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

A .- Yes unfortunately.

consequently that.

get party funds?

ing for subscriptions.

to ask for it by others.

Q.-Begged by others?

a length of begging friends for you?

A .- It would be handed over by them

to me, I unfortunately, was leader

COMMISSIONER-When you have

the operations for the purposes of

the election, or the aftermath of the

election I should say, is it an opera-

tion which has a committee, trustees,

or a constitution, or is it yourself

Q .- Not a separate bank account?

COMMISSIONER-Or any audit?

A .- No, under our conditions the

leader has to take the responsibility

COMMISSIONER - Mr. Howley

wants me to have the facts and I am

trying to elicit them. It is not a

what its existence is like. It has no

ry, no banking account, no soul

body as far as we can see.

nittee, no constitution, no tre

nanent thing and I want to see

Q.-Not even a committee?

of it in the first instance.

would be collected by friends.

the names.

A.-Oh yes.

done with it?

treasurer all in one.

real constitution?

Q.—Funds are solicited by you?

porters have brought in funds.

A .- Bye-elections are worse.

A.—There were separate confer-, Q.—Each time there is an election ences and one joint. Q.-At the time these conferences A.-Yes.

took place the story of Meaney was MR. HOWLEY-I think for many in the hands of the authorities was it years it has been the custom to gath-

amongst other duties provide or col-COMMISSIONER-What do you lect funds for the purpose of carrying mean by the story was in the hands on the campaign? of the authorities? How can you tell COMMISSIONER—That is the same told by Mr. Higgins. Is that what you unless you put people out to get them. mean by the story being in the hands They don't grow on the bushes. of the authorities? A.-No. MR. HOWLEY-That is what I MR. HOWLEY-There are few

COMMISSIONER - He had

parently seen the exhibits. MR. HOWLEY-I have heard a lot can afford to give substantial donathat is news to me but it seems from tions and so that their identity is newhat I have heard that conferences cessary to be keep quiet? took place between political leaders. COMMISSIONER-That is a and men of prominence before there bit on the leading side.

A .- My temporary retirement from secretly. active politics.

Q.—In other words it seems to me their business associations in some that these conferences or discussions way. you talk about were directed to a political issue.

COMMISSIONER—Is this the way want anyone to know? to cross examine? I do not think it is A .- No. Their opponents, for inquite in order. He said it was politi- stance. cal intrigue?

my purpose we need to go through it, to be unknown to whose parties they There are a number of matters that are contributing. have arisen in the course of this ex- | A .- I have known cases. But these the situation that I propose to sub- party. mit to you. First because it may take gard to the nature of the cross ex- particular party might take business is? amination with regard to campaign from them. I have heard of people funds and campaign subscriptions in England in the same way . They not had time. that it is in fact necessary that a de- do not want the fact to be advertised scription of conditions as they are that they support a particular party material. in Newfoundland should be given to in case they might lose business .

COMMISSIONER—Descriptions streets, what conditions? If it is with reference to elections, geographical conditions, methods of getting in touch with districts, etc., it would he ernensive I have no doubt that politics cannot be carried on without funds. I presume election and campaign funds are carried on in New- I understand? foundland pretty well the same as they are in England. Politics I think cannot be carried on without funds. That I think is obvious; and politics are not cheap to run.

COMMISSIONER-Has there been any permanent political organization that and I follow. paigns?

A.-We have no permanent organization here.



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when I was out of town substantial plied by them by my consent. COMMISSIONER-A candidate who

there is an organization arranged? was offered money would take it? bring it to me if I was here and if I was out of town he would sometimes er together a number of friends who use it for costs. COMMISSIONER-If he got the

the chance of changing his mind. Q.—These were mainly deposited us that, when Mr. Warren has been most everywhere; you can't get funds in the Canadian Bank of Commerce? A .- During the period of 1921 and 1922 yes, and during the period of

> 1919, no. MR. HOWLEY-I am dealing with wealthy men and corporations? 1921 and 1922 COMMISSIONER-The Bank o Q.—And few people of business who Commerce was the main political ac-

count? MR HOWLEY-Did anybody but yourself or some member of your staff, make any deposit to that ac-

came your retirement from active pci- MR. HOWLEY-You do find that count in the Canadian Bank of Comsome people decide to do their good | merce? A .- Yes, it is already in evidence about two deposits one of \$3000.00 A .- Yes. Because it might injure made in December when I was out of

town and \$500.00 in July when I was COMMISSIONER - They desire t out of town by Miss Miller. COMMISSIONER - That was the help a political party but they don't bundle we went through yesterday? A .- Yes.

MR HOWLEY-These are certified MR. HOWLEY-Sometimes it hapcopies of your deposits in the Bank of MR. HOWLEY-Possibly, but for pens that some contributors desire it Commerce, with the exception of \$500 - the burdens of the party are on the '00 and \$3000.00?

COMMISSIONER - Those are the amination and there is one phase of are usually done through a third afternoon and we found that some extractions? of them were by your clerk and one COMMISSIONER-They keep it as or two by the mysterious W. Have a little time to develop it having re- | quite as they can. They are afraid a you found out who the mysterious W. | transactions. A .- I have not looked it up. I have

COMMISSIONER-It is not

MR. HOWLEY-In the period of MR. HOWLEY-In the case of your 1921 and 1922 covered by the deposits attend to it. political party, I think you told us what did the total of the deposits conditions of the weather or of the that your general election of 1919 was amount to? From January 1921 to Prime Minister and Colonial Secretary like. followed by a series of bye-elections July 1922? and election petitions and so on and COMMISSIONER-18 months

COMMISSIONER-That kept the at 1921?

MR. HOWLEY—So that the ne-MR. HOWLEY-I have added it up. I think that is about right. cessity of a continuation of the finan- I have given you the account. cial ansistance operated right through

the period of the general elections? COMMISSIONER-I have been told ant that I should have this figure; it any knowledge at all of the entries in at some time you were directly conshould be given by the witness. in this country identified with the care MR. HOWLEY-In addition to the MR. HOWLEY-From January 1921 of payments in your law offices? ons that are made to July 1922. Add it up will you from time to time to party funds, please? there were other means adopted to

sources during that period would be properly so. A.—Oh yes, funds were canvassed in the neighbourhood, speaking for. I have myself almost travelled roughly of \$95,000.00 or \$100,000.00. charge of these transactions? up and down Water Street, not visit-COMMISSIONER - How much of ing every place but most of them look-

political. A .- Yes, party friends and supof it. It is a major political account. both were there. COMMISSIONER-You have not More than half. That is my stateporters and friends have taken a to identify it.

part in it. Just like anything that is MR HOWLEY-Will you refer to supported by voluntary subscriptions. these depotis slips again. Just like the hospitals that are sup-COMMISSIONER - You are ported by voluntary subscriptions. about to ask him how much was tak-The people are reminded by appeals. en out for political purposes? The she had in the office with her.

You have got to go and ask for it. other side of the accunt is also inter-A.-Not only ask for it yourself but esting. A.—Unfortunately the political bal-COMMISSIONER—In the main you ance has always been largely against came under the heading of an in-

stitution supported by voluntary con-Q.-How much? tributions, obtained in the usual without an elaborated system of MR. HOWLEY-Can you give us the instances of funds secured by

Q.—It would be an exaggeration to others than yourself for party purcall yours an elaborated system of book-keeping, wouldn't it? A .- I am not prepared to mention A .- Yes, because I have none.

Q.-However, it is largely against you?

A.-Yes COMMISSIONER-There would be MR. HOWLEY-Sir Richard, as to those deposit slips, are there any de-A .- Yes, sometimes large amounts made at the time you were out of the the in MR. HOWLEY-What would be Colony?

COMMISSIONER-We take it that one of them certainly was. MR. HOWLEY-Two of them are. of the party, campaign manager and but are there any others? A .- I have a recollection that there

was one for about \$150.00 but other-MR. HOWLEY-Mr. Commissioner I want to submit those deposit slips to you and my friend, if you want to

under another name? Is there no verify these figures? A .- I don't want to get any more than that, that the total amount was about \$95,000.00 or \$100,000.00. It does not allow me as much as I excted when I heard that \$3,000.00 as nothing accounted of

> MR. HOWLEY-It is purely a matter for argument.
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> ter for argument. strike me as such an insignificant sum, I thought it would run into the

posits during the period while you all along to make them up? ut of the country except the A .- Yes, she kept the office rec

occasions upon which these moneys.

A.—I went away in August so collected, were handled otherwise months that was, I left Newtoundland months that was, I left Newtoundland A.—Yes, there were occasions upon 23rd June, 1922 until the 20th July. In which the people who collected them all it was three and a half to four

subscriptions were secured and ap- the 18 down to 14 and a half. It brings

MR. HOWLEY-This account in the A .- Yes, and the candidate would Bank of Commerce was also a per-A .- Oh, yes, to that personal de-

posits were frequently made.

Q .- You were asked this morning money it would be a pity to give him about payments to Miss Miller after she left the office and it tran that \$240.00 was drawn out of the Bank of Nova Scotia and \$200.00 ou of the Bank of Commerce account? A .- So far as the records were be

fore me those were correct.

COMMISSIONER — You produced the \$200.00 cheque with this account? A .- Yes, I produced the Bank of Commerce cheques. Q.—Others you gave us from

estigation of the books? A.-I did not check it personally MR, HOWLEY-Was that \$200.00 paid from the Bank of Commerce. Was it paid from the campaign or

personal account? COMMISSIONER-It is all one. It is all paid out of the one account. Apparently there was no campaign ac-

A.—It is no good having a campaign account if your account is in debt; there must be personal responsibility COMMISSIONER-I can see that

leader of the party. There were private deposits and campaign deposits ones that we went through yesterday and private extractions and campaign A .- And some bona fide business pa-

pers and some personal letters and left the sole charge of it to Miss MR. HOWLEY-Now, I think you took charge? have told us that during the time of MR. WARREN-Don't you think that your political activities, you did not is rather leading?

very attend to your other office at all? A.—I think it is quite clear from which I cannot answer yes or no to. the conditions that I certainly did not

Q.—You had your public office as in another building, in another section of the city from your law offices MR. WARREN-Why did you start and I think you told us that on the few occasions that you did visit your tion of your own knowledge to be organization alive instead of letting COMMISSIONER-We will have the law offices you were mainly engaged able to tell us what was the condiit die at the end of the election. questioned answered. During the in meeting your political supporters, tion of the insurance business in Election petitions are not cheap, so period of 1921 the total deposits are? | COMMISSIONER-Miss Miller has your office when Mr. Fraser took A .- I have not personally added up called it a stampede. Do you want to charge? | modify that or correct it?

COMMISSIONER-That is hardly ter of fact during the period of 1920, of Mr. Fraser. the way Mr. Howley. If it is import- 1921 and the first half of 1922 have MR. HOWLEY-Now, Sir Richard, your books of the records or receipts nected with the insurance business A.-None whatever except the

dozen or two that I sent over and I A .- The total deposits from all took it that they were entered and turns to the company and returns be-

this do you think was political; we Miller was office manager and ac-monthly, sometimes weekly; know the account was not exclusively countant, after Mr. Fraser actually agents ask for it monthly; which took charge he would have it and shows the list of all business deal-A .- As I have said, the major part there was an intervening period when

Q.—Between the time that you first amounts. done it individually, enthusiastic sup- ment without having made any effort lost your grip, so to speak, on your legal offices and the time Mr. Fraser came in was there anyone else who would have knowledge of the finannot cial transactions of the office?

A \_Miss Miller and any assistant Q.—Prior to your taking up active politics your office accounts were kept

pretty well up to date? A .- I myself personally checked them up to August 1918 and Mr. Fraser represented to me that they A.—I could not give you any idea were in very good shape up to the end of 1919

Q.-How long have you had the agencies of these Insurance Companies?

A .- For a good many years. Q.—Have you had many? A .- Prior to my becoming Prime Minister, 16, 17 or 18. Then I took the Globe Rutgers and the Union

posit slips there, covering deposits lay in making the various returns for rance companies once you left

A.-Not to my knowledge, my imression was that everything was going satisfactorily. Q.-Mr. Frazer took over that line

of the business in July 1921? Q .- Before Mr. Frazer came, while Miss Miller was there, had she made up the returns?

A .- Miss Miller was a capable COMMISSIONER-She had got the etchnical knowledge. She ied with.

A .-- A remittance of the return should go whether the cash is ready or Q.—It was not a difficult matter for O .- They don't mind getting it with

MR. HOWLEY-A con ance clerk would do it? A-Yes Q .- Wasn't it part of her busine

ke of and the \$150.00 one? from which the returns were ma s the 18 months how long | O .- Mr. Frazer succeeded her?

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Q.—Has there been negligence or delay in the returns since Mr. Fraser took charge of the business? CORRECT DRESS WEAR

A .- I think it was some months at A.—I think it was some months after Mr. Fraser came to St. John's before the returns for the various comnanies were drafted and sent. Q.—Since that date there has been

no trouble? A .- The business since Mr. Fraser has taken charge has been up to date, so far as I know. I have not had any

Q.—The condition of neglect to your insurance business all took place during the period that Miss Miller took sole charge of it? MR. WARREN-Would you repeat

that, please? Q.—The condition of your insur ance business and your insurance re turns being financed arose after you

WITNESS - That is a question COMMISSIONER-Then no harm

has been done WINESS-I could explain it if you

that question out. MR. HOWLEY-Are you in a posi-

COMMISSIONER-Mr. Fraser is the best witness of that. He is coming MR. HOWLEY-Did you as a mat- back. We have not yet seen the last

ing in arrears, what does that cover? Q.-Who, if anybody, was in full A.-Each insurance company, at any rate each of my companies, re-

A.—Up to the spring of 1921 Miss | quires a document, I think it is ings during the month. All new insurances, renewals, reinsurances and COMMISSIONER-Incidentally the

amounts whether they rate as premiums or paid out as compensations? A.-It does not show the amounts paid for premiums; but you have to report a premium as colelcted or not. It is a debt due

COMMISSIONER—Do you mean that you have to account for it before it is certain that the policy is going to be confirmed. You don't give it over first and get it back again?

A .- What is done in a case of that kind is say I have insured a Mr. Jones for \$20,000.00; there is \$20.00 due at the end of the month: he does not cancel it and he cannot pay then so you let it run on for say sixty days. If he has nothing and the time runs out, you lose it. You have to take your own chances.

Q-You think you know your man and you know whether he wants to let it lapse. Anyway these returns are then monthly returns?

A .- In the case of mine they are. Q.—These are the records by which the insurance companies enter their books and you forward the cash? A .- We usually do.

Q .- You usually forward the cash as shown in the returns? A.—They prefer to get the cash. MR. HOWLEY-What I want to

oint out is that the returns that you ave been speaking of are partly records and partly cash? merce in existence in 1921. Q.—But they show a cash balance and transactions they are accompan-

> uly 1923. (Letter put in, marked R. A.S. 16.) Witness reads letter.

Q.-While we are on this question of resignation which was gone into so fully yesterday, had there on the Friday or Saturday proceeding the re-ceipt of this letter been a meeting of A .- They prefer to get it with the uncil or of committee of council?

Q.—I take it that the practice is hat the Company sends the cheque to he agent in the name of the insured? e of council on the Friday

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Q .- At this meeting of council were COMMISSIONER-After all I think all the members present? A .- I could not say if all were pres-

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insurance companies are much the same all the world over. Q.—I think at an early session you were asked by the Attorney General if General present? there was during the period of 1920 a letter of credit account? Was there? A .- There was a letter of credit account in 1921 at the Canadian Bank of that meeting?

COMMISSIONER-When did it be A .- I merely enquired as to whether there was a letter of credit account.

I did not get particulars. MR HOWLEY-Mr. Warren merely wanted to know whether there was a letter of credit account or not. COMMISSIONER-I do not know juite what was the bearing of the

estion unless we know what period A .- There was a letter of credit account at the Canadian Bank of Com-MR. HOWLEY-You were also ask-

ed to bring the original of a letter written you by Mr. Warren on the Sunday before your resignation. Is that the original? A .- Yes. This letter is dated 22nd

know?

Q .- To your recollection what other members of council were present at

and I think Mr. Foote was there. My llection is that that was nearly a full committee of council. Q .- At that meeting of Council was

there any business done? A .- Oh yes. The council was in session for some time. COMMISSIONER-Ordinary less of council was transacted?

MR. HOWLEY-Was there any statement made by you at that meeting that might be regarded as a personal matter?

A.-The considering of the matter of my resignation and the recommendation of Mr. Warren to the Governor Q .- In the course of your cross exfination you were asked if during ons by letter of teleuary 1922? Do you re-

to which you replied fur-

upon the question of

purporting to be a copy of a message which Miller desired to have sent me, but which message was not sent. Q.-Copies of two messages which you say were drafted for transmission to you. That is so far as you

MR. WARREN-I must object to

COMMISSIONER-There were copies of two messages which were apparently drafted for transmission. Did you ever get either of them? MR. HOWLEY-Do you know as a matter of fact if either of them was

COMMISSIONER-That "do you know," seems to mean "have you been told ?\* MR. HOWLEY-If you like to put

it that way. COMMISSIONER-In a case of this kind it simply means have you been told, that is the only source of knowledge that the witness could have Now, if you put it in the form of have

you been told, you would expect it to MR. WARREN-I should certainly

COMMISSIONER-And I shall have to allow the objection. But what the witness knows is that he never got either of the messages. That is not a matter of hearsay but of his own

personal knowledge. MR. WARREN-There are one or itness. There were some things left over from yesterday on the question of the letter of credit account. (To be continued.)

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