

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

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the financing of the Daily Star was done directly between Mr. Goodland and Squires and Winter's office. A—No connection with it. I have no definite knowledge of it. MR. HUNT—You know Miss Miller was Secretary to Sir Richard? A—Yes. Q—Did you ever ring her up for any money? A—I don't remember, it would be outside my usual business. Q—It is possible that you did ring her up? A—It is possible, but it would be very rare. MR. HUNT—You were paid a regular salary? A—Yes. Q—How? A—Weekly. Q—Do you remember if you were ever paid by cheque? A—Yes. Q—Do you remember if that was paid through Squires and Winter's office? A—No. Q—It was never paid through them? A—No. You mean by cheque? Q—Either cheque or cash? A—If it was cash I would not know if it had come through Squires and Winter's office. COMMISSIONER—Not unless someone came from there with it or told you it came from there? A—No. MR. HUNT—How did you know that Mr. Goodland was financing through Squires and Winter? A—I could not tell you that definitely; that is the conclusion I came to; I have no definite knowledge of it. Q—If your salary was paid at any time by cheque, I take it that you would be one of the parties to the cheque? A—Yes. Q—Do you know if in 1921 the Daily Star Publishing Company had any account at the Bank of Nova Scotia? A—I don't know that. Q—Do you remember having signed a cheque on behalf of the Daily Star Publishing Company? A—Yes. Q—Was that cheque drawn by you, doctor? (Shown cheque). A—It was signed by me. Q—Do you remember having signed that? A—Oh, yes, I signed it. Q—Can that bring to your mind whether or not at that time the Publishing company had an account at the Bank of Nova Scotia? COMMISSIONER—That is the 28th March, 1921. MR. HUNT—Under your Articles of Association cheques were to be signed by the President and Secretary? A—Yes. Q—That is not so signed? A—No. Q—That stamp of the Daily Star Publishing Company has no room on it for "Secretary"? A—No, sir. COMMISSIONER—Just let me look at that. Q—At no time then would this cheque be of any value? A—Not as a cheque. Q—Never was? A—No. COMMISSIONER—Not in any period of the history of the company? A—No. MR. HUNT—Do you remember the circumstances under which this cheque was signed? A—Yes. Q—Will you tell us what they were? A—The cheque was brought to me as it is now, except for the signature, by Sir Richard Squires, who asked for my signature to it and for a reason he explained or admitted that it was associated with, I signed it. COMMISSIONER—What was the reason? A—The reason, Mr. Commissioner, was a conversation I had previously had with Miss Miller; that would be some considerable time before, when Sir Richard was out of the country; she had dropped into the office casually; the conversation led to the difficulty which she was experiencing in financing things and she made the remark that she had to borrow pretty freely from her brother. I understood it was between forty or fifty thousand dollars and she took the position that Sir Richard would have to look after him when he returned. When this cheque came to me and it was issued it was associated in my mind at once with the transactions to which Miss Miller had referred. I intuited that it was connected with those transactions. COMMISSIONER—What did you say? A—It would be very vague, because as a matter of fact I did not discuss the matters; I did not want to know of them. MR. HUNT—You did say something to him? A—I might have said to him that I presumed this was to look after the finances that Miss Miller had been arranging. Then I put my signature to

was the whole capital of the company? A—No. Q—Were there any debentures? A—No. Q—Any charges upon the assets? A—You are asking me about business matters to which I cannot testify. Q—You would know as President? A—I don't know. Q—Had they any buildings? A—Generally, yes. They had machinery and plant. Q—Was that encumbered? A—At the beginning it would be encumbered. Q—Was it always encumbered? A—No. Q—Who paid it off? A—It paid off the encumbrance itself. Q—What has become of the machinery now since 1921? A—I think it has been realized by the liquidators. Q—What has been done with the proceeds? A—I could not tell you that. Q—You were not one of the happy shareholders? A—I was. Q—You got none of it? A—No. Q—I should think that if they were valuable assets that when the liquidators came in they would be realized and the proceeds distributed with the three shareholders. MR. LEWIS—He was not one of the "happy" ones. COMMISSIONER—I thought he was one of the happy ones. I mean you would have been happy if you had got \$100 on a \$10.00 share, but you have not even got the \$10.00 back? A—I don't know. Q—Have you got anything back? A—I have not. Q—It was suggested that Sir Richard had offered, presumably as security, a Daily Star paper to the amount of \$220,000.00. I want to see if that was worth anything at all. Was there anything at all in connection with the Daily Star paper to act as security? A—There was the plant and the good-will of the paper. Q—But that did not pay. That was a liability not an asset. A—It has to be proved yet that it did not pay. Q—Why did you go into liquidation? A—I am afraid that is a matter you will have to take up with Sir Richard. Q—I want to know if you can give me any suggestion why it should have to go into liquidation? A—I could not. Q—It was stated that the company was insolvent; has it paid its debt? A—I could not tell. Q—Has it paid Sir Richard Squires the \$124,000 which he says they owe him? A—I could not tell you that. Q—You are President of the Company and you don't know whether the company has paid this debt. You don't know if there was anything whatever which really could be called security in connection with this company?

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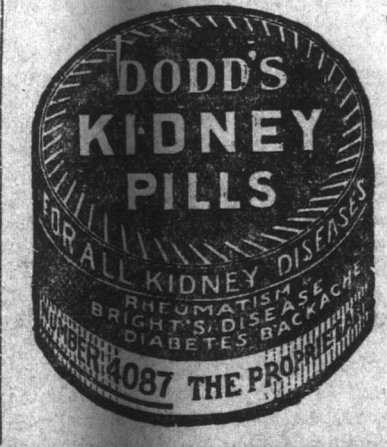
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