

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

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particular conversation with her before you went?
A—No, others than as I have reported.
Q—You had no discussion with her about the signed notes?
A—Yes.
Q—Did you tell her you had left signed notes with Miss Saunders?
A—I told her I intended to leave signed notes with Miss Saunders. I signed the notes and handed them to Miss Saunders, and also the letter to which I referred.
Q—And why to Miss Saunders?
A—Miss Saunders was my secretary. I told her to give them to Miss Saunders if necessary. Ordinarily she would not need the signed notes. She had power of attorney. General bank power of attorney.
Q—You cannot understand why you went to the trouble of signing notes, when she had full power of attorney?

A—The Star note was outstanding, \$14,000.00, and I judged it would be renewed. That is a pretty large amount for any one individual note. I thought that my personal signature, rather than the signature of a clerk who had power of attorney, would make it look a better transaction.
COMMISSIONER—Why was it necessary to leave the notes behind you, when she had power of attorney?
A—There was a \$14,000.00 note outstanding, which I judge would be renewed. Under these circumstances, I thought the bank management might possibly require my personal signature.
COMMISSIONER—Will you return to the witness box please Sir Richard?
A—Yes.
MR. HOWLEY—Before resuming the cross examination I may say that Sir Richard now has from the Bank of Commerce a statement as to his

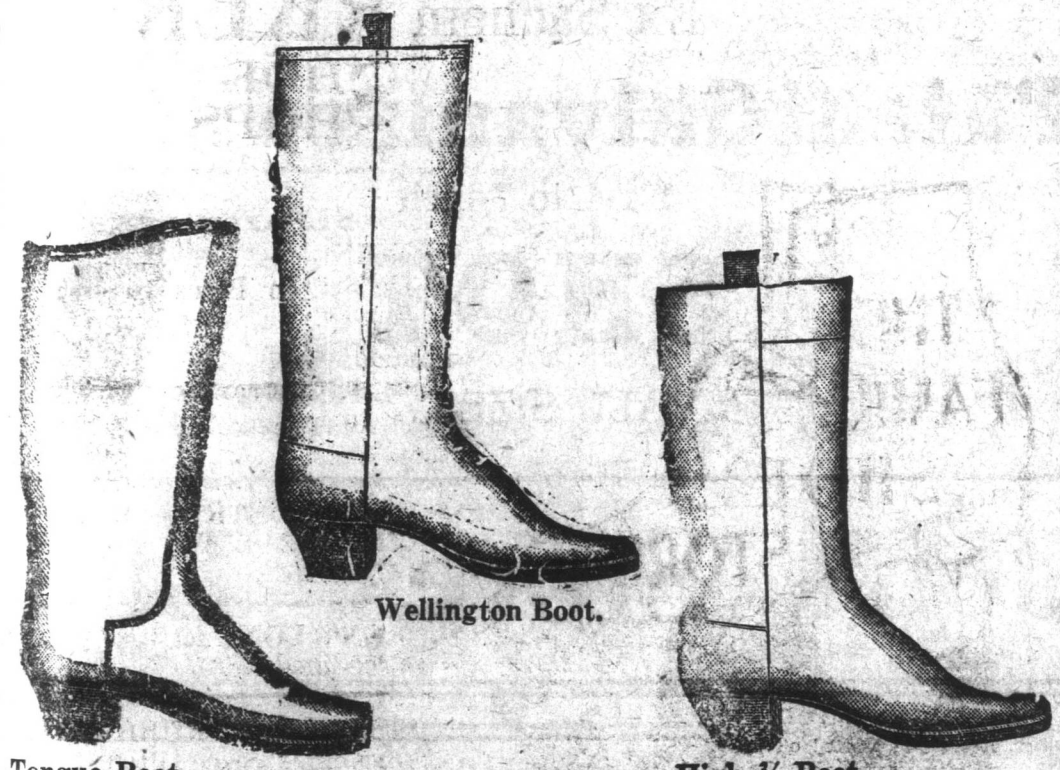
balance on July 31st which I would like to put in.
COMMISSIONER—I will ask for it myself. Have you got it there Sir Richard?
A—Yes.
Q—It is simply a statement or a copy of the account?
A—Just a statement.
(Statement handed to Commissioner.)
COMMISSIONER—On the 24th of July there was a balance apparently of \$500. July 25th there was a balance of \$68.45; July 27th, \$106.45 and then a deposit of \$500, making in all a credit balance of \$121.71. Would you like to see this, Mr. Warren?
ATTORNEY GENERAL—Yes.
COMMISSIONER—You may like to go a step further in it.
ATTORNEY GENERAL—The only thing in reference to this statement is, were there any demand notes against this?
A—I have no recollection at all. That was on the 27th of July and I went away on the 23rd of June.
Q—And do you know whether there was a demand note or not?
A—All I know is that when the information was asked for this morning I got this.
Q—I am asking a straight question. Do you know whether or not

there was a demand note outstanding at this time?
A—I can give you no information, but I can get the information if you require in the same way as I got that.
Q—Before recess I think you misunderstood a question I asked and which I would like to clear up. I asked you where the \$124,000 came from and you said it was the savings of your own private work, etc.
A—Yes, that is what I mean.
ATTORNEY GENERAL—That \$124,000 that you paid the "Star" from time to time extended over a period from 1916 to 1921. How did you keep that going from time to time. I do not mean to enquire into your private affairs, but as you were paying out of either Squires and Curtis or R. A. Squires account from time to time, where did the money come from?
A—The money came from my own various investments.
COMMISSIONER—Did you sell investments?
A—No, the total was accumulated during the period of 1916 to 1921, covering a long period of time.
Q—But that is only six years. Would you call that a long period of time?
A—That is a long period of time.
COMMISSIONER—It may be so to some people.
ATTORNEY GENERAL—The "Daily Star" was applying to you from time to time for money and according to that account, which I have not seen and which I have no desire to see, you paid them money through these years from time to time when you were suddenly called upon to pay certain amounts. I admit I am handicapped because I do not know the largest amount you paid them, but where did you get the money to pay these certain amounts?
A—I would come out of my account at the Bank of Nova Scotia or if I did not have the money I would float accommodation.
COMMISSIONER—You would never ask Miss Miller to go and procure it for you, would you?
A—No.
COMMISSIONER—The \$124,000 is all debited to the "Daily Star" in your business books is it?
A—In my office ledger there was an account for the St. John's Daily Star.
Q—That is your business book?
A—Yes.
Q—If one saw that book occasionally one would assume that the \$124,000 had been in some way paid out of the business to which those books related?
A—The money would be paid out of my private account, which was kept separate.
COMMISSIONER—Always had been.
A—I divided the books into two sections; one section for business accounts strictly and the remaining section consisted of accounts of my own.
COMMISSIONER—Is it in the books now?
A—No.
COMMISSIONER—We could have seen it if it had been left there.
ATTORNEY GENERAL—Then you say that you financed the "Star" by accommodation from time to time?
A—To the extent of \$20,000 and \$14,000 of which was outstanding when I left the country in 1920.
Q—Do you swear that Miss Miller had nothing whatever to do with financing the "Star" at any time?
A—She might have been paying out money to the "Star" and handling "Star" transactions all the time.
Q—Upon whose authority was she paying money to the "Star"?
A—Upon my authority.
Q—How was that authority conveyed to Miss Miller?
A—She knew that the "Daily Star" could not exist if it was not financed from time to time and when weekly wage bills would have to be paid they would come to the office and when I deserted my office, unfortunately, in 1919 she did the best she could to carry the "Star" along.
Q—But how was that authority conveyed to Miss Miller?
A—She had no express authority.
Q—Do you mean that she took it upon herself and without any authority from you to finance the "Star"?
A—No, she did the same as I did when I was there.
Q—Then Miss Miller took it upon herself without any authority to finance the "Star"?
A—She had the knowledge that it was my business.
COMMISSIONER—A sort of general authority to do what she thought was right in your business?

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