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### Supreme Court

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of February, 1922. He left White-Facilities Board should be approachment in connection with the guaran- which were unbroken. tee. The continuity is unbroken; I am afraid I am beginning to feel and furthermore, the Armstrongs are a little bit tired. If your Lordship wrong and the Reids are wrong; it would be good enough to grant me was not the Trade Facilities Board an adjournment, I will be able to con-That forced the Armstrongs to take a tinue in the morning, when I hope to controlling interest; it was the Arm- conclude my address. strongs own suggestion, after having heard the condition of affairs as it day, July 15th, at 10.30 a.m. was viewed in Newfoundland. The Trade Facilities Board may have hinted at it, but it was originally a scheme suggested by the Armstrongs them-

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matter, down to the time of the Armstrong's deal in October, 1922. There was a set back when Blakstad could not get the guarantee from the Govis off. It was not off; it was only then ernment in 1921; there was another they began to work. The thing contin- set back in January, 1922, when Armued from that very day. There was no strongs could not get it. There was break in the negotiations. Look at a set back when Reid refused to part Waite's letter here in the beginning with the control of the Company, but that did not mean that all negotiahouse behind here, who, according to tions were off. Reids wired in June, Mr. Conroy, was a liasion officer oe- 1922, and said that they would refuse tween the Armstrongs and the Reids. to have anything to do with parting But if the negotiations were off, why with control of the enterprise. Were did they need a liasion officer. Mr. the negotiations off? Not at all. It barely had time to arrive there before little bit harder. Wifen the Newfoundafter reporting to his president, he land Government in December, 1921. writes out to Reids with an alterna- and January, 1922, refused to give the tive scheme, that the Armstrongs complete guarantee that the Reids reshould acquire a controlling interest quired and that the Armstrongs de in the company, and that the Trade sired, that was only a set back; and Waite went back to England with the ed with a view to getting them to full knowledge of Reid and with his join with the Newfoundland Govern- blessing to carry on the negotiations,

The Court adjourned until Wednes-

WEDNESDAY, July 15th.

time that we have any evidence of with the November letter of Mr. Con- cessful flotation of that enterprise unit. My recollection is that the first roy's and I submit that Mr. Conroy is der a scheme which for all practical not from the very start because or- we were to sell and get ten per cent. late March or early in April, 1922, and he placed upon that letter. Of course, got their shares, their cash and their it was then that Armstrongs wired to it was necessary in cross-examination other benefits, their royalties and so the Reids that there was a proposal to test out his views on it, but the forth, and we would have got their from the Trade Facilities Board which real test is, what would your Lord- shares, their cash and their other ship as a reasonable man take that benefits, their royalties and so forth, But throughout it all there can be letter to mean when it is placed before and we would have got our ten per no doubt that if we look at the whole | you without Mr. Conroy's ex post facto | cent. Now it cannot for one moment history of it there is no real breach construction of it? The test is, on the be seriously contended that if we had in the negotiations from July, 1920, receipt of this letter by the Trust carried out those negotiations our-

In the first place, it was written to being carried on the Trust because of the fear which a meeting with the Trust, which meet- negotiation. ing was held for the express purpose of tricking the Trust into a false the matter to Armstrong. sense of security. It must be taken- MR. EMERSON-Well, as your Lord-

tion of its which refers to the Hum- "gotiations with the Armstrongs are ber) in view of the position in regard "conducted direct instead of through to the St. John's Light & Power Com- "the Trust." In other words. "The pany, to which, as Mr. Conroy says, "Trust is entitled to carry on these the Humber position is similar, and "negotiations," that is what Mr. Conit must also be borne in mind that | roy says, "but we will carry them on at no time has the question been raised that the commission is not to "mission on the result of those nebe ten per cent on what the Reids get "gotiations." He says nothing about in the way of benefits out of the present negotiations. He says nothing Humber. Now, if your Lordship will about what your Lordship very proplock at the cross-examination of Mr. erly describes as his mental reserva-Conroy you will see that his construction. We had no knowledge and neviginally the idea was to sell to a new tion of the letter does not stand the er had no knowledge and never heard company, but the altered scheme was test of logical enquiry. On the after- of this mental reservation until he that the Reid Company was to retain noon of Thursday, the second of July, went into the witness box. We do shares in the Products Company rather Waite had hardly arrived in England is only when a set back like that at page 34, in cross-examining Mr. not even hear of it from his counsel. "'somewhat similar' ......if you serious mental reservation in connec-"will get your commission"). Now, because as is apparent from Mr. Con-

Reids direct, then the fact that they got ten per cent of nothing, if that is were being carried on direct would what he meant. As a matter of actual not deprive us of our right to com- fact, we would not have got ten per mission. Now then, if we had car- cent of nothing, because if we get ried on these negotiations ourselves the exact position . . . . with the Armstrongs, would we not KENT, J.—You could not have got be entitled to our commission? I much less. think youh Lordship put that ques- MR. EMERSON-No, my Lord. What tion to Mr. Howley, and he admitted would have happened would have been the August agreement? MR. EMERSON-I think I can safely that we would have been. It would this. The Products Company, as you selves through Mr. Waite in his letter say, my Lord, that the case will conhave been a continuation of the ne- will remember, had a capital of twen- the August agreement is that we are of March 1st, 1922. That was before clude to-day, and I shall make a big gotiations for the flotation of the Humthe Trade Facilities Board had been effort to finish in time to allow my ber under the direction of the Reids re-organization of that capital and the chase price of the Humber. learned friend Mr. Winter to make with people with whom we had merging of the company's assets by MR. HUNT-I see it is on the ensuch reply as he desires to make. brought them into relationship, and the issue of debentures which are the tire purchase price all right.

MR. EMERSON-Well, it is the first I was dealing yesterday, my Lord, we would have brought about a suc- two features of the Humber Deal and not entitled, as a matter of law, to purposes is identical with the Blak-

when the Armstrongs were approach- what were they entitled to take it to selves we would not be entitled to ed in connection with the Blakstad mean as ordinary business men, and ten per cent. As I say, my learned friend, Mr. Howley admited that that was the position, and Mr. Conroy says "What I meant by that letter was that the commission to which you would have been entitled, if any, if you had carried out negotiations yourselves will be payable notwithstanding the fact that the negotiations are carried on by the Reids direct and not by the Trust." "I would say," says Mr. Conroy, "if you would have been "entitled to anything under the negotiations which we are now carrying on with the Armstrongs, if you 'had continued to carry them in yourselves, you will get the same commission, notwithstanding the fact

> that we are conducting the negotia-KENT, J .- He does not mean the same thing you do, Mr. Emerson. He. had in mind the particular relationships that were then existing at the

time the letter was written. MR EMERSON-I do not know whether Mr. Conroy did, but Mr. Howley did make a distinction between the lifferent capacities of the Armstrongs. had forgotten that point, I think that can be disposed of very easily in this way that the position on November 15th was that the Reids were neotiating with the Armstrongs; what ose negotiations were we did not know; Mr. Conroy in effect refused o tell us what the negotiations were; faior MacDonald wished to know and ried to find out, but, as Mr. Conroy ell us, he himself deliberately and as matter of policy refused or evaded w this letter is written to us about ission. It is written to ulet us as to our position, and it oes not say that; there is no limit to the terms of that letter. "The com-"mission payable to the Trust under the minute passed by the Board of the Reid Newfoundland Company, Ltd., when Major MacDonald was in St. John's will not be affected merely by the fact that our negotiations wit

the Armstrongs are conducted di-

stage; they were going to continue furthermore it is not borne out and the negotiations; they were going to does not bear the test which he applied to it himself under cross-exam- and there is nothing to show that these nation. Now, the letter must be con- negotiations were going to be finalisstrued with several things in mind, ed on the ferms that they were then

KENT, J.—The negotiations then, was in Mr. Conroy's mind that the as I understand it, were simply for Trust was going to take legal pro- the purpose of the construction conceedings to enforce their rights. Sec- tract and finance and there was ondly, it was written as the result of really no purchase at that time under

MR. EMERSON-That is quite true. of quieting their fears. Thirdly, it KENT, J.-There was really no perwas written to confirm what Mr. Con- son in the position of Blakstad, exroy had told them, and we must ac- cept as far as Mr. Conroy's mental cept the position as outlined by him reservation that he had at the time that it was not done for the purpose went, that he intended to introduce

in fact, Mr. Conroy could not be heard, ship puts it, it is a mental reservation to say that it was written to trick the of which we had no knowledge, and Trust-it must be taken then to have we would be taken to have read this been written confirming what Mr. letter having in view only the carry-Conroy had said to them, intending ing out of negotiations, whatever they honestly to keep them at rest on the might be, for the floatation of the question of their commission. Then Humber, Now again, my Lord, the again it must be construed (that por- terms of the letter itself are "Our ne-"direct and you will get your com-

when he writes to Reid; and he has comes that people begin to work a Conroy, I put it to him this way How could we be expected to realize Now if a flotation had taken place un-(Reads evidence from "Dealing with that this letter was written with such der circumstances where Reids re-"the Humber you say, 'As to the Hum- a serious mental reservation? If that tained the whole of the capital I think "ber Valley project the position is is the position, and if there was a we would have been entitled to ten per cent, on the whole of the capital. "had continued them yourself you tion with it, then the letter is a trick. If the negotiations with Armstrongs which Mr. Conroy says were in conthat is exactly the position that we doy's cross-examination, the Trust templation at the time when he wrote assume. If we would have been en- would get ten per cent of nothing. If this letter had materialized, we would titled to a commission of ten per cent. the negotiations with the Armstrong have got ten per cent. of the twentyif we had been allowed to carry on Company which Mr. Conroy says were one million dollars which the Reils the negotiations with the Armstrongs then in contempaltion had not mater-retained. which were being carried on by the jalised in that form we would have MR HUNT-Under what agreement?

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MR. EMERSON-Under the agreement to pay us ten per cent. commis MR. HUNT-Which is that? MR. EMERSON-The oral agree-

> ment and the August minute passed for the purpose of the Blakstad deal. MR. HUNT-Are these the terms of MR. EMERSON-My contention of

MR. EMERSON-The scheme at the of what Reids were to get. Now, instead of the Reids getting a percentage of shares in the new company they retained a percentage of the shares in the old company and reorganized the capital, and I do not think there would have been any question, if the Blakstad deal had gone through in that form, we would have got ten per cent. of the shares retained by the Reids as well as ten per cent on the cash received by them. Now, if instead of (Continued on 9th page.)



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Lucky, Daddy Longlegs and Little Jack around the rocks and the bushes un-Rabbit rolled by the Big Farmyard, der the tall leafy trees. Past the Big the Weathercock atop the red barn Chestnut Tree he sped, shouting a

suppose he thought anxious little Busy Beaver's mud house in the Shady Lady Love at the bramble patch gate Forest Pond; past Professor Jir would hear him. But she didn't, al- Crow's Pine Cone Bungalow atop the though the next moment she spied the Tall Pine Tree; past all the homes of Luckymobile at the top of the hill, his many friends in fur and feathered which was better still. In a few min- coats until he came to Lettuce Avenue utes her little bunny son was in her the main street in the little city arms, telling her all about their narraw escape from Danny Fox.

"I won't wait," answered the Old gentleman rabbit in answer to Lady the corner of which stood his red Love's invitation to stay to supper. "Little Miss Mousie will be wondering turned in and parked the Luckymobil what has become of me," and politely in the little red garage. ly lifting his old wedding stovepipe hat, dear Uncle Lucky turned up the Old Cow Path. Prefty soon Daddy Longlegs shouted:

"Please let me out. There's my little grass tent,
I'm all cramped up, and my legs are housekeeper, whipping cream f

and out hopped the old gentleman missed being caught by Danny insect and hurried through the tall But a miss is as good as a mile, but grass to his bungalow.

before I get home," sighed dear Uncle claimed: Lucky, turning up the Wire: - Trail "You never go away to visit

cheery hello to Squirrel Nutcracker among the branches overhead. Past

Rabbiville "Almost home," sighed dear Uncl Lucky, as he neared Carrot Street, shingled house. The next minute he

"Cock-a-doodle do,"
The Old Red Rooster blew
Upon his little blue tin horn
That wakes the birdies every me

"Hopping around to the kitche porch, the dear old gentleman rahl found Little Miss Mousie, his ti laughed happy Uncle Lucky. tear is not nearly so sweet as a sm "Hope nothing disagreeable happens he added, as Little Miss Mousie



it I am in a dreadful fidgit

"Life's too short to worry, and the

ng to hurry," laughed dear, wise

ncle Lucky. "I'll put on my old slip-

hopped, while Little Miss Mousi

ers and read the Bunnybridge Eve g News." and into the sitting room

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