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every much, except that it was understood that there were some dis- ment itself is in writing, that is betcussions on that subject and I want- ter than the Minutes, ed to know to what extent. Now you went away early in August?

A-Yes Q.-And while absent did you get letters or telegrams from Ne foundland on the subject?

tions from any officers of either Com pany during your absence abroad?

Q.-Did you advise or instruct anyone to give the matter consideration during your absence abroad?

Q.—The appointment of Mr. Meaney Acting Liquor Controller was

made, I take it, by the Executive Gov-

A.-Yes. Q.-Have you a record available?

A.-Yes. COMMISSIONER-The app itself is in writing and we have it

MR. LEWIS-But the Minute of

MR. LEWIS-I have not seen it.

WITNESS-This was the Minute pon which the letter was drawn up. alk about that letter some time ago. That is what forbade Mr. Meaney from getting commissions.

MR. LEWIS—And Mr. Meaney, I

think, continued in office from 1921 until June 23rd, 1923? Q.-Was there any occasion when

A No, it was a verbal con tion between myself and Mr. Paddon, the Manager of the Bank of Mon-

Q.—Did you receive a letter from Mr. Meaney on the subject of these

MR. LEWIS-You had been advis

d that there was an overdraft on Mr. A .- Yes, by the Auditor General. ically, if any, on that subject? had a conversation with me about it and subsequently I dropped in to see Mr. Paddon in respect to the matter.

Q.—Did you feel that there was an

.-And was any action taken

Sir R. A. Squires, K.C.M.G.,

Mr. Paddon, Manager of Bank of Montreal, writing me regarding his conersation with you in connection with overdrawn account of this departm aid: "The Premier advises us not to

This appears an unusual procedure and there must be some good cause for it. Personally I am unable to discover any justification for it. The Legislature votes \$166,668 to buy stock, pay duty and operate this department. The Government and Legislature are the purpose. Up to the end of Febru you gave instructions to the Bank the purpose. Up to the end of Febru of Montreal on the subject of the ary we have paid in duty \$137,825.83 account in the Bank of Montreal \$376,-000.00 to date, making a total on cusom's duties and cash deposits for eight months roundly \$514,000.00. I estimate we shall pay in duty alone by the end of the fiscal year roundly \$300,000.00 and deposit in Bank about

dministration of the Department.

Persistent Coughs,

noon. I am not taking anything out MR. LEWIS-Mr. Meaney has apof Bond under present conditions be-cause it will be incurring new obligaspirits nor wine to offer the public. You will therefore see the nece

(Sgd.) J. T. MEANEY, Acting Controlle

nor on the 8th of June 1923.

Consideration was given to the con-inct of the Department of the Liquor Controller when it was decided, (a)

Certified true copy.
(Sgd.) ARTHUR MEWS.
Deputy Colonial Secreta
d Connell, May 18, 1923. and Col. Secretary, June 5, 1923.

w or relevant in that.

COMMISSIONER-But I would like \$300,000 matters? I am notifying Mr. Paddon that I am issuing cheques to cover outstanding obligations. I shall not incur any further obligations pending adjustment of this matter.

We have spirits and wine enough out of Bond to last till Tuesday afternoon. I am not taking anything out of Bond under present conditions be-

peared here as the accuser of Sir determination that those document facts, which if true, would lead or facts, which if true, would lead or which are produced here may be may lead to a further investigation in assistance to you in fully and fair perhaps the criminal courts; and such considering your finding. imony of Mr. Meaney might easily COMMISSIONER—But I am

COMMISSIONER—The only effect gone into fully.

Is to show that Meaney was telling MR LEWIS—I am well informed the truth. He told me he was sus- of the fact that that was before the ourable Executive Council Approved of by His Excellency The Gover-

> MR. LEWIS-But I do not know I might have forgotten it. hether he told you or not. That is a MR, LEWIS-I know that after

the other, such attacks usually result COMMISSIONER-I have not from some motive. Now the motive is faintest notion what you mean by

ter is relevant; but I have had that in duct towards Sir Richard is exmy mind for over a month.

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be the result of a desire of revenge of some wrong. It is important, therefore, it seems to me that the motives of Mr. Meaney be disclosed as far as the records will disclose them.

COMMISSIONER—But I am prised to find that after all the time we occupied in the liquor department that you have not been informed by either Mr. Howley or Sir Richard Squires that these matters were all

COMMISSIONER-But you tho

hearing you for the past few weeks, COMMISSIONER-No, it is a mat- have marvelled at the accuracy your memory. I desire that the low because I was not at the hear- as the record of the liquor con

are not copied in your records; and is apparent they are not all copied

ned with an exhibit I ask the cle the court to let me see it.

all the documents which may lead to the notice.

ts did not lead up to the noti nt lead up to it directly I would

MISSIONER-I am opposed to er burden of it. LEWIS-I take it if your hon cts, that I do not offer th ed copy of the record? NONER-This docum dy in evidence in the last para-(To the Clerk): will you

give Mr. Lewis the document

it is to see if it is the one I mean. interview with Mr. Miller that he

the Executive Government had consideration the report sign-something else took place. Head Constable Byrne re al-burglary at the Department of MR. LEWIS—I think you say douor Controller, and setting a little later and made some to the whole matter you shall an interview with me. I said I controller.

In the view with the controller as give him no interview. I think about three o'clock when Mr. 0



(Sgd.) ARTHUR 1 Acting Liquor Controller,

MR LEWIS-That is suffici vas not aware that the certified

you recall that on or about the December last, 1923, you had a versation with your partnar ht.

A .- Yes. Q .- What was it? A .- He came into my office and me that Mr. James Miller had to see me and he asked me it! repared to give him an inter Q.—What did you say to him!

A .- I said I was not prepa give any interview. Q.-Did you see him again d the day later on? A .- Yes. Later in the aften he handed me a memo cov

COMMISSIONER—Is that the thing he did? A.—That was the first time !

before I went to lunch and, hi came into my office and told Her had been in to see me told Mr. Curtis to make a note

COMMISSIONER—Is that all A .- I told Mr. Curtis that h no authority whatever to ent negotiations with Mr. Miller

olk with him.

A.-Later in the after ight into me a memo of l le gave it to me