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

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books?

A.-Yes.

in your books?

every member of it.

A .-- No. But from the summer of

for my personal cheque. When I

outstanding, for which you were re-

Mr. Fraser, and tell him to be sure

to open up the account for that man.

was cleaning it up satisfactorily.

COMMISSIONER-But before Mr.

out anything you would apply to Miss

know how you stood?

1919?

counts?

sponsible?

your office?

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A .- Nothing.

checks up to August 1918.

Miller was in charge there?

A.—I have a vivid impression of what they are like now by the evi- myself. dence before this Commission, I knew and I secured the services of an ex- autumn of 1918?

pert, Mr. Fraser. COMMISSIONER-That was Mr.

A .- He consulted me. I authorized the message to him, and arranged his

salary. hardly take it on himself to do it without consulting his senior partner. Did he discuss the matter with you before he did so?

A .- Yes. He came to me and I authorized the message. The question of salary and everything like that was arranged between us.

Sir Richard Squires-(Cross-examined by Mr. Warren.)

MR. WARREN-Sir Richard, I take it that generally your evidence amounts to this-correct me if I am wrong-that payments may have been made to you at your office, but that you had no knowledge of them at all? COMMISSIONER - As to their

A .- I am not denying that she brought the whole or any portion of this money. COMMISSIONER—Neither denying absolutely impossible to be Prime Min- \$1,000.00, \$3,000.00 and \$4,000.00 monor affirming?

A.-No. MR. WARREN—At no time, I take ies during the occasional absences it, did Miss Miller hand you any of Mr. Coaker, and help generally, and money and say where it came from? A.—At no time did she hand me any House of Assembly, etc. I was work- your knowing about it? money and suggest that it came from ing in the interests of the country,

Meaney, the Liquor Controller. any money and tell you where it came this commission.

A.—I said in my evidence I think, to facts. Others here suffered too, that I had recollection of Miss Miller on several occasions handing me money, which came to a total of \$2,000.00, and I understand the money came from Mr. Miller, her brother, who offered me his services as Treasurer of my campaign. He was a strong political supporter of mine. I understand the money came from her brother; I also since understand that some of it came

from other sources. Q .- Now when Mr. J. T. Miller oftreasurer, you declined?

A.-Yes. campaign treasurer?

A .- I think the first suggestion of assistance from Mr. Miller was in the autumn of 1919. Mr. Miller is a very active, capable man. Q.-But when did Mr. Miller offer

A .- He made that offer on several occasions. I could not identify the

to be your campaign man?

COMMISSIONER-You think it was

MR. WARREN-You declined his stood from Mr. Fraser that he had services?

A .- I did not accept his services. I did not make him campaign treas-

Q.-I understand you to say just now that you declined his services? A .- I did not decline in the sense of saving I would have nothing to do with him. I did not accept them. There is a difference in telling a man you won't have his services

COMMISSIONER-You would never bankruptcy? MR. WARREN-You could not accept his services.

A .- I was myself campaign treasur- and then Mr. Curtis?

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est possible time.

along to us.

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ility in financial matters or in office management. He handled legal maters that came to the firm very cap-

Q.—During Mr. Winter's time, did u know that the financial aspect of the business might have been dis-

A.-No. To my knowledge the was a substantial business period of 1920 and 1921, that Miss ' Q.—Did you have any particular Large amounts due the firm, and Mr. Winter was earning money. While A .- I handled the campaign funds did not make any money out of it myself, I did not regard it as bankrupt. MR. WARREN-Sir Richard, you Q.—You say that you checked the there was a general mess over there, books yourself up to the summer or say that your cancelled all these powers of attorney in March, 1921?

A .- Yes; the office books show my A.-Yes. Q.—After that you signed the

Q.-You then ceased to check the A .- Yes, I wrote a letter-Q.-I don't want the letter. Did you ever inquire when you signed a Q.-And I gather from that date on COMMISSIONER-Mr. Curtis would you did not take very much interest cheque as to whether there were funds to pay it?

A .- During the summer of 1918. A .- The cheques I signed would be made out by Miss Miller, and left on autumn of 1918 and spring of 1919, before I became absolutely engrossed my desk the night before, or given to with politics-with a party of which me by Miss Miller. The fact that she you have derived considerable bene- drew the cheque-it being in her handwriting-was sufficient to me. fit-up to that period, I was looking

after my books. From the spring of trusted her absolutely. A .- After June, 1921, she ceased? 1919, I devoted my time to the inter-A .- I think in June, 1921, Mr. Frasests of my entire party, looking after er issued cheques on his own account Q.-Very nice of you. But my ques-My own account was in the Canadian tion was did you absolutely give up Bank of Commerce.

your interest in your books after Q .- Did anyone keep that for you' A .- I kept that myself. Q.—You knew the state of that ac 1919 Miss Miller was away on vaca- count from time to time? tion for three months in the summer A .- Yes. I inquired at the bank, an

of 1919. From the time she came back they would tell me how it stood. up to the time of my resignation, I Q.-You never heard of \$3000.00 had abandoned by business, abandon- being put to that account? ed by actual law practice. It was A .- I heard of various amounts

wages at any time?

A .- Yes.

A .- Yes

A .- I would not like to say definite

for wages at any time. If that was on

Q.-Would one of the men who

A .- Mr. Thistle would be one of the

men, and Mr. Goodland would be an-

Q.-And if he came on Friday or

A .- And if he came to you for

A.-I have given him no money

left my office, I would be giving him

the money personally. I may have

wards, During 1920 my transactions

COMMISSIONER - If you were

away in 1920, and Mr. Goodland came

left power and authority to lend them

Q.—So that if while you were away

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Saturday, it would be for wages?

money, you would give it to him?

ly that they came to me specifically ister, Colonial Secretary, helping in eys that came in from various peothe Department of Marine & Fisher- ple for my political account. That a Friday or Saturday, it would probably be for wages. was largely a political account. Q.-Were amounts ever placed to at the same time give attention to the the credit of that account without came to you be Mr. Goodland?

A.-Amounts going to that acand sacrificing myself for it, and this count would be known by me as to other. Q.—Did she at any time hand you is the thanks I am getting for it— the amount. They would often be known by me as to the source, but Q.—Unfortunately, we have to stick not always as to the source. Q .- You regarded that account as I guess. Now then, do you swear purely a political account

that from 1919 on you took little or A .- I so used it. no interest in the question of your Q.-Now in 1920, before you went accounts—your office or private ac- away, you say there were two notes within recent years. Up to the time I outstanding one account Daily Star, A .- From 1918, I did not check the and one personal account. Q.-Was this not payable to you? personally given him money afterbooks. That was due to the fact that I had found Miss Hiller very ac- How did this \$14,000.00 note arise? A.—It was a Daily Star acwould not be direct with him. curate, and felt that as she was given

power of attorney, there was no need commodation note. Q.—Have you the note? A .- I looked up the records at the to the office for wages, what would fered his services as your campaign abandoned my office; was rarely seen Bank as to whether I was promisser happen. Did you give those who were

went into political organization. I inside my office for months. My own or endorser. accountant saw me in the office only Q .- Have you the note now? twice in the course of several years.

Q.-Did you take any interest in It would be in the custody of the your own personal account, amounts bank, or sent up to my office. COMMISSIONER-If it was paid?

A .- Then it would probably be in the possession of Mr. Fraser at my A .- A client might come to me, and report that there was some transaction law office. with my office, and I would send for

Q .- Then is it in the papers now?

COMMISSIONER-You wanted to fice? MR. WARREN-And the other note A .- Yes, and Mr. Fraser-I under-

Q .- Sir Richard, what was the other A .- A political accommodation note Fraser came, if you wished to find between a personal friend and myself.

Q.—Did you know what this note

was for-this \$14,000.00? A .- The Daily Star was a political MR. WARREN-You know nothing party organ. During 1919, the indivwhatever of what was going on in idual members of the party had not found themselves in a financial position to help our with the paper. I COMMISSIONER-You did not consequently got accommodation from tell a man that in politics, would you? know that your firm was heading for time to time, and found assistance from friends who could subscribe to A .- Oh, no. I had Mr. Curtis there. the paper, and myself advanced \$14.-Q.-Mr Winter in the first instance 000.00 and probably more than that to the paper which elected the party, of

. A .- Mr. Winter had no responsibwhich you were attorney general in 1919. Q.-You were keeping the Daily Star alive as a political organ? A.-Yes

> COMMISSIONER - That is the greatest interest he could take in that account. (To witness) You made your self responsible for the account to a large amount. In fact, you were taking a deep interest?

A.-Yes. MR. WARREN-You advanced certain money from time to time, raising money by notes, etc. I understand from Mr. Fraser's evidence, that there is \$124,000.00 debit on your books?

A.—I heard him say so. Q .- You did not see the accounts

A .- I saw the sheets, but they wers not totted up. Ripe English Stilton Cheese COMMISSIONER-He only totted

them up here in Court. MR WARREN-That, as far as the Daily Star was concerned, was your deepest interest in the account? A .- Yes. Keeping it alive as a party

Q.—I take it that means you were deeply interested in it? A.-I did not see the books. You were keeping the paper alive, and taking an interest in the account?

A.-Yes Q.—How were the wages paid Daily Star Publishing Company in

Q .- To their hands?

Q .- Do you know whether they ev



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Q.-And if there was no money in same thing-"hard up." the Bank, she would not be doing wrong if she raised it?

A .- No. She would be in a difficult position. She could say to Mr. Goodland to get his books in order and col-

bank she could get it on your behalf?

A .- The Daily Star was a political and not a business organization. COMMISSIONER—That means the

MR. WARREN-You had the financing of it to the extent of \$124,000.00? anced it by A .- Or more.

Q.—Does that represent what you were out? A.—Before I can answer that ques- 1 books show Q.—If the money was not in the tion, I would have to go through the How did you books, and go through the records. I A .- I got

Q.—She would not be committing ment is that I am out more than that. Q .- Well, at least \$124,000.00, and golf, spent since Miss Miller did not finance to | COMMIS

00.00 paid the Star. age to do that? \$124,000.00 as a reoff, did not play days at work.

n him. You say she

the Daily Star to the extent of \$124,-A .- My professional earnings and commercial ventures in business, and A .- You mean, from 1917 to 1919, I am happy to say I got more than how was I able to make a political in- that during all these years of slavery. when I was working, before under-

gust, 1920, this note was outstanding, ave done that, but if in fact the two notes. And, at that knowledge. Your time, Miss Miller had your confidence? A .- Yes. When I went away in August, she had my absolute confidence. Q.—And power of attorney to sign pheques, notes and all the rest of it?

Q .- You say you did not have any

niar conversa you went? None, others

\_You had no d ie signed notes \_Yes. \_pid you tell in signed note

\_t told her I d notes with ed the notes an Saunders, and I referred. And why than Miss M Miss Saunder I told her to er if necessar d not need the power of attor r of attorney.

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