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Report of T. Hollis Walker, K. C.

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Mr. Miller; they had come in contact over labor troubles at the Bell Island Mines, and in a recent by-election at Bay de Verde. Mr. Miller had rendered some political services to the party of which Sir Richard was the head, but Mr. Miller was by reason of his sister's position easily accessible to Sir Richard, and by reason of his own convenient avenue of approach to the officials of companies, and when Sir Richard desired to confer with the companies on the subject of a new agreement, he utilized Mr. Miller to invite their representatives to St. John's, to introduce some of them to himself, and to arrange their meetings. Among those who came were Mr. McInnes and Mr. McDougall; the former was the solicitor and a director of the Dominion Co., the latter was then President of the Nova Scotia Co. and

and in the summer of 1920 was not satisfactory, and he anticipated that large demands would have to be met during his absence or stayed off until his return. His office books were badly kept, and his banking accounts were confused. He was in sole control of the campaign funds of his party, but he kept no record of them or separate account for them, they were mixed up with his private affairs and the affairs of the Daily Star, an unsuccessful newspaper which he was financing; they had been depleted by a general election in 1919 and at least two contested by-elections in the first half of 1920, the only thing that is certain in this regard is that he was being called upon to pay out a great deal more than was being paid in. On his departure the difficult problems of his finances were left for Miss J. G. Miller his accountant and manager to deal with, armed with a few power of attorney which enabled her to sign negotiable instruments in his behalf.

He had told Mr. Miller that he was \$80,000 out on the Daily Star, and had indicated that he would welcome help from him or his friends, and it is clear that some information as to his financial position was conveyed either by himself or by Mr. Miller to both Mr. McInnes and Mr. McDougall when they were in St. John's. Mr. McDougall at any rate desired to help him, and borrowed from Mr. McInnes for the purpose; early in June 1920 the latter drew a cheque for \$4000 on the Bank of Nova Scotia, and this having been cashed and a further \$1000 added, a parcel containing \$5000 in cash was handed to Sir Richard Squires. A good deal of suspicious mystery seems to have surrounded this transaction, and Sir Richard himself was unnecessarily deceived as to its real origin. Through Mr. McInnes was entirely reimbursed some ten days afterwards, and did not in fact contribute a cent, Sir Richard's version at the enquiry was that the whole sum was a personal contribution from Mr. McInnes to help him for old acquaintance sake. Really it came from Mr. McDougall whom, as far as I know, he had never met before. In the absence of Mr. McDougall I was unable to investigate this incident fully, but I am satisfied that at the time that these officials were at St. John's negotiating in connection with the proposed Government contract they were both aware that Sir Richard was in need of money and indicated a disposition to help him. I do not doubt that Mr. Miller knew this too, and when August came and his sister in her difficulties applied to him, he considered that he would be fulfilling the wishes of his superiors and the hopes of Sir Richard if he did his best to help her. His position, however,

was very vague, no precise amounts or methods had been discussed, and his first step was to telegraph both to Mr. McInnes and to Mr. McDougall to the effect that Sir Richard was going away and required help. Mr. McDougall does not appear to have replied, but from Mr. McInnes came two telegrams:—

(a) Received on August 2nd:—
"Cable received too late for me to deal with."

(b) Received on August 3rd:—
"McInnes says will answer Miller message soon as can."

Then on August 11th he sent important letters to both these gentlemen in identical terms—"confirming telegram sent you on August 1st I beg to say that this party sent for me and asked if it would be possible to arrange loan to meet some pressing obligations which had to be straightened out before he could get away on the next boat for his vacation. The reason for rush reply was due to his leaving the matter so until last moment. Expecting cheques from parties which were that due. This amount is only required for couple months, and if you can get your way clear to help him out I am sure it will be to the interest of all concerned. He told me confidentially that he preferred looking to us to help him over his present difficulties and any action our people care to take would likely be reciprocated later in some other way." By "this party" Mr. Miller meant Sir Richard Squires, and I have no doubt that the words would be so understood by the recipients of the letters. The matter was urgent, and the nature of the proposed transaction was obvious. Mr. Miller seemed to be uncertain as to whether he had answers to these letters, and Mr. McInnes denied sending any answer at all. Mr. Miller as he said in his evidence "took a chance on it" he "sure thought his action would be ratified," and he carried out the transactions already enumerated until \$43,000 had been placed to the credit of Sir Richard Squires, when he declined to procure any more.

It will be noticed that several of the documents took the form of drafts drawn on behalf of Sir Richard Squires on and accepted by Mr. Miller, and I was much puzzled to know how such drafts came to be debited against the Dominion Co., who do not

on the documents appear as parties in any capacity whatever. They were so debited in the Bank of Nova Scotia, and I was anxious to hear under what authority the officials of the Bank acted, and to have an account of this and other matters from Mr. Glennie the then Manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia at St. John's. Unfortunately, however, he is now resident in Canada, and though efforts were made to procure his attendance at the enquiry, they were unsuccessful. I was not favorably impressed by the excuses which he put forward, or rather which his Bank put forward for him. With regard to the drafts of this particular class (amounting to \$12,500) there seemed to me to be only two possible explanations—either the Bank was authorized or encouraged by some high official of the Dominion Co. to charge these amounts against the Company, or it was content to take Mr. Miller's word for it and put itself in a position of great peril.

The largest and most important of the documents was the 60 days' note for \$20,000, dated 16th August, 1920, purporting to be made on behalf of the Dominion Co. and signed by Mr. Miller and by Mr. MacDonald, the manager at Wabana. Mr. MacDonald told me (and I accepted his evidence) that he and Mr. Miller had no authority to bind the company by such a document, and that it also ought not to, and would not, be charged against the company by the Bank without the direction of someone of higher standing than either of them.

Shortly before that note fell due in October, 1920 Mr. H. B. Gillis, Superintendent of ores, mines and quarries for the Dominion Co., arrived at Wabana. He found Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Miller very much disturbed by the recent receipt of a notice from Mr. Glennie, addressed to the Dominion Co., and threatening that if the note was not paid at maturity it would be put in the hands of solicitors for collection. Mr. Gillis was assured that it was a personal matter in which the company was not involved, and he advised that Mr. Wolvin, the president of the company, who was about to visit Newfoundland, should be asked to use his influence with the Bank to get the note renewed. Mr. Wolvin did not attend the enquiry, and I had no means of ascertaining what took place at that time beyond this—the note was not renewed and no solicitor was instructed. In some way Mr. Glennie was appeased; Mr. Miller seems to have thought that there had been a renewal though he had not been asked to sign any further document and in February 1921 he telegraphed to Mr. Gillis:—

"Personal can you arrange with D. H. to have note authorized by Wolvin through McInnes renewed for another month and notify Bank of Nova Scotia here to that effect full particulars telegraphed through Sir W. D. Reid Montreal reply care Bank Nova Scotia here."

On receipt of that telegram Mr. Gillis made enquiries at the head office of the Dominion Company at Montreal, and was informed that the note had in fact been paid. Mr. Miller's recollection of the matters refer-

red to in this telegram was exceedingly vague, and in particular it was impossible to discover the meaning of his allusion to Sir W. D. Reid who was at the time one of the directors of the Dominion Co. In the following month, however, telegrams undoubtedly passed between Mr. Miller and Sir W. D. Reid, those sent by Sir W. D. Reid being in the following terms:—
(a) March 23rd, 1921—Saw both yesterday promise immediate consideration and reply will wire.
(b) March 24th 1921—Both very fav-

orably disposed Montreal man meantime has arranged to relieve pressure tell party thing can be arranged satisfactorily.

In April 1921 Mr. Gillis again came to Newfoundland, he met Mr. Miller at St. John's and found out from him that the note had been paid out of the Company's funds, and that Mr. Miller was charging the amounts to the payroll account at Wabana which was being padded to cover them. Mr. Gillis was much upset by this information. (Continued on page 9.)

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formation, and matter was tried. Office, and on Sydney later the chief accountant General Manager represented, which had been for which he had the authority that he had Mr. McInnes that the matter gated. This to reach the through months from Wabana not in a form such a transaction investigation the banking account, however, have been standing the representation was made, and ed to drop, sometime before Mr. Gillis Miller the most rest of his from him that hereafter Mr. Merrill large sum of the Dominion paid over to Miller was matter be this was not a investigation with the next end of the Sir Richard and no doubt in the field attention, but cept his order months to enquiries of had met such 000 notes and especially, believe that arrive he had done his wishes Mr. McInnes ever, he centler's activities, ording to him in that tained account brother, and company would nain substance him that the time any several amount surprise at disapproval of that the been vouched by Miss Miller brother to tell him the drawn, and these cheques Richard, who including \$380 respectively to do with the and handed reported to be the agreed 28th March, 92 document was ely signed the Daily Star fact the Daily time any Sir Richard came telling me that intended to was a memo on to satisfy that is to say Mr. Miller paid on April 2nd I think that was obvious. in to the credit the full amount to the company the company 31st March and lowed at once, a false balance matter hidden. debit, when the ed, was made for the making rangement from Reid's telegram. Nothing more was made about Mr. Miller and the company the money was and himself said that it was one of its toward his capital funds and Sir self, were the tical papers said that he

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