

Allison shared share and share alike. He stated that before this \$475,000 was evenly divided some expenses had to be deducted, namely, \$30,000 to Mr. Craven and \$3,385 travelling expenses which he had incurred in putting through the deal, which left a total of \$441,650 to be divided between himself (Mr. Yoakum) and Mr. Allison, an equal share of \$225,875 apiece.

Mr. Yoakum produced orders from J. Wesley Allison to show how he (Allison) wished his \$225,875 distributed, which was as follows:

THE LADY SECRETARY WHO GOT \$105,000

To Major George Washington Stephens of Montreal	\$10,000
To Eugene E. Lignanti of New York	50,000
To Col. Wm. McBain, Toronto	30,000
To Mabel Edwards, Mr. Allison's "Lady Secretary"	105,000
And the balance to Mr. Allison himself	30,875

Thus we have the disposal of the \$225,875 of commission which Mr. J. Wesley Allison secured on this one fuse transaction.

HOW "FOXEY" ALLISON ARRANGED IT

The question now arises how were John Wesley Allison and Benjamin Franklin Yoakum able to arrange this enormous commission. The whole story will never be told, but the facts as brought out before the Meredith-Duff Commission are that as early as February, 1915, Allison had made an arrangement with Mr. Yoakum whereby he (Allison) would receive a cash payment of \$25,000 from Mr. Yoakum, said payment to compensate Allison for permitting Yoakum to enter share and share alike into some war contracts.

CHEQUES PRODUCED

In proof of this, cheques were produced to show that on March 12th, 1915, Mr. Yoakum paid Mr. Allison on account \$10,000 and again on May 5th, 1915, another cheque for \$10,000. The following letter dated May 6th, 1915, was produced:

HOTEL MANHATTAN
Hawk & Wetherbee

Mr. B. F. Yoakum,
No. 71 Broadway,
New York City.

May 6, 1915

My dear Mr. Yoakum:—I have your esteemed favour of the 5th inst., enclosing check for \$10,000, as the second payment on account of our agreement of February last, re your interest in the Allison Supply Company, leaving a balance due of \$5,000.

I do not want to have our arrangements changed in any way. We have an understanding which will not be departed from under any condition, regarding the British-American Trading Corporation. I think you will find that all business that you have with me, will be carried out in accordance with our agreement.

If it is convenient for you to do so, you can send me the balance of \$5,000, at any time and this will close the matter up.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) J. WESLEY ALLISON