

Examination in Chief of Sir Richard Squires

(Continued from page 4.)

Water Street. He did not suggest to Miller that he should arrange accommodation to carry the amount from his people (Besco) or anybody. The Attorney General then directed the cross-examination to the Miller. Witnesses said if there was question of arranging accommodation for \$55,000 therein he would have challenged it. Questioned about the payments made by Miss Miller during his absence, the witness said that when he came back in December he made enquiries about the notes of Merrell, Star, and the \$10,000 until sometime in March as he was too much engrossed by political work.

ATTORNEY GENERAL—Did you have cheques on your Bank of Nova Scotia account while you were in England?

A—Yes, but how much I don't know.

Q—When you returned you did not enquire about the Star?

A—No, I was entirely engrossed with political matters. Miss Miller would have paid obligations out of office receipts. I have no knowledge of her financing the Star. I do not think I have any knowledge of her borrowing any money for this purpose.

Q—Where did the cash amounts paid out come from?

A—I would have to examine the cash book before I can answer that question.

Q—As far as you know, these amounts were provided by you or from your office?

A—Yes.

Q—When you came back in December, 1920, you found \$4,000 had been advanced from Mr. Meaney?

A—Yes, immediately I came back.

Q—And you were not pleased?

A—Decidedly not. I gave her the money in cash to return at once to Meaney. There was no general discussion at that time and I asked her no further questions.

Q—Where did you get the \$4,000?

A—I can't tell you that.

Q—You had \$4,000 lying about your house?

COMMISSIONER—Perhaps he got it from a parcel.

ATTORNEY GENERAL—Would you have issued a cheque for that amount without enquiring about your balance?

A—Not unless I knew it would be cashed.

Q—What are the probabilities as to whether that money came out of the bank or not?

A—My recollection is I paid it in cash. It is humanly possible a man would cash his own cheque.

COMMISSIONER—That has been done before in connection with the parcel. How did Mr. McNeil obtain the cash?

A—I do not know. He may have cashed his own cheque.

At this juncture Mr. Lewis took objection to a question from the Commissioner as to how McNeil might have had the cash paid from the bank. The Commissioner ruled Mr. Lewis' objection out of order, but refused to press the point as he did not desire assistance "so grudgingly given."

The Daily Star account was again gone into and balances at various periods were discussed.

ATTORNEY GENERAL—Where did all the monies credited here come from?

A—From divers and sundry sources probably. It includes \$20,000 Bank accommodation. I am not conversant with these accounts at all.

Q—When you were in Montreal in 1920 you had an interview with Mr. McNeil and Wolvin. Did they discuss the Coaker-Wolvin contract with you?

A—The terms of the contract, so far as I can remember, were not discussed. I told them I would not accede to an agreement that would prevent the closing down of the Bell Island mines.

Q—Did they complain about how the contract was?

A—I have no recollection of any conversation about the terms of the contract.

A—McDonough's letter of December 1920, in which he referred to the possibility of separate contracts.

Q—That was not the question. When did you first hear the suggestion that the clauses might be eliminated?

A—In Gillie's letter of July 1921.

Q—Well, to go back to your account, it had been credited with \$40,000 and you knew nothing whatever about it?

A—Nothing whatever, until Miss Miller told me she had given cheques to her brother as vouchers for this money. I discussed the matter with her in March 1921.

Q—Did she suddenly blurt out to you that she had this money?

A—No, I don't remember what led up to the conversation. All I recall is that she told me one day that she had had accommodation from her brother.

COMMISSIONER—Did you understand from that that she actually got the money?

A—I can't say.

COMMISSIONER—Did she tell you the money had gone to your account?

A—She did not explain the process of her account. It was not a matter

Stock Market News

TO-DAY'S OPENING.

Am. Can.	119 1/2
Am. Smelters ..	54 1/2
At. Coast	136 1/2
Anacosta	38 1/2
Bethlehem	61 1/2
Duffs	19 1/2
Cosden	89 1/2
Cadco	5 1/2
Dome	17 1/2
Kennecott	36 1/2
Kelly	23 1/2
Mack Trucks ..	89 1/2
Pacific Oil	45 1/2
Punta	62 1/2
Pan-Amer. "B" ..	48 1/2
Sinclair	23 1/2
Studebaker	105 1/2
U. S. Steel	107 1/2

Montreal.

Atlantic Sugar ..	20 1/2
Abitibi	67 1/2
Brazilian	48 1/2
Brompton	41 1/2
Cuban Can. Pfd. ..	51 1/2
Howard Smith ..	71 1/2
Laurentide	94 1/2
Mon. Power	154 1/2
S. R. Com.	113 1/2
S. R. Pfd.	116 1/2
Cotton	34 1/2

KEELEY TAKES 300,000 OUNCES FROM WOODS VEIN.

(Financial Times Jan. 26th.)

Cobalt.—From South Lorrain comes more sensational news. Keeley has taken, so reliable sources state, something like 300,000 ounces of silver from three rounds in the woods vein at the eight level. The ore averaged 5,000 ounces across three feet, and at present writing holds both width and value. Prior to the coming in of this very rich ore the drift had been in very high grade milling rock. This is the downward continuation of the

of credit at the Bank but of accommodation for the Star.

COMMISSIONER—When did you discover the \$43,000 had gone to your credit at the Bank?

A—I did not discover that until March 1921. I don't remember any discussion between Miss Miller and myself.

ATTORNEY GENERAL—Did you not realize you were liable for the amount?

A—Miss Miller had told me also the vouchers as the cheque should have been a Star-voucher.

COMMISSIONER—Would that have been any good?

A—At that time, yes.

ATTORNEY GENERAL—Did it ever occur to you that her brother could finance to that extent?

A—She explained to me very clearly that Besco would pick up the amount as a campaign subscription and her brother wanted the voucher to indicate the money had gone to the Star.

COMMISSIONER—What did you think of that?

A—The subscription was not paid in March.

Q—What did you think of Besco finding that at any time? Would you have taken it if offered in Aug. 1920?

A—No, negotiations for a contract were then pending.

Q—Did you think it right to accept the money when the contract was yet unratified by the Legislature?

A—Yes, I had had no concern in it when it was passed by the Executive.

COMMISSIONER—Was it waste paper until ratified by the Legislature?

A—No, when the contract passed the Executive unanimously, they were bound to put it through.

To further questions, witness admitted that circumstances did arise whereby the parties wanted the contract varied before ratification. While he would not take the money in Aug. 1920, he thought he could take it in March, 1921.

ATTORNEY GENERAL—Did Miss Miller tell you why she got this amount?

A—She said she got it for Star accommodation. She did not tell me the methods she employed to get it.

Q—What did you say when she told you Besco might pick it up?

A—I don't know that I said anything about the matter at all.

Q—Did you think Miller had provided the money?

A—Out of his own pocket, no.

Q—It never occurred to you that Besco had been instrumental in obtaining it?

A—No, I had not the faintest idea how Miller raised the money.

COMMISSIONER—Did you tell Miller when he came to see you with the cheques, that you preferred not to be mixed up in this matter?

A—I gave him to understand I did not want any cheques outstanding. I took the cheques from him and next morning promptly had the Star cheques given him.

Adjournment was then taken until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

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Early Morning Blaze

FIREMEN PERFORM MERITORIOUS WORK.

A destructive fire occurred on Hutchings' Street at an early hour this morning, when a huge volume of smoke was seen issuing from the British Aerated Water Works. The blaze was on the ground, and had it not been for the pump which made a speedy response, the houses in the surrounding neighbourhood would in all probability have met with a similar fate and many a family left homeless. The origin of the fire is unknown, but the first intimation of a blaze attracted the attention of a passer-by, when a huge volume of smoke was seen issuing from the factory building. The alarm was soon raised and in a few minutes the fire fighters from the Western and Central Departments, with their fire apparatus, had reached the scene. The blinding drift and snow blocked roads impeded their progress and the low temperature and high wind made their progress anything but a pleasant or easy task. They however reached the scene in a remarkably quick time, but already the fire had gained a strong hold on the building. The pump was brought quickly into action, two lines of hose connected and within a few minutes powerful streams of water were playing on the fast burning building. The interior of the premises was nothing but a fiery furnace, while the huge clouds of black smoke which issued through the windows made a near approach almost impossible, but the firemen stuck to their posts and confined the blaze to the burning building. When the flames began to break out through the roof it looked as though the whole range was doomed. The situation was all the more serious because the flames were fanned by the strong westerly wind. Fortunately the nearby houses were separated on either side from the burning building and the firemen fought the blaze from all four sides. For some minutes the attention of the firemen was concentrated on the northern end of the building, where the house of Mr. W. F. Linegar was in danger. Several extra streams of water were brought into play at this point and the blaze was soon controlled. Scarcely had they subdued the flames on the northern section when their services were required to save the structure at the rear. The fire had gained rapid headway and it looked almost impossible to prevent the adjoining residences from catching fire; but the fire fighters stuck courageously to their task, and after a half hour's hard work the flames were confined to the one building. The plentiful supply of water was the chief factor, and after 1 hour and thirty minutes the blaze was under control. From then on the firemen were enabled to enter the building and work to better advantage, and at 2:30 a.m. the fire was finally extinguished. Great praise is due the heroic firemen, coupled with the assistance of the police, in preventing a far more serious conflagration.

TOUGH-OAKS BURNSIDE. Cobalt.—Crosscutting at the 800 foot level of the Tough-Oaks Burnside Kirkland Lake has cut three veins thought to be the downward continuation of a system which produced fine ore on upper levels. One of the veins is six feet wide. No announcement has been made regarding values.

Ogilvie and Cuban Pref.

Two other features of strength developed in the recent trading, the most noteworthy of which was Ogilvie common. This issue recorded one of its usual broad gains on small turnover by jumping 10 points to 315. The other feature was Cuban Canadian Sugar preferred which came out on an advance to 40, which represents a net jump of over 6 points as compared with the preceding sale.

NIPISSING STATEMENT.

Cobalt, (Special).—Nipissing mailed a brief financial statement of the affairs of Nipissing Mining Company, the operating company, as of December 31st. It shows cash in bank, including bonds, U.S. treasury certificates, and investment totalling \$4,183,880.92. The value of ore and bullion in transit, on hand and in process at mine and mill, and bullion ready for shipment was \$637,949. The total was \$4,791,529.10.

Storm Subsides up Country

Trains beginning to move.

The N.W. storm which has been sweeping over the whole country during the last thirty-six hours has abated somewhat but high winds continue on the Topshals, and heavy drifts are reported along the line. The worst part of the gale extended over the Eastern section of the line, while between Humboldt and Port aux Basques conditions were not so bad. Freight trains were operating in the latter section all day yesterday. A Rotary plow left Clarendville this morning to clear the road for Sunday's West bound express which has been held at Goober, and at noon hour the trains were reported as having reached Churchill's siding. The trains between St. John's, Carbonear and Heart's Content are running without much interruption. The mails despatched by Sunday's express will be forwarded to Argentina to-day to connect with the Kyle.

Town Sossip

Old "Si" Perkins, our town Constable reports great dole in Clarendville last night. He says that several lads and lassies in the height of the storm, were seen making powerful efforts to reach a certain house in the village, and, feeling that some deep plot was about to be hatched, with true detective instinct he followed the footprints and waited around for developments.

He was fortunate in securing a good listening place on the porch and so long as we mention no names we see no reason why we shouldn't present this "scoop" to our valuable readers.

Si says these lads and lassies call themselves "The Stroublers" and that they were making a great fuss over plans for costumes, decorations, etc. By close listening, he discovered that they were planning an Old Fashioned Barn Dance to be given at the Grenfell Towne Hall on Thursday, February 28, 1924, for the Child Welfare Association.

The Village Out-post will be there, the Sheriff and constables will be on hand, and Farmer Downey has promised to send all his representatives, by heck. All the lassies are ordering new gingham and it looks to us like the biggest thing that has struck the village in some time. Si is pursuing his investigations and will report again.

McMurdo's Store News.

WARD OFF THE COUGH.

Early Winter Coughs must have prompt and right attention or they pave the way to more serious trouble. Don't let any lung or bronchial trouble get a grip on you with several cold months ahead to aggravate these afflictions. It is safer to get a bottle of GADLY'S SYRUP OF TAR & COD LIVER OIL

and have it at hand for instant use. It soothes the inflamed lungs and bronchial tubes cures the cough and gives strength against future attacks. Price, 5c.

Perrich's Tooth Powder just received. Price, 15c.

ASK FOR MINARD'S AND TAKE NO OTHER.

THE DANCE OF THE SEASON—A "The Gaiety" Monday next, February 11th (formerly the C.C.C. Hall) beginning at 9 p.m. Music by the splendid Brass and Reed Band of Mount Cashel, with all the latest music. Prices Ladies' 70c., Gent's \$1.00. The best dance hall in St. John's.

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ESCAPED CONVICTS SHOT BY GUARDS.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 5. Death from the guns of a posse of prison guards ended the lives of the three convict scoundrels who escaped from Missouri penitentiary after killing James Hart the guard. Amidst one of the winter's fiercest blizzards they made their last stand in a straw stack on a farm about five miles south east of here. After firing the three remaining shots in their revolvers at the guards who were surrounding them, they fell riddled with bullets from a dozen or more guns.

ADVISES FARMERS TO SUPPORT LAND POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT.

LONDON, Feb. 5. Aside from three new Peers created yesterday and Lords Parmoor, Haldane and Chelmsford the new Labor Government's strength has been increased by the adhesion of the Conservative Peer, Lord Bledisloe, the noted Agriculturist. Lord Bledisloe told a meeting of land owners yesterday at Gloucester he had engaged in several conversations with the new ministers and believed they were prepared to embark conscientiously upon a better policy for that industry through which he hoped agriculture would have a brighter future. He intended to support them and advised the land owners to do likewise.

Kyle Coming to Argentina

The following passengers crossed over to Port aux Basques by s.s. Kyle at 2:30 this morning, viz, Miss

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TO-DAY'S MESSAGES

SOCIALISTIC LEGISLATION SUGGESTED BY AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMME.

LONDON, Feb. 5.

Premier MacDonald has decided to take a single salary of only five thousand pounds yearly although filling the dual office of first Lord of the Treasury and Foreign Secretary. They carry a salary of five thousand pounds each. The National Council of the Independent Labor Party of which Ramsey MacDonald is a member has issued its agricultural program, which calls for Nationalization of the land and organizations of agriculture as a National service on the co-operative basis. A significant clause relates to the creation of a state monopoly to regulate the purchase, importation and storage of staple foodstuffs with the object of stabilizing prices for several years.

CONVICTS ESCAPE.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 5. Three convicts sawed their way out of their cells in Missouri Penitentiary here early to-day, killed a guard by crushing his skull, and securing his gun fought their way to freedom.

HENDERSON TO CONTEST THE BURNLEY SEAT.

LONDON, Feb. 5.

Arthur Henderson, Secretary for Home Affairs in the Labor Government but who still lacks a seat has accepted an invitation to contest the bye-election at Burnley made vacant by the death of the veteran Social Dan Irving. There is unlikely to be a Liberal opposition but nothing is yet known regarding the intention of the Conservatives.

HEAVYWEIGHT BOUT GOES THE LIMIT TO A DRAW.

LONDON, Feb. 5th.

A scheduled 20 round bout here last night between George Cook, Australia, and Vandervort, the Dutch heavyweight champion, from whom Ernie Spaul won the heavyweight championship of Europe, went the full route, and was called a draw. The general impression was that Cook should have got the decision.

DIED.

This morning after a short illness, James Malone (Jim), eldest son of Michael Malone, aged 19 years.—R.I.P. At the Sanatorium, this morning, William, son of the late James and Emily Day of Champney's West, T.B., leaving two brothers and one sister to mourn their sad loss. Funeral on Thursday, at 2:30 p.m., from his brothers residence, 55 Field St.

This morning, after a long illness, Mary Tilley, wife of the late John Tilley, leaving three sons, James in Boston; Edward and George in St. John's; and one daughter, Mrs. Wm. Moore, who is now sick in the General Hospital. Funeral Thursday, at 2:30 p.m., from her sons residence, Upper Battery Road.—R.I.P.

Passed peacefully away February 4, at 5:45 p.m., after a long illness, Emma, wife of the late John Robertson, aged 76 years, leaving to mourn two sons, (Capt.) David and William and one daughter Mrs. (Capt.) C. F. Moore; also two brothers and one sister. Funeral on Wednesday, at 2:30 p.m., from her sons residence (Capt.) D. H. Robertson, 184 Hamilton Ave.

Passed peacefully away February 4, at 11 p.m., after a lingering illness, Georgiana, aged 89 years, beloved wife of C. Cox, leaving to mourn a husband, one son, two sisters, eight grandchildren and a large circle of friends. Funeral on Thursday, at 2:30 p.m., from her late residence 19 Hamilton Street, City. Friends and acquaintances please accept this the only intimation.

IN LOVING MEMORY

of Lloyd Carson Taylor, who died February 3rd, 1924.

"Softly at night the stars are shining On your lonely, silent grave Where thou sleepest our little darling Whom we loved but could not save. Sleep on my dearest Lloyd in your tiny little bed; We will not put you up in Heaven where the Saints and Angels dwell."—Inserted by his parents.

PROSPERO ICE BOUND.—A message was received from Capt. Field of the Prospero this morning stating that the ship has been detained at Seldom owing to ice conditions. The Captain states further that the chances of getting further north do not look very bright. As soon as the Shipping Department received receipt of the message they telegraphed for fuller particulars.

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