

CAMPAIGN FUNDS

Next in order the campaign contributions should be considered. These sums paid to Senator Haydon, according to his own story, is revealed in his opening statement at page B189 and of his elaboration of that statement at B244, amounted to between \$700,000 and \$800,000. These payments were made in varying sums shortly prior to the election of 1930. Mr. Sweezey's statement of these campaign contributions is contained in the evidence before the Senate Committee beginning on page B49. Mr. Sweezey's answers on page B50 are of some importance, from which the following are quoted:—

Q. Perhaps Mr. Griffith knows more about that aspect of it than you do?—A. He may be more familiar with it than I am.

Q. Do you think he is much?—A. I think he is, but I don't think he has kept a record of it.

Q. No. I can quite understand that.—And you have none?—A. No. It is not a thing one is, well, just proud of—much.

Q. And I take it Mr. Griffith was probably of a like mind. But, can you fix the time any more definitely, that is to say, extending over a few weeks prior to the Dominion election of 1930?—A. No, I cannot be more accurate than that because I know that it was probably in the late spring, beginning in the late spring, and that may be May or June. I don't think there was much paid until June.

Q. Whom did you first see in connection with the payments?—A. Senator Haydon.

Q. Where did you see him?—A. I don't recall just where, but he told me an election was coming on and, of course, we were regarded as probably good subscribers; and from time to time more requests came in and as they became more urgent I became more alarmed, but paid what I could and then stopped.

Q. Yes. From whom did these requests continue to come?—A. From Senator Haydon as the trustee or collector for the fund of the Liberal Party.

Q. And, as you say, you raised what money you could, in the aggregate you raised between \$600,000 and \$700,000. When you could raise no more you stopped—that is what you told me just now?—A. Yes, when elections were on, and I could not raise any more just then. I don't know if they wanted any more, but I am quite sure it would have been accepted if I could have produced it.

Q. I am sure that would be quite true of any election, or of any party, or of any lawyer for that matter. Coming back to it, you have not told me when you had your first conversation with Senator Haydon, or what it was. I just want to make it clear before I leave it; that you have told me all you remember of that conversation which took place on that first occasion?—A. I think it worked up gradually. I do not think he demanded all that money all at once or I might have been frightened.

Q. I am very anxious not to lead you, particularly in a matter of this sort. Do you recollect anything further of that first conversation?—A. No, I do not even recollect a specific first conversation. I do not know just when the thing emerged from its hazy state into one of definite production of funds.

Q. Then you had further conversations, I gather, with Senator Haydon?—A. Yes, from time to time.