron and Steel Company both doing impossible to conceive. China is business at Bell Island. That in in the throes of insurrection; made between the Governor-inthe Mexicans are doing their ut- Council and the two companies most to slaughter each other, which was ratified in August, 1921.

series of earthquakes. In Great Britain a railway ing to do with the allegations. One else? strike promises further to dis- of the employees of the D. I. & S. WITNESS-Yes, I think I organize the industrial life of Co. was James Miller. He held the Mr. H. B. Gillis of the D.I. & S. Co. the country, which has for years been struggling with the impos- land. In Jan. 1920, Mr. Hunt said it made in 1920 was with both companies sible task of providing for the ed to come to the city and see Sir passed August 12th, 1921. The Act great army of unemployed. To Richard Squires at his residence. At was handed to the Commissioner who, add to her difficulties she is the interview Sir Richard asked him after reading the preamble and a few faced with a political situation to wire Mr. McDougall. Shortly af- sections, stated that there appeared which is without parallel in the whole of her history. Three by Miss Miller. In July, 1920 Str MR. LEWIS—Is this a joint or a parties are striving to grasp the Richard again called Mr. Miller to reins of government, and each come to the city and at an interview of them in their anxiety to asked him if he could arrange acoutdo the other seems to be obfor political purposes. Nothing was
tinction that I can find. livious of the fact that the peo-done in the matter, and Sir Richard MR. HUNT—Do you know if any of ple of the country will be the left for England. Shortly after, at the officials came in reply to your victims, if political interests are the request of Mr. Glennie, Miller message? considered rather than the wel- came from Bell Island. Mr. Glennie fare of the State.

flow of trade and commerce, and Bank a note for \$20,000, but as the two Mr. Chambers. One of them Suwho are in a position to speak names did not appear sufficient he perintendent of ore mines and quarwith authority say that the tide has turned. In spite of the distanp. During Sir Richard's abGillis, Supt. of the Dominion. turbing events mentioned we sence further accomomdation was artions which, if adopted by every- Richard Squires, the matter was dis- He (witness) was not present at the

ness generally. They are as follows:

I will regard the post-war dog-

manisation through and see at ler) then took upon himself to wire what point, or points, it can post to Reid in Montreal who was a dimenths' note. sibly be improved to enable it the better to face and to overcome its difficulties—whether they be due to competition or to they be due to competition or to ply intimating that it was agreeable a cash outlay our people would like- these drafts was over \$23,000.

# Commission deals with Bell **Island Companies Relations** With the Former Premier.

Mr. Jas. Miller is First Witness

moneys were paid to the then Prime Richard arriving in Montreal went to

conjunction with Mr. Howley. Mr. two companies named in conjunction count. with Mr. H. Knight.

The latter enquired what view the Commissioner took of the scope of minion Iron & Steel Co. trade is reviving, although there the paragraph referred to,—that is, is little to cause optimism in the did the companies stand as persons ton which, if it ends in a strike, to the section was completed his

are closed down, and it has not ing the course of the proceedings, yet been decided when they will as there was no connection between be re-opened. In the outside the matters in which they were said

November, 1920 an agreement was and Japan lies stricken by a These two companies are now to- have the information. gether and are known as "Besco" but | COMMISSIONER-(Addressing the the Besco as a company have noth- witness)-Did you wire any body

informed him that he was much disturbed because Sir Richard had left

Those who watch the condi- without attending to outstanding fin-

one, would help considerably to- cussed and a memoranda made of interviews. wards the betterment of busithe amounts due under the notes.

MR. HUNT—When did you next see me personally, since I had not au-At the interview Sir Richard said he Sir Richard? did not want to be known in the ne- A.-About July 1920. In this year 1924 I will make
every effort to increase my business—to produce more and to

sell more

Asked what were the circumstances and their amounts were (a), Aug. 3rd. \$5952.75, and then being practically insolvent, the being practically insolvent, the chaque, was evidently given as a but the two present. Sir Richard told

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When the enquiry opened this hearing Miller was leaving for Mon-morning, Mr. T. Hollis Walker, K.C., treal asked him the prospects of get-

Whereas it is alleged that while it would be best to leave the matter and the Dominion Iron & Steel Co., treal together, and if the money was Ltd., and the Nova Scotia Steel & procured it was to be paid into the Coal Co., Ltd., respectively, concern- First National Bank, New York. The ing the obligations of the said com- proposition was discussed at Monpanies to the Government, certain treal and nothing came of it. Sir

Minister (Sir R. A. Squires) by the the Ritz Carlton and in an interview with Mr. Wolvin accused Miller of not turning in the money, the unshot sioner that, representing Sir Richard was that auditors were sent to Bell Squires, he would be the leader in Island and they gave Miller a certificate showing that the money had The Turn of the Tide Jenks stated that he represented the been turned into Sir R. A. Squires ac-

COMMISSIONER—Do I understand that the \$46,000 was paid by the Do-MR. HUNT-Yes.

events which are happening or accused? The Commissioner replied Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co. be diswhich are threatening to occur that nobody appeared before him missed from the enquiry. The Comat any moment. A dispute has arisen in the mines in Cape Breton which, if it ends in a strike.

MR. JAMES MILLER called and examined by Mr. Hunt, said he was an both for us and for the people Mr. Knight asked if it was that as amined by Mr. Hunt, said he was an of the notes was "on demand", one the notes was "on demand", one the companies named were sepreted to the notes was "on demand", one the notes was of Canada. Bell Island mines the companies named were seprate as chief accountant at a salary of and distinct that they be kept so dur-\$225 per conth. He first met Sir days." Company shortly after the election Mr. Hunt, replying, said that the 1920. Sir Richard sent to Wabana rest. The franc is on the down allegations were made in a general for him to come to the city. He argrade, and France has taken way and it would be to general ad- rived and visited him at his residence drastic financial steps in order vantage if the matter was dealth with where Sir Richard asked him to get in touch with McDougall and some The Commissioner desired then to of the Directors of the D.I. & S. Co. many another revolution threat-ens, but what new kind of revo-to which Mr. Hunt replied that the

> MR HUNT-What did you do? WITNESS-I wired H. McDougall, President of the N.S.S. & S.Cc.

> MR. LEWIS-I ask not to have this evidence taken.

separate agreement? COMMISSIONER-I have read it to

you and you must form your own

WITNESS-Yes, late in the spring

Q.-Who came? A .- Mr. McDougall, Hector McInnis, tions which govern the ebb and ancial affairs. Miller then gave the Solicitor D.I.S.Co. and a director, and

Asked if he met them, the witness must conclude that other cir- ranged to the extent of \$26,000, mak- replied he met them after arrival at cumstances are favourable, and ing in all a total of \$46,000, and the Crosbie Hotel, and arranged with it is our part to make the most the D.I. & S. Co. In return for these McDougall to Sir Richard. Subseof them. A writer in a paper re- amounts Miller received cheques from quently he arranged meetings becently suggested certain resolu- his sister, and upon return of Sir tween the officials and Sir Richard.

gotiations, and he tore up the cheques | Asked what were the circumstances camouflage. When it was presented him he was out about \$80,000 on camit was found to be worthless the paign funds and named four or five position being that Miller had paid large amounts along Water Street, time Miller had no direct communi- lect until his return. This being so, I will search my business orcation with the company. The time Sir Richard asked him to get in touch was early in March, 1921. He (Milwith one of his people and arrange

> MR. HUNT-What did you say to WITNESS-As it did not represent Miller and paid. The aggregate of

order that he might get at the facts, sister gave me a cheque covering the He refused to uphold the American full amount.

ting the sum of \$300,000 in considera- him Squires had left without making MR. HUNT-What did you do with tion of eliminating two clauses of any arrangements about his overdraft the cheque? \$20,000 Monday morning, he would Bank of Nova Scotia at Wabana, to negotiations were in progress be- in the hands of Mr. Meaney. It was have Sir Richard stopped at Liver- the credit of D.I. & S. Co.'s account. tween the Government of the Colony decided that both should go to Mon- pool. Witness told Glennie that he would arrange it on Monday morning. MR. HUNT-What did you do then?

day morning, signed by myself. I received for the \$46,000. None of MR. HUNT-Did you see the note that amount has ever been repaid to again at any time?

the Bank of Nova Scotia on Bell Is-MR. HUNT-How did you come to

WITNESS-The Bank people sent for me and told me they were not satthe signature of Mr. Angus MacDonald also. He was the Manager of the D. B.C. appeared an Obituary of Rev. I. S. Co. The note was then sent back J. Salter Allen, a minister of the Metto St. John's after McDonald had ad- hodist Church, and one time stationed MR. KNIGHT then asked that the ded his signature to the note as a in Newfoundland. The Writer says:—

> certain notes. He said they were morality at one time was so low that three notes covering a twenty thou- it was nicknamed "The Sodom of the sand dollar amount, and all dated North'". But due to the work of Mr. August 16th. 1920.

"thirty days", and the third "sixty dism with seven large churches.

Richard Squires in reference to the Mr. Jenks said that one of the notes us by a Newfoundlander, now a resipurposed to be signed by the D. I. & dent of Vancouver, and he expresses of 1919. It was early in the year S. Co. This, he said, was not an adhis opinion of the slanderous statemission that the company was respon- ment as follows:sible for signing that note. So long as I consider it nothing less than a that was understood, he did not object cold blooded lie and slander on the to the note being put in.

put the D. I. & S. Co.'s stamp on the I have met. It is but too often that notes himself, but he could not re- such calumnies appear in the papers member if anyone else was present at of the countries to the West of us, the time.

He said, in' reply to Mr. Hunt, that with the company, as he had no authority to put the stamp on. The officials with whom he communicated were Hestor McGinnis, the company's and fame. lawyer, and D. H. McDougall. He had no copies of the messages he had sent Ecclesiastical but they might be at Wabana. He had received a reply from McGinnis and another from McDougall. He had Mcginnis' reply and could produce it but

he was not sure of McDougall's. MR. HUNT-(Producing note)-Do on of the Cathedral (Stall of St. Patyou know who wrote the body of this rick); Camp, Rev. George, Curate of

of Mowatt, then Bank Manager at Content, pro. tem. Wabana, I next heard of the note when it came back to Wabnaa for collection. It was not paid.

MR. HUNT-What did you do in connection with it? WITNESS-I left it in company suspense account until Sir Richard re-

turned. Later, the note was paid. MR. HUNT-Who paid it? I ask til Thursday, the 24th, at 11 a.m. that because it is not marked paid. WITNESS-It was paid in the sense that it was charged by the Bank to

the Company's suspense account. To Mr. Hunt, witness stated that the Company recessed a monthly bank statement. He further said, the not was charged to the company at the time it matured.

MR. HUNT-When did you hear of the note. WITNESS-Late in the fall, after Sir Richard came home, I called to see my sister to see if she could arrange repayment of the \$20,000 note and \$26,000 which I had advanced.

MR. HUNT-Tell us about the \$26,-WITNESS-Before Sir Richard left in Aug. 1920, he asked me for \$55,000 lation. For the first note for \$20,000, I used the Company's stamp and notes for \$26,000 were signed by

thority to use the stamp .

Notes were handed to witness for identification and were then put in. was paid; (b), Aug. 10th, \$4000.00 draft, drawn by Squires, per Miss 10 o'clock. The case will be tried be-Miller on Jas Miller and accepted by fore the full bench, in which some days of bad business as ended out \$46,000 and had nothing to show and the turn of the tide as havbut a worthless cheque. Up to this so shortly, he would be unable to coller and accepted and paid by him; tained as Counsel for the pro-(d), Aug. 16th, \$5000.00, drawn by J. G. Miller on D. I. & S. Co. and en- Mr. R. A. Parsons, one of our youngdorsed by Squires, per Miss Miller; (e), Aug. 17th, \$2000.00, drawn by Mr. Charles E. Hunt. Squires, per Miller on G. Miller and paid: (f), Nov. 27th, \$1500.00. drawn by R. A. Squires, per Miller on J. G. Tor

I will produce a more business-compelling type of goods, idapted to markets not only in price but also in form and kind.

I will cease complaining of importance in the state for the particular and will rely on self-help.

To both parties was received. Noth. If y agree.

COMMISSIONER—As this time, in July, 1920, had the negotiations which call in that agreement, begun the \$20,000 note. It had been and was told she said she would take the mater up with Sir Richard. Later Miss Miller had given him the matter.

In December, 1922 he was suspended from the employ of the Company. Sir Richard Squires was leaving until he received a wire on a Saturday evening from his sister. Witness came over to St. John's the following ard?

TEMPER.

R. R. & B. Committee are hold-ing, will be held in the Star Hall on Monday night, Jan. 21st, at S.30. There agregate of Referring to witness' conversation with his sister about repayment, Mr. Hunt asked him what her reply had been and was told she said she would take the mater up with Sir Richard. Later Miss Miller had given him cheques covering all the drafts, but had told him to see Squires tiefore cashing them.

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ect, as Sir Richard was not present this kind with the Steel Company

ear the conversation which had tak- was for \$46,063,75 drawn in favor of en place between Glennie and the Mil- Jas. J. Miller, signed on behalf of

WITNESS-I drew a note on Mon- has never been cashed. That was all

WITNESS-Yes, a few days later at . Adjournment was taken at

### Slanders in the **Outside Press**

The witness was asked to identify at Greenspond, Nfid., a place whose Allen, who was the first minister sta-The notes were put in evidence. One tioned there, and of his successors, it

Witness further questioned, said he Greenspond, a great many of whom he had communicated at that time, cases by Newfoundlanders who, if they have left their native shore, are still ready to champion its good name

(Diocesan Magazine). Earp, Rev. E. C., B.A., L. Th., Can-Bay of Islands, pro. tem: Gabrie!, Rev. WITNESS-It looks like the writing Edmund Brookes, Curate of Heart's

## Supreme Court.

(Before Mr. Justice Johnson). Messrs. Dawe Plaintiff vs. William Munn Defendant.

The further hearing is adjourned un (Before Mr. Justice Johnson)

G. .E Blases & Co., Plaintiff vs. Horwood Lumber Co., Ltd. G. E. Blases & Co. Plaintiff vs. Reuber F. Horwood Defendant. Mr. Fenelon for plaintiff opens the

case of the plaintiff and calls Edward | hold furniture was destroyed, and Bedell, sworn and examined by Mr. nothing was saved. Haytor carried no Fenelon. Insurance certificates and insurance, which makes the loss a letters are put in evidence which closes the case for the plaintiff. Mr. L. E. Emerson is heard for the

Mr. Fenelon is heard in reply c.a.v. The court adjourned until to-morrow

PRELIMINARY NOTICE. The 3rd St. John's Co. of the Girl Guides will hold an entertainment, February 27th, in the Methodist College Hall.—Jan21,11

### Murder Case

THE KING VS. M. HAWCO.

The hearing of the murder charge preferred against Martin Hawco of Chapel's Cove will commence in the Supreme Court to-morrow morning at est lawyers, with the assistance of

The 2nd of the Series of Card Tournaments of which the Star R. R. & B. Committee are hold-

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## Appointments The Tragic Disaster at Norris Arm

We have received the following

message from our correspondent

Norris Arm:-Special to Evening Telegram, The residence of Charles Haytor, Norris Arm, was destroyed by fire at 8.30 Saturday night and all his three children, aged, 2 to 6 years, were burnt to death. Mrs. Haytor took her 3 children to hed and while putting them to sleep she fell asleep herself and on awakening, her bedroom was ablaze. She barely escaped with her life by breaking and jumping through the window. She was badly burnt about the face and hands and had to be sent to Grand Falls Hospital for treatment, Mr. Haytor was out at the time of the fire. Besides the sad loss of their three children, all their house-

very heavy one. The calamity is indeed a terrible visitation for the family, and for the residents of Norris Arm as well, and further information may throw more light on the circumstances which led to the unfortunate loss of life of the children. It is surmised that the fire originated from an overturned lamp. Mr. Haytor is said to have been next door when he heard that the house was on fire, and was unable to do more than arouse his wife before the flames enveloped the whole building, and his efforts to effect a rescue were render-

The following message was received by the Deputy Minister of Justice from H. F. Fitzgerald, Grand Falls:-"Disastrous fire with fatal results occurred Norris Arm eight-thirty p.m. Saturday, when dwelling house occupied by Charles Haytor was, with its contents, completely destroyed. Haygirl, aged from 2 to 7, met death in

the flames, and his wife was so severely burnt about face and hands as to render her removal to hospital necessary. Mrs. Haytor and children retired for night when she was awakened by cries of "fire" and escaped by jumping through window. Origin of ire is supposed through explosion of

Don't forget the Big Games of Cards in St. Joseph's Hall on Tuesday, January 22nd. 1 Barrel of Flour, 1 Tub of Butter for 1st and 2nd prize. There will also be the prize for winner of the series. 3 extra prizes. Just think 6 prizes in all for 30c. Chance of a lifetime for those who attend.

# "The Courting of Mary Doyle"

THREE-ACT IRISH COMEDY IN ST. PATRICK'S OLD CONVENT SCHOOL JANUARY 21, 22, 23.

CAST OF CHARACTERS: Mary Doyle, Servant to Kierans . . . . . Miss Pauline Vaughan Jessie Kieran, in love with Herbert Tisdall-

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### SCENE: Tismahogue, a Country Town. Specialties for To-Days Performance:

Miss Ida Howlett Mr. R. W. Sullivan Miss Gladys Redstone Mr. Arthur Bulley-French Horn Solo. C.C.C. Band—Selections. 

TICKETS MAY BE HAD AT BYRNE'S BOOKSTORE. CANDY FOR SALE.

LEAGUE HOCKEY.

TO-NIGHT

PRINCE OF WALES RINK. GUARDS vs. TERRA NOVAS.

General Admission 25c. Reserved Seats 50c. and \$1.00 at Gray & Goodland's. Game starts at 7.30 sharp. Doors open at 6.30. Holders of Reserved Seat Tickets, Book Tickets and Season Passes will kindly enter by door on Curling Club side of Rink. Positively no money accepted

GENERAL SKATING AFTER MATCH. POSITIVELY NO SMOKING TILL AFTER GAME. Tuesday: Feildians vs. St. Bon's; Thursday, Guards vs. Felidians; Friday, Terra Novas vs. St. Bon's.

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