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

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is far distant. R HOWLEY-Something like the of the Controller's Dept. WARREN-Did you check all nosits in the bank with the

Did you check any of them? did not make any effort to he cash book prior to my com-

you made a list of the items wanted Sir Richard Squires

of items did that

cash book. There were entries cash book, and there were not esponding entries in the led-There were entries which I was

It was a list of what you want know about. Did not that conanything of this statement that

Could you find any deposits in statement that you were unable

I have never checked over all ash deposits for 1920: -Then you cannot say anything

There may have been deposits that did not appear in the

blank stubs appear no

ank balance correspond the pass book? opened an account in June the Bank of Nova Scotia.

and from that on you kept the But before that is is confusion.

uch of this sheet marked J. T. except the name Let us take the item "Paid J. T.

n that item that I have just books? was written by you after the statement?

from a memorandum that

Squires gave you en the entry in the cash book age 224 is on June 30th 1920,

"paid J. T. Meansy, Feb. 7, transaction was in Feb-

A .- Sir Richard Squires sent the record to the office, requesting that the books be kept up.

Q.-When did you write that item

A .- There were in the cash book a number of pages that had never been used, so I used them for putting these

things on record.

COMMISSIONER—I mink the whole page has been written in this after-

Q.—It all comes in order of date, and you mean that at the end of June 1920 two or three pages were afterwards filled up by you. Then there are four or five pares between that and July 30th that were never written 225 goes straight on and at the bottom of page 225 you go back to 1919. All that seems to be in Miss Miller's handwriting. Just 'colt at this.
WITNESS-I remember. It is in

Miss Miller's writing. (Looks at book) Yes it is in Miss Miller's handwriting. COMMISSIONER-Here is 224 This egins with an item with reference to

A .- I should think that would be written when Miss Miller and myself were working together.

Q .- Then going on. Some of this appears to be in her writing?

A .- It is all in her writing. Q.—Then we have a blank page, and apparently left a few pages to fill in it? at your leisure.

before I came. Q .- Then one more thing. This is written up not even in chronological Richard Squires from which the en-

A .- These were entries supplied to the office by Sir Richard Squires. Q .- Then that was the sole source of these entries A .-- Yes.

Q.—Something that you got from Sir Richard Squires? A.-Yes.

Q .- You say that Miss Miller wrote when?

1921 Q.-She was not there after the end of July 1921?

A .-- No. Q.-Do you know of your own Feb. 7th, 1920, \$30.00," and knowledge whether she has done any marked in pencil "folio 224." work for Sir Richard Squires persones that appear on the other ally or for the office after that?

A .- I have no knowledge. Q.—Have you had anything to do with the Canadian Bank of Commerce he wished to keep on record, and that not make it appear account of Sir Richard Squires? as from Sir Richard A.-No. He may have sent me a cheque and asked me to deposit it at office? were a number of blank the Commerce. But I would know A .- Yes. cash book, and I used nothing of the account.

put on record what Sir R. Q.—There is no means of finding these payments? out anything about it from these

MR. WARREN-Mr. Fraser, you have told us that all these items were memorandum, made from a memo sent you by Sir Richard Squires?

A .- Not all of them. Q.-Most of them? A .- The payments out, yes. I think fice? there were some payments that were

made in the office. Q.-Anyway, I suppose I may say that ninety per cent, were from memin June, when Sir Richard os. sent you by Sir Richard Squires were being made by himself or by the first told you about it, al- from the Prime Minister's office.

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A .- I had nothing to do with the Q.—But evidently Sir Richard Squires was keeping a memorandum of monies that he paid out and want-

Q.-Did he ever keep an account of monies that came in? A .- I do not know.

Q .- You got no note of those? A.-No

dest amongst a lot of stuff. I do not

know low long it had been there. Q.—You mean that list from Sir tries were made? A .- Yes, I think Sir Richard had

written that memorandum and it was lying on the desk. Q .- On whose desk?

A .- Miss Miller's. Q.—Was it in his handwriting? A .- No. Typed. Q.-Sir Richard Squires had writ-

ten those payments that had been some of these entries, can you say made to Meaney, and the list was lying on your desk, and you saw it? Q .- And you started to enquire into

> Q.-Did you take that typed mem. crandum to Sir Richard Squires? A .- No. I enquired from Miss Miller.

Q .- Who referred you to Sir Rich-A .- No, She said that Sir Richard a list would be sent to the office.

Q.—Do you know when he made A.-I think it was in 1920.

Q.-Do you know when he made this memorandum? A.-No. I know that he made this the list at all.

Q .- Ordinarily, then, I suppose I am correct in saying that Sir Richard Squires was taking an interest in monies that were going out of his of-

Richard Sources knew that payments

A .- Sir Richard Squires made the payments himself. Q .-- And he required them to be en ered up in the books of the firm?

ogical order but take the first payment on June 30th paid J.T. Meaney standing and that required an and then in brackets another on Feb- planation? ruary 7th, 1920. What do they mean? loes that mean the dates Meaney was or the dates the notes were paid? A.-The dates they were paid to ATTORNEY GENERAL-Why June

30th because it was under the heading dent brought in in that way first? We or one of those pages that was use- have other matters dealing with this ril, 1921 and you started your cash ATTORNEY GENERAL-That payentoof January 30th was written up

in the cash book on Sir Richard

Squires' memorandum was it?

Q .- Then there were some transac ons that Sir Richard Squires want d a record made of?

Q.—Have you submitted a list of the tanging accounts to Sir Richard quires for elucidation?

Q .-- Are you going to produce it?

COMMISSIONER-Would you like see it. I do not see any material adntage to be had by seeing it. ATTORNEY GENTRAL-I am no

A .- Originally it was long Q.-Why?

A .- From correspondence and as

Q .- On that list Mr. Fraser as far as | Meaney account. you know there were a lot of items and amongst those items there were T. cash which he has told was before Q.-How did you come to get this to Brown, etc. Let us take the case of to mention to Sir Richard Squires but hen we begin July 1st, which seems statement? Did Sir Richard Squires Smith or any other name for instance. to go on again fairly regularly. You hand it to you or did you ask him for and there was and item which you spoke to Sir Richard Squires or Miss | queries? Miller about it and you had that

cleared up? A.-I can produce the list. ATTORNEY GENERAL-I do not want to see the list but you told me that there were certain items on that list that you have cleared up since, isn't that so?

A.-Yes Q.—Then you must have cleared up some items to your satisfication?

Q.-What have you not cleared up? A.-Because there was no informa-

tion to work on. Q.-Didn't you have the same mount of information as you had for the other accounts to work on? A.-No, the information, for the other accounts that was fixed up was got mainly through correspondence. Q .- Therefore, if there were documentary evidence available to explain would have fixed them up?

Q.-But where it came to a matter of explanation you have not been able to fix them up?

A.-No. Richard Squires, very naturally you selves? wanted to have your books in proper shape before you became responsible? A .- Sir Richard Squires did not see

Q.—But you had it in your book?

A.-No. Q.—I thought you said you had this list of queries for somebody to ex-

A .- At the office I had the queries at the time, but I did not reduce them to a list until sometime after. COMMISSIONER After you once

made te list did you speak to Sir Rich-

ard again about it? A.-I reported to him several imes about some accounts. I did not say definitely to Sir Richard Squires that I had a list because he knew that and you were told that they had not already. Q .- In other words you conveyed to

him a lot of things that were out-

Q.-Did you ever mention any particular one to him? A.-Yes, I mentioned the Meaney one MR. HOWLEY-That has no

ence to these transactions

COMMISSIONER-Was that inci ATTORNEY GENERAL-DIC

new sheet on June 1st take any steps



this J.T. account

Q.—Had you any particular reason for mentioning the other one and not

A.-Yes. MR. HOWLEY-I do not want to soon as I was made acquainted with interrupt, but I want to point out that

that you could not understand at all about the stubs. They are marked J. stubs marked J.T. and items referring him and which he had every reason

ATTORNEY GENERAL-I want to could not understand referring to ask you, Mr. Fraser, had you ever adsome transaction with Smith and you ded up the amount of cheques and

> Q.—Have you any idea what they amounted to? Q.-Do you remember if it went into

the thousands? A .- Yes, it did. Q .- You never asked Sir Richard

and some of them had just initials. Q .- Take those J.T. cheques again. You have already told us that the total outstanding cheques and queries went into the thousands. Now speakthat wanted an explanation? A.-Nine or ten.

Q.-Now how many of them were marked J.T.?

A .- I remember one. Q.-Did you ever suspect to whom that cheque was made out? Q.—Did it ever dawn on you it was

for J. T. Meaney? A.-No. Q.—Then you said that you started in with the Bank and got a statement from them, that you worried about those outstanding cheques and that

Q.—When you took this list to Sir you tried to get the cheques them-Q.-Kindly tell me what steps you

took to try and get them? A.—I went to the Bank and was told that they had already given out the cheques.

Q .- Did you try to trace the cheques that were outstanding and not nresented at the Bank? A .- Yes, I tried to get the vouchers at the Bank. Q.-When you did trace the out-

standing cheques that had been pre-

sented for payment?

A .- Yes. COMMISSIONER-When you saw stubs that were unintelligible you them and neither of them had got 6 them. Then after that you got from the Bank a list showing the cheques that were outstanding and not pre-

ATTORNEY GENERAL-When did you first try and start to trace those A .- I had been trying to trace ther all along.

Q-You went into the office in Apcount a new sheet on June 1st?

asked the Bank for statement? to try and trace those stubs up to A -I had been busy at other ac

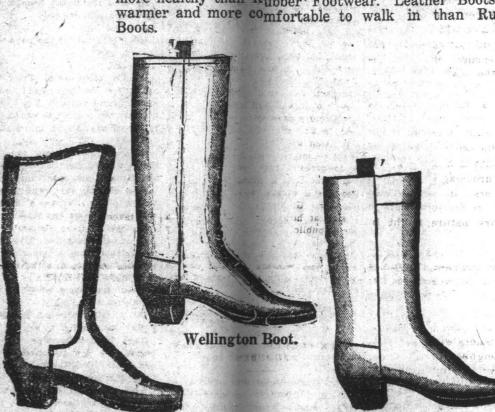
A.—It was the day before Miss Miller left the office, sometime in Q.—You pursued your enquiries you have a pass book? com time to time trying to get the

Q.—But you never asked the Bank A.-Yes.

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A .- I did not have the time. I was that be charged to? ntering accounts and other things A .- Trust account, all the cheques count? kept me busy. I was merely keeping were charged to Squires and Curtis A .- Yes, and firm monies I depositthe cash book and the longer I left it Trust acc the worse it would get,

ing much more easily repaired.

Q .- So that you were in the office from July, 1921 absolutely in the fog regular busi Bank first to ask them for the as regards your Bank account and did | A .- Until I not ask for a statement until 1923? | count as I wanted to have an account A.-I was in the fog regarding past for myself

A.Yes, it was early in the year of

Q.-After you went in the office did going on? A.-No. Sir Richard Squires' account was used until June 18th, 1921, in the Bank of Nova Scotia. All the est was Trust account? Q .- The Trust account was that of

A.-Yes. Q.—Supposing you had a probate that accesses for administration and you had A.—No

quires and Curtis?

to buy stamps what account would | Q.—Have you ever made any de-

A .- The R. A. Squires account was running all along. Q .- So that you had been using the

ess of the firm?

vs cheques on that? Q.-Who rd Squires alone. went there in April, in May, 1921? drawing cheques A .- No, June 1st I took charge of

posits to Sir Richard Squires' aced to Trust account Sir Richard had

Sir R. Squires private account for firm could utilize the Squires account and all firm account was done through pened the other ac- Squires and Curtis Trust account?

> Q.-Who signs cheques for th Trust Account? A .- Mr. Curtis did it at first and

now I have the power of attorney to

Sir Richard Squires. Q .-- You went there in April 1921 ly but Sir Richard and formally and officially took charge drawing cheques on of the cash book in June 1921?

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