The Enquiry Conducted by T. Hollis Walker, K.C.

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And you thought what he had the country on the S.S. Manos that he witness answering any questions as to was dishonorable? Q.—Did you have any response as Attorney General, from Sir Richard?

-What did you think of your A.—There was no response whatwas not Prime Minister.

ever. Before Sir Richard Squires renoes it make any difference signed he sent a message to me. standpoint of public moral-

Just wait until you are asked a ques-rou regard your conduct tion. Did you have any assurance I do think that witnesses could be tions were going on about any money not consider that the conference you had with the Attorney that I put to them. ock was, dishonorable in General and his associates that you COMMISSIONER—The question he brain money from the Bes- sult of disclosures you might make? It is whether the witness put before n the nature of graft-beis what you had been en-do you consider that an form. Do you mean from the Govern-prepared to testify with respect to twenty thousand dollars.

ment? Q.—Or from anybody representing occur to you that you as the Government. Was there a suggesto this conduct was li- tion at that conference that you would at that time, you had fully informed prosecution? Had Mr. Hig- be guaranteed immunity from pros- the Attorney General or those asso-

any disclosures? A .- There was no guarantee of any pared to testify to these \$100,000 and kind offered me; and what happened \$300,000 matters? -Had you asked him about it? at the discussion I had with my decline to tell you anything Solicitor I am not going to tell it. gard to what my solicitor told Q.-Do you decline to tell us what

-Was anything said at that con- torney General and repeated to you? ce as to any civil or criminal A.-Yes. lings being taken or proposed COMMISSIONER-He declines to give you the contents of any conversa-

You realize I suppose that by and his Solicitor. the Attorney General what MR. LEWIS-I do not ask for it. testified you did tell him WITNESS-But he did sir. would make yourself a wit-Q.—Did the Attorney General or for the Crown in the event of any of his associates at that conferedings being taken against Sir ence ask you if you would be prepared to testify on the witness stand ney General. A.—I was prepared for anything to the statements you had made them?

Q .- Did you ask for any assurance ched the stage when you were of immunity in the event of your so testifying?

-Was that state of mind brought Q.—Was there any suggestion whatit in whole or in part because you ever of immunity made by anyone in en deprived of full controller of your presence at any time? A .- Outside of my discussion with

my Solicitor I never heard this matter under review mentioned in my pre-And for the purpose of lodging sence.

ation against Sir Richard Q.—Did you prepare at the request ires, as protection to yourself of the Attorney General or any of his an arrest at the instance of associates a written statement of what ard Squires, is not that so? you would be prepared to testify on o. I had sent information to the stand when called upon? ard Squires by Dr. Campbell !

told that Sir Richard had ob-Q.—At any time? oney from me and I wanted A .- No, nobody requested me to say cuss the matter with him before or do anything on the stand in conany further. What I had in nection with this matter.

uss the matter with Q.—Did you prepare any statement ith a view to coming to a satis- and submit it to any officer of the Government as to what your testimony .- Was it that as much as it was would be if called upon at an investig-

.-I do not know; it was up to him. A.-No. .-Did you have it in mind that by Q.-Do you know if what you told cussing with Sir Richard some ar- your Solicitor was transmitted to the angement might be made to prevent chief office of the Crown and to the

other Counsel who are assisting him but I regarded it was more in his in- A.—I made a memo. of my own and

terest to discuss it than it was in it may be communicated to them and it may not. Q.-What did you tell Dr. Campbell?

Q.—Have you any knowledge? .- I told him that Sir Richard A. I should say it was; but I have Squires had obtained money from my no details of such evidence whatever, I have a memo. of dates, etc. Q.-I am not asking for contents. Did you retain any copy of any state-

ment vou made? A.-I did, for my own use. Q.—I suppose that statement was prepared at the request of the Attor-

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Q.-Do you know whether he did mmunicate it? A .- He told me he would. Q.—Did he ever tell you he had? A.—He told me as he was leaving A.—It was not prepared at any-

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municate that to Sir Richard?

the lay

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taken against you?

at came and I responded.

A.—Yes, in my own defence.

nor department?

arrangement.

prevent publicity?

was created because I

tirely in self-defence.

mared for anything?

Not to my knowledge.

ody's request, it was my own. Q.—Are you prepared to say that at that time you had fully informed the Attorney General or those associated with him in the conduct of this inion that you were prepared to tify with respect to the \$100,000 and

ATTORNEY GENERAL-I object to such questions and I object to the had got in touch with Sir Richard. | what took place between him and me

COMMISIONER-On what ground? ATTORNEY GENERAL-I am engaged in this enquiry as Aattorney General and it was part of my duty as any? MR. LEWIS-Are you answering Attorney General to find out all I any question I have asked for? I have could and bring it under the notice of But his was the greater not called for any answer to anything. this enquiry. I am perfectly prepared Just wait until you are asked a ques- myself to go in the witness box; but from anyone up to the time of that compelled to answer any questions going to anybody?

> would not yourself suffer as a re- put to the witness I am considering. A.-No person made any such ar- you a statement regarding the \$100,these matters. I am prepared to deal

with the question in that form. Q .- Are you prepared to say that, anything to you on the sub- ecution in the event of your making clated with him in the conduct of this investigation that you were pre-

MR. WARREN objected to the witness answering any question of what took place between the witness and your Solicitor discussed with the At- him as Attorney General. COMMISSIONER - Upon

grounds? ATTORNEY GENERAL-I am ongaged upon this enquiry as Attorney tion that took place between himself General, and it was part of my duty to find out all I could to bring it to. a point where the investigation should proceed. I do not think that this witness should be compelled to answer the question, as to what took place between him and me as Attor-

> COMMISSIONER-No such question has been put to him yet. MR. LEWIS-The only question I put to him was this. I asked him whether he had put before the Attorney, General any statement with rega 1 to the \$100,000 and the \$300,000

> COMMISSIONER—Did you acquaint the Attorney General with what you knew about the \$100,000 effort? A.-I had no individual conversation with the Attorney General at any time about it. The statement I made

Solicitor. I made the whole statement there. MR. LEWIS-Did you include in what you told them there at that time what you knew with reference

to the \$100,000?

Q .- You have said that this statement of yours with reference to this

matter was submitted-A .- I did not say my statement. Q.—Your communication—

A -I did not say communication had a memorandum. Q .- You said, I think, that your

memorandum or information , was made a few days before the hearing?

Q.—Was there any time during the month of December prior to the submission of that memorandum in which you were engaged in an effort to bring about the abandonment of this

investigation? A .- At no time since my suspension in 1923, on July 23rd, had I any desire to bring about any understanding with Sir Richard Squires. COMMISSIONER-You were asked ney General or his associates, was it? whether you had any idea during that period of bringing about the abanonment of this enquiry?

A .- No. sir, at no time. Q.-After it had once been moo ed did you ever make any effort to bring about its abandonment? A.-None whatever. But I refused overtures sent me in connection with

MR. LEWIS-Did you speak with Mr. Miller on the subject of the abandonment of the charges?

A,-I had a conversation with Mr. Miller. Other people may have spok-en to me about it, but I mean that I at no time proposed to anybody that I wanted it to be abandoned. They may have proposed to me, that would

Q.-Do you remember if you at any ime made any memorandum other than one you have spoken of? A .- No. sir, unless to amplify the

irst one for my own use. There were two or three or a balf dozen ples of the first one. I may have ny own use. I believe I did.

Re-examination by Mr. Warren. ation by Mr. Lewis you were asknce of this matter, and you were askdid you have in New York at that

Q.—Then you were there in this connection you say, acting as agent for Sir Richard Squires?

A .- I was, yes. Q .- At that time you had come on from Montreal after discussing these

A .- I had made several trips be tween Montreal and New York. O-Was there anything of a question of commission in this? A.—Do you mean was I going to get

Q.-No. was anybody? ating. Was anything said to you or in

A .- Yes. Sir Richard told me that in view of the favourable contract he MR. HOWLEY-May I at this stage

nual retainer from the Commercial Cable Co. and if the Company is to be involved in this as we now hear for the first time. I would not feel myself at liberty to represent t owtein-etaoin etaoinnnn present two interests, and I think at this stage I ought to be allowed to take this position, that as that Company had no notice of any charges involving them, this evidence ought not to effect

dence will effect them. I cannot exclude it. The matter was raised by this side of the table in cross-examination. MR. LEWIS-It was an injection

and had not been called for by any question that I asked. MR. WARREN-You asked hir

in any transtactions of a like nature MR, LEWIS-I never had any intention of asking him about this company. MR. WARREN-You asked him vourself whether he had ever been

engaged in any such transactions be-COMMISSIONER - And he promp tly admits that Sir Richard Squires had. First of all you asked him whether he had ever been engaged in transactions of this kind before. Now was made in the presence of the At-torney General, Mr. Coaker and my of that kind. I cannot prevent the Attorney General from asking what

> those were about. MR. LEWIS-I have not said I ob-COMMISSIONER - Then we will

have the answer and stop discussion. You said fifteen or twenty thousand dollars? WITNESS-Yes sir.

ATTORNEY GENERAL-I propose COMMISSIONER-Well, nothing has hurt the company. They can sleep

ATTORNEY GENERAL-Mr. Meaney you have said in cross-examination that you communicated with Dr. Campbell about these matters? A.-Yes.

Q.-Was that before you communicated with me? A.-Yes.

Q.-When you first related this story to me who was present? A .- To my recollection there was Coaker, yourself, Higgins and myself

Q .- And Mr. Miller came in later A. Pretty soon after. Q.—Did you ever communicate this story to any other members of the Executive Council except myself? A .- Yes, subsequent to the first in

terview, three or four days it may be, met yourself, Halfyard, Coaker, Foote, Higgins and Dr. Barnes at the residence of Sir William Coaker and discussed the matter fully. Q.-Do you know that I went away

A.—Yes. I remember you away on some public business. Q.-Do you know about what time I came back?

A .- I do not recall just now Q .- From the time that I went away until the time that you came to this enquiry did you have any com-

A.—I have never seen you to speak to you about it since I saw you at ject, Mr. Lewis, that will be enough Coaker's house, and I had no commu- for me to receive the document. I nication with you in writing or ver- will hear you if you have any objec-

suggestion that this enquiry should be abandoned. Has any such sugges-

tion been made to you?

(MR. LEWIS objects to the state

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Q.—Anybody else, Mr. Meaney? A .- Yes, Mr. Curtis. Q.-Who is Mr. Curtis? Law partner of Sir Richard

COMMISSIONER - What did A .- He came to my office-I forget first Montreal trip?

the date—and in a general way wanted to know if any arrangement ould be come to. I listened to him but he got nothing from me. I wanted to see what he had to say. MR WARREN-Where was your A .- The Newfoundland Coal and

Trading Company. I had Mr. Miller's tion, of course. permission to use it since I was put out of the Controller's Department. Q .- Has Mr. Curtis been acting for you professionally at any time? A .- No, he never acted for me pr fessionally.

Q.-Did vou ask him to your office? A.-No. At this stage the witness requested

permission to hand the Attorney Genaral a letter.) COMMISSIONER—Is that a letter A.-Yes. Q .- Does it arise out of these ques

tions? A .- No, not directly COMMISSIONER-I do not quite like to have papers handed from witness to counsel at any time, and if this has nothing to do with the mat-

O -Just look at that. A .- Yes, that is mine. It is a win

D H McDougall Q. To whom is it addressed? A -To D. H. McDougall. Q.-And is it signed by you? A .- Yes, it is a carbon copy of essage that I sent,

COMMISSIONER - The documen produced is signed by me. MR. LEWIS-I think he means copy of a document signed by him. WITNESS-A carbon copy. COMMISSIONER-Of a telegram?

A .- Yes. MR., WARREN-Has it reference hese matters? MR LEWIS-Can he say that?

COMMISSIONER-If he says no hall have to leave it. WITNESS-It has some reference. ATTORNEY GENERAL - Unfor

unately I cannot say myself. It is in WITNESS-Part of it is in code COMMISSIONER—That is probably the part that has reference to the matters. We shall have to call three men and a boy to decipher it if it be

comes material. WITNESS-I can decipher it ATTORNEY GENERAL-You can't decipher it now. What code is it in? A-The BESCO code, Q.-Have you got access to the

Q.-How did you come to put

A .- With Mr. Miller's assistance. Q .- So that you did have an opporunity of sending messages to Mc-Dougall in the company's code?

Q .- Will you look at that one? of a message supplied to me by the unication with me about the mat- Anglo, a copy of a message that I

COMMISSIONER-Unless you obtion to that kind of document being ment in 1922 it was agreed upon an put in. I do not know how else to sender of a telegram has nothing unless he goes to the Telegraph Com-

pany and gets a copy.

MR. LEWIS—This does not appear to me to be addressed to Sir Richard

of the record of this case. Because I do not see that it has any application to it, and having been addr

MR. LEWIS-I have no information | less than 800 men?

as to the meaning of the contents, and COMMISSIONER-It will have no I must, therefore, object to its admis- weight with me whatever. Perhaps sion until its materiality is shown. COMMISSIONER-I can't judge that Mr. Meaney and question him about until I see it. That means I shall re- it. ceive it in evidence. March 27th. 1922. that is after your return from your

COMMISSIONER—It is addressed to D H. McDougall, Sydney. MR. LEWIS-Is your honour accept-

ing this? COMMISSIONER-I am accepting MR. LEWIS-Subject to my

COMMISIONER-I am acceptiong my objection?

COMMISSIONER-I shall. (Reads telegram). Telegram put in marked J. ATTORNEY GENERAL-Who is the party?

A .- Sir Richard Squires. Q .- In what connection was that A .- It was reviving the discussion

gone through with McDougall in Montreal in June. ATTORNEY GENERAL-I ask if you would be good enough to wait a couple of minutes. (Addressing wit-

ness). That document you wanted to hand me, was that handed to you by Mr. Winter to-day? A -No not this one. COMMISSIONER-When you went to see the Attorney General, as you told us, did you show him the cheques that you had in your possession?

A.-When I went the first time, yes, and the second time, yes. Q.-Did you show him on either of those occasions the I.O.U. that you had in your possession?

A.-Yes, altogether. Q.-With regard to these two visits to Montreal, at the time you went there in December, 1921, what we may call the \$100.000 visit, were there labor troubles in existence when you went?

A .- Yes. Q.-But when you went the next fime in 1923, were there any labor troubles when you started?

A.-Not when I left. Q.-What did you go for then? A.-To take up the discussion about obtaining funds. Q.-Had you any other object in

going to Montreal at that time except to try and get money out of these people? A .- No. I had no other object. J. T. Meaney (Re-examined By Mr.

Warren.)

MR. WARREN-Would you mind waiting fo a few minutes. I have sent for Mr. Winter. COMMISSIONER-Certainly. MR. LEWIS-While we are waiting may I present to your honour, cer tifled copies of the Minutes of Coun-

cil for the 22nd of January, 1922 and the 19th of February, 1923. COMMISSIONER-In what connec MR. LEWIS-In connection with the settlement of the labour troubles COMMISSIONER-Yes, what bear ing have they got upon what I have

to consider? A .- Upon the terms of the settle ment of 1922. COMMISSIONER-Which I don't want to know-I don't want to know

MR. LEWIS-Let me call your attention to the fact that Mr. Meaney testified that at the time of the setlewithout going out of St. John's. COMMISSIONER-And I stoppe your examination because it had no

MR. LEWIS-Mr. Meaney's testi ony was that he could have-COMMISSIONER-And I refused to isten to it and I refused to consider it in any shape or form. If I was essed to a going to consider that question I

you would like to put these papers to

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