

## Report of T. Hollis Walker, K. C.

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not deem it necessary to make specific mention here. On the issue of Sir Richard's complicity I find as follows:—

1. That before he left St. John's for Europe in August, 1920, Sir Richard Squires included Mr. Meany among those whom he specifically authorized Miss Miller to apply to for financial help.

2. That when Mr. Meany was repaid \$4000 it was on account of a larger sum due, and that Sir Richard Squires did not in any way indicate to Miss Miller displeasure that she had been to Mr. Meany or desire that she should not go to him again.

3. That Miss Miller kept Sir Richard informed of all the various amounts that she obtained from Mr. Meany, and from time to time conveyed to him requests from Mr. Meany that the amounts should be repaid. It may well be that Sir Richard did not at any particular moment know the exact total of his indebtedness, Mr. Meany was too suspicious and too wary to bring into existence a written list, but he knew the approximate figure and he knew how substantial it was.

Miss Miller did not say that she had ever told Sir Richard in so many words that the money was coming from the Liquor Control Department. According to her that was always understood. I find that it was, there was no need to tell him. It was obvious Sir Richard knew all about Mr. Meany, his aggressive politics, his fluent pen and his slender purse. Mr. Meany had followed many callings. Immediately before he went to the Liquor Control he held a post on the staff of the "Daily Star" at \$35.00 a week, and his income was supplemented by other journalistic work both within and without the Colony, and occasional participation in lumber ventures; he was a poor man, as Sir Richard intimated he had to be fed and clothed by someone. He gave up the "Daily Star" at \$35.00 for the Liquor Control at \$50.00, retaining his other sources of income, so that his total increase was \$15.00 a week, and he was still a poor man quite unable to provide any large sum from his own resources. Sir Richard did not know until 1923 that he was feathering his nest by taking forbidden commissions, and anything like \$20,000 in two years was entirely beyond his apparent resources.

Sir Richard himself told me that no one could take large sums from Mr. Meany at that time without the strongest suspicion that public money was being used, and that he would regard \$4,000 as a large sum. Yet in December, 1921, no less than \$9,000 were obtained from him from this source. I do not believe that he was ignorant of it, and I find:—

4. That Sir Richard Squires realized in August, 1920, that money might be obtained for him through Mr. Meany from the funds of the Liquor Department, and that after his return he realized that it had been so obtained, and was being so obtained; that he accepted the use and benefit of over \$20,000.00 so obtained with knowledge of their tainted history, and made himself a receiver and accomplice in Mr. Meany's wrong.

### THE "RESCO" TRANSACTIONS.

2.—The second matter mentioned in the Commission was stated in the following terms:—

"It is alleged that while negotiations were in progress between the Government of the Colony and the Dominion Iron and Steel Co., Ltd., and the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co., Ltd., respectively, concerning the obligations of the said companies to the Government, certain moneys were paid to the then Prime Minister by the said Companies."

Previous to the year 1920 the two Canadian Companies named had for many years carried on operations at Bell Island, Newfoundland, as well as in other places outside the Colony. Important matters in connection with their business in Newfoundland, such as export duty, were the subject of agreement, which had lasted for ten years, expired by effluxion of time. Negotiations followed between the Companies and the Government as to

the terms to be embodied in a new agreement, and continued intermittently until November, 1920, when all the details were settled and a new contract was signed, which, however, had no binding effect until it received the assent of the Legislature on 12th August, 1921. A general election in 1919 had delayed the opening of discussions about the new agreement, but all negotiations proceeded upon the basis, and the agreement when concluded contained a term, that it should relate back to Jan. 1st, 1920. It was also contemplated that the two companies would shortly be federated or fused, their interests were identical and the agreement did not draw the slightest difference between them. A new company was in fact formed about May 1921, called the British Empire Steel Corporation (popularly known as "Besco"), by which the two companies were to be amalgamated, though each has retained for some purpose, its own separate existence. Officers from Besco were taken from each of the companies, officers of one company became officers of the other, and it was sometimes difficult to ascertain which company a particular officer at a particular juncture was representing, especially when transactions were being dealt with which if they were for the benefit of one company would equally be for the benefit of both or all.

Early in August 1920 Sir Richard Squires, the then Prime Minister of Newfoundland, left the Colony; he was absent until the early part of December. He left his financial affairs in the hands of Miss J. G. Miller (now Mrs. Hargrave), his accountant and manager, who was the sister of Mr. J. J. Miller, the accountant of the Dominion Company at Wabana, Bell Island.

During Sir Richard's absence Mr. Miller engaged in a series of transactions with the object and effect of relieving the financial pressure upon him, and the Bank of Nova Scotia in consequence transferred considerable sums of money amounting in all to more than \$43,000, from the account of the Dominion Company to that of Sir Richard Squires. The transactions were embodied in the following documents:—

(1) A 30 days draft dated August 3rd, 1920, for \$5,973.75 drawn by "Squires & Winter, R. A. Squires per J. G. Miller" on the Dominion Iron & Steel Company, purporting to be accepted by the Company in J. J. Miller's handwriting.

(2) A sight draft dated Aug. 10th, 1920, for \$4,000, drawn by R. A. Squires per J. G. Miller on and accepted by J. J. Miller.

(3) A sight draft dated Aug. 14th, 1920, for \$5,000 drawn by R. A. Squires per J. G. Miller on and accepted by J. J. Miller.

(4) A sight draft, dated Aug. 16th, 1920, for \$5,000, drawn by J. G. Miller upon the Dominion Company, and purporting to be accepted by the Company per J. J. Miller.

(5) A 60 days' note dated August 16th, 1920, for \$20,000 and interest signed by Angus MacDonald, Manager and J. J. Miller accountant under the stamped name of the Company placed there by J. J. Miller.

(6) A sight draft dated August 17th, 1920, for \$2,000 drawn by R. A. Squires per J. G. Miller on and accepted by J. J. Miller.

(7) A sight draft dated November 27th 1920 for \$1500 drawn by R. A. Squires per J. G. Miller on and accepted by J. J. Miller.

These documents were all delivered to the Bank of Nova Scotia, endorsed where necessary R. A. Squires per J. G. Miller; the amounts were charged against the Dominion Co's. account, and with slight deductions for discount and bank charges were credited at once to Sir Richard's account. The actual credits were (1) \$5923.75 (2) \$3900.00 (3) \$4900.00 (4) \$4973.10 (5) \$20039.85 (6) \$7995.55 (7) \$1496.25, a total of \$43432.38, but the figures and references in the Bank books conclusively established the corroboration of the transactions.

I find that a sum of over \$43,000 was thus taken from the coffers of the Dominion Co., and placed in the coffers of Sir Richard Squires at a time when he was Prime Minister of the Colony, and while negotiations were in progress between the company and the Government concerning the obligations to be imposed upon the company as from January 1st, 1920, in a proposed new contract.

But Sir Richard himself was absent from the Colony at the time, and Mr. J. J. Miller was not the Dominion Iron and Steel Co.; and the time of the enquiry was mainly occupied in dealing with the questions—(a) whether Sir Richard personally inquired or adopted the payments or was in any way a party to them, and (b) whether they were made with the authority or assent or acquiescence of or were at any time adopted or recognized by responsible persons at the head of the companies or any one of them.

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