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The Board of Trade Report for 1923.

The 15th Annual Report of on the industrial activities in the Island during the past year, and but is certainly a matter of im- resentment. contains as well several exceladopted, would materially im- cost or extra staff.

it says: "Confidence has been countries on this side of the Atrestored in business, and the lantic are now enjoying. What I.O.U.'s and the Besco. It was very Italian market is at present we need is vision and determina- likely that he told him of his attempt strong." With reference to tion to set our own house in or- to get the hundred thousand and the Greece: "Greece once more be- der." comes a steady customer who

can be relied upon to purchase quantities of our soft cured Will not Publish fish." The report further states that while the shortage in the catch of fish caused hardship in

higher prices for the fishermen, and in shipments being sold outright and the proceeds re- Rev. G. O. Lightbourn ceived quickly.

The benefits which have accrued through the extended pulp

Rev. G. O. Lighboturn has received and paper operations as also and paper operations as also referred to, and the prospects of further developments of this don, Ont., which is in charge of Very

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those charged on first class liners. This is a complaint made not without good reason. The rates are excessive particularly New York, when Mr. Miller took sick. The Evening Telegram, Ltd., as they apply to young children. Witness said that Miller was seri- anyone else, the witness replied yes, ously ill and was attended by a doc- he told it at Mr. Coaker's residence

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The report might have suggested as well a further reduction to the matter of the outstanding \$46,- yard and Hon. S. Foote. Asked if All communications should be ad- that which has already been 000, and he did so by writing the arrangements were suggested to him made in the rates charged on letter to Sir Richard Squires already for the abandonment of the enquiry, the boats which ply on the Hali- put in evidence. He could have tak- the witness replied, yes they were fax, New York, and Montreal en this matter up personally but he by Mr. Miller, who purported to be (Sir Richard) was usually too busy acting on behalf or Sir Richard

to be seen. It was just a friendly Squires, and also by Mr. Leslie Cur-There is another complaint act towards Sir Richard, and the tis. The latter, he said, came to his with reference to the impos- document speaks for itself, said the office and in a general way enquired sibility of obtaining statistics witness. Questioned about the period if there was any means of choking it sibility of obtaining statistics which show with any degree of Richard showed hostility, Mr. Meaney Besco code, addressed to T. H. Mc-

accuracy the catch of codfish said his own attitude was that of in- Dougall and signed J. T. 'Meaney, during the season, or even of the difference. He had not shown hos- was identified by the witness. It was the Newfoundland Board of quantity which is marketed. tility towards Sir Richard, nor does not put in evidence pending having Trade, which has just been is- Whether this is the result of in- he feel any towards him at the pres- it decoded. Another document, a sued, is an exhaustive treatise difference or whether it is de-that Sir Richard had double crossed Telegraph Company, was next offerliberate, it is impossible to say, him and make no effort to hide his ed as evidence. Mr. Lewis objected. portance and could easily be ef- MR. LEWIS-When there came a Commissioner and read. It was datlent suggestions which, if fected without any additional time that you consulted with your ed March 27th, 1922, and addressed counsel, did you give him all the D. H. McDougall, Sydney, N.S., and facts?

prove the economical situation. "The Future is in our own A.-No. I gave him only an out- Party is satisfied to grant request We are glad to observe that hands," says the report. "Trade line of the case and asked where I as discussed in Montreal January. In throughout the report there is is returning towards normal, new would stand supposing that Sir Rich- the event of this going through would a tone of optimism, which is industries are being built up, and ard had obtained money by cheques you send necessary authorization to based, not so much upon the de-provided that we can reduce our said he did not mention to him about sire to see matters improve, as taxation and have a clean Gov- the I.O.U.'s. On a subsequent visit J. T. MEANEY. upon the actual results of last ernment, there is no reason why about ten days later, he had ascer- the witness said the message had in year's operations. Referring to Newfoundland should not share tained that Sir Richard was manipu- view a revival of the discussion over conditions in the Italian market in the prosperity which all other lating for his arrest, and he having the \$100,000 proposal made at Montreal in January.

MR LEWIS submitted copies of minutes of meetings held by the Executive Council in relations to the unemployment at Bell Island.

three hundred thousand amounts at The COMMISSIONER as before this period. He had also conferred contended the documents had no with Sir Wm. Coaker, and the Attorbearing upon the matter and conseney General in the presence of his quently would not admit the papers counsel and Mr. Jas. Miller. It was in question as evidence. To-Morrow at this conference that he laid all his The COMMISSIONER said he did cards on the table:

not wish to have this enquiry used for MR. LEWIS-Did you know that in political purposes as one or two of telling this story, it made it incummany directions, it resulted in Holiday, The Evening Telegram bent on the Attorney General to take Mr. Lewis' questions were very near the line. action?

In relation to a letter which Mr. A .--- It was not my desire, but at Meaney was to produce after lunch that time I was prepared for anythe letter was put in after having thing that might come. The witness Leaving explained that it was for the purpose been read by all the solicitors. MR. LEWIS objected to the Comof protecting himself from arrest, that he had disclosed the matter. He had besides the others mentioned,

new Sir Richard at this time did n know the charges against him. Mr Curtis said he told Mr. Meaney that if a man of the type of Mr. Blandford could be secured to act in the capacity as referred to, he would mention it to Sir Richard Squires, but Sir Richard passed off the matter, as he (Curtis) had no authority to act for Sir Richard. An interview between Mr. Curtis nd Mr. Miller' was arranged on Dec. oth when the matter of calling off enquiry was discussed. Miller according to witness anxious that he should see Meaney. It transpired that during there conferences that Mr. Curtis gave Mr. Miller a

Mr. Curtis said Mr. Miller asked him revise a statement which he (Miller) prepared for the investigation, he did so and also showed it to Sir Richard who read it through. Sir Richard told him certain facts.contained in the statement were not correct and he in turn corrected the statement and later prepared a new one but refused to typewrite it when requested.

MR. CURTIS continued to testify that in substance Miller's story before the Commissioner was the same as the statement he brought to Squires and Winter's office, which was shown to Sir Richard.

ATTORNEY GENERAL-Did you discuss with Mr. Miller any one elses statement? WITNESS-Yes, he wanted to know

what Mr. Meaney and Mrs. Harsant had told the Crown lawyers. Mr. It was, however, accepted by the Curtis offered Mr. Meaney a key in order that he might enter Squires and Curtis's offices. He gave Mr

Miller two keys which he returned the following night. The ATTORNEY GENERAL then asked Mr. Curtis if he recognized a key he produced. Miller saw Mr. Curtis on several occasions as the result of telephone appointments.

> proceeding adjourned until 10.30 a m. to-day. THIS MORNING'S SESSION. When the enquiry resumed this morning Mr. Curtis was recalled and

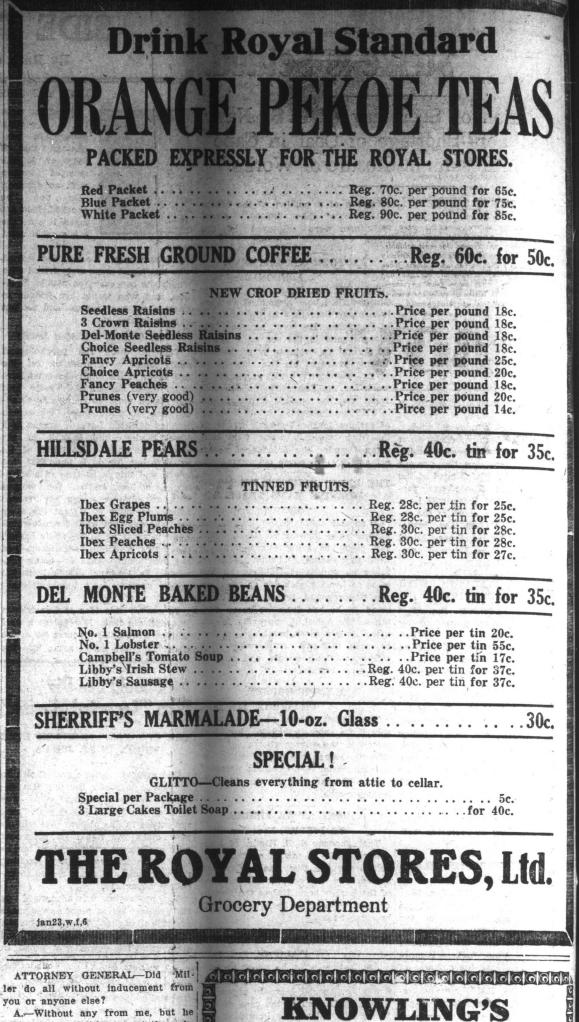
The hour now was 5.30 p.m. and the

cross-examined by the Attorney General. Asked if he located (Miller's) statement promised vesterday, the witness said he could not find it The Attorney General then brought the witness back over the evidence given yesterday re overtures towards stopping the enquiry. Asked what he said to Sir Richard Squires as a

result of his (Curtis's') interview with Miller, the witness said he had it all in a memo which he wrote three hours afterwards. The witness said he nevers looked at the notes since they were written, and they had since been in the possession of Sir Richard. Sir Richard had told

the witness to write down an exact copy of what transpired, as he (Sir missioner accepting the document. The COMMISSIONER, however, de- Richard) would, not interview a witness who would be appearing against In reply to some comments by

him, as it would be highly improper,



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the invitation. Mr. Lightbourne dewelfare of Newfoundland have gation and to himself as well, but written one to his own counsel. It Mr. Lightbourn considered that he as in her recuperative powers. continuing his studies and also of be- of the Commission, With reference to the sugges- ing near his family. Mr. Lightbourn

tions that are put forward, many has endeared himself to the congreof them have already been re- his many friends regret his leaving, gation during his stay here and while ferred to previously in this col- they congratulate him heartily on his umn, and in time we trust to deal appointment

with the others more fully than is possible at the moment. The report refers to the practice in PEPYS BEHIND the Customs Department of collecting duties on imports from the United Kingdom on the basis of par of exchange, which not an imposition—on the people in trouble to find a plumber, who when this country, but it has the effect he comes, displays no haste in mak-of discouraging trade with the ing the repairs; and so, chilled to the he had any other business there of the firm. Mr. Curtis admitted that Globe Rutgers Co. did draw upon thing worth while, such as definite

should be redressed. The necessity for a reduction in taxation generally, accom-panied by a sweeping reduction in expenditure is emphasized. This successity form the Board testimony of Mr. Meaney, but to no in taxation generally, accom-tin connection with the request of Sir Richard Squires in connection with the Commercial Telegraph Agreement Asked if any body was to get commission on the transaction, the witness replied yes, that Sir Richard had told him that it with Mr. Meaney. The interview took This successity from the Board This successity for a reduction in expenditure is emphasized. This successity from the Board This suggestion from the Board which is indeed the truth, and like to view of the favorable proposition place Dec. 21, 1923. Witness testified statement appear so ridiculous that the witness. of Trade will be endorsed on all sides. The greater portion of our taxes is raised by means of cus taxes is raised by means of cus-toms duties, and consequently lestic playhouse, there to see the Lady Mr. Howley, as general both the the Cable Company, objected that the ture "The Glorious Adventure." But

duty would immediately result OH GIRLS-This is leap year! question.

ment. There was no promise from the Enquiry, Commissioner Walker think it was an improper action on pointment. industry are outlined. These Rev. Dean Tucker. After consider- anyone representing the Government, and other similar references af- able consideration had been given to of immunity from prosecution in the stated it was his duty to find a report,

event of his giving testimony, the and report htat finding to His Excelford concrete proof not only the invitation, Mr. Lightbourne as event of his giving testimony, the incy the Governor. Outside of this fine distinction. Do you think it evidence of yesterday which had rethat we have turned the corner, of the Vestry at St. Thomas's he noti-but that those who are closely fied them of his intentions. His de-eral, a written statement of his testihis authority ceased. He (the Com- proper now? concerned with the industrial parture causes regret to the congre- mony, witness said No. He had duct the Enquiry upon a court of law

> was not a detailed statement, being MR. LEWIS said he did not desire cross-examination accordingly con-

> Following another question by Mr. cluded. Lewis, the Attorney General objected MR. CURTIS CALLED. to anything being asked the witness MR. CURTIS was then called at the concerning statements made to him instance of the Attorney General He

in his official capacity. Mr. Meaney, did not quite remember about the in answer to further questions, said that he took no steps to have the sent to Mr. McDougall for Sir R. A. commission stopped, and had at no Squires wherein she told him to dis-Miller's statements the Commissioner office by Mr. Miller's sister. Asked regard Mr. Curtis' message. Mr. Cur- asked if the boot had been on the but-he said it had been proposed to him by others. Unexpectedly, the cross-examination closed at this

the Trust account. Mr. Curtis said if plied that he would not now. of par of exchange, which not only is an unnecessary hardship —it might very well be termed not have all the morning. The pipes rozen with the cold and in great

of discouraging trade with the Mother Country as well. This long outstanding grievance should be redressed. In the word of the the many of the Mother Country as well. This is that Mr. Lewis did try to shake the testimony of Mr. Meaney, but to no

note.

suffered considerably. According to to Mr. Hunt and Mr. Winter, and the Winter. however much the merchant Lord, to see my great ancestor Sam- they were involved in the enquiry. a third party be induced to open up anxiety. Sir Richard, the witness pays directly to the Department, is indirectly paid by the individ-ual when he purchases his food, ual when he purchases his food, body and gossip. The picture very goed, but the color photography not negotiations between him (Meaney), said, only corrected the form of the put in his drawer, and had probably

commissioner You asked the however, told him the enquiry had to ments which he transmitted to Sir to keep to confront the witness with Richard for confirmation or denial, in cross-examination, should be alter

IndityWond infinitediately resultOH GIRLS—This is leap year!question.in increased imports, a quicker<br/>iurnover, and a reduction in the<br/>cost of living for everyone.OH GIRLS—This is leap year!question.ment is made. Come and see<br/>receiving anything from Mr. Maney's evidence, whereupon<br/>the Attorney General intimated that the<br/>ments regarding the question ofMR. LEWIS—I had no intention.<br/>The Commissioner made a record of<br/>Mr. Maney's evidence, whereupon<br/>the Attorney General intimated that the<br/>intention ments regarding the question ofMR. LEWIS—I had no intention.<br/>The Commissioner made a record of<br/>Mr. Maney's evidence, whereupon<br/>the Attorney General intimated that the<br/>evidence did not hurt the Cable Com-that he (Meaney) did not anticipate<br/>the witness said yes. The Attorney<br/>General remarked sharply on the<br/>procedure of the witness and asked<br/>in the thought it was proper for a leg-<br/>al practitioner. The witness added he knew the<br/>inancial side of the question ofMR. LEWIS—I had no intention.<br/>The Commissioner made a record of<br/>Mr. Maney's evidence, whereupon<br/>the Attorney General remarked that the<br/>evidence did not hurt the Cable Com-MR. LEWIS—I had no intention.<br/>The witness and asked<br/>if he thought it was proper for a leg-<br/>al practitioner. The witness replied<br/>wes, and the Attorney General retortion<br/>ed that he would do it the next time<br/>his medicine. As far as Mr. Curtis<br/>his medicine. As far as Mr. Curtis<br/>his medicine. As far as Mr. Curtis<br/>his medicine. As far as Mr. CurtisMR Attorney General retortion of<br/>the was retained.COMMISSIONER—Was it being sug-<br/>commission<br/>should be curtical side of the question?<br/>A.—Yes, I sort of agreed that if the<br/>in ancial side was settled up, it was<br/>as well that it should be done then. that he (Meaney) did not anticipate the witness said yes. The Attorney his case. Did you keep any docu-

CHINA said Mr. Curtis. The witness did not satisfactorily, he would get his aphis own part to see Miller. The ATTORNEY GENERAL next

told me that if things went through-

COMMISSIONER-It was rather a took the witness over a part of his ference to Mr. Meaney and then A .-- I was not sure of the object of brought him back again to the Milhis (Miller's) visit as at the time he ler statement. The witness said he had professional dealings with him. was asked to make copies of the "re-Witness did not tell Miller that he vised version" in quadruplicate for confidence in the wealth and se-should not decline an offer which only a memo of dates and events. It to ask any questions regarding the was communicating the results of the Wolvin, McInnis and Mr. McDougall. curity of her resources as well would give him the opportunity of was prepared a few days in advance lengthy letter and Mr. Meaney's conversation to Sir Richard. It was The witness though it was strange only with reference to two special that Miller should ask that copies of points that Miller was led to believe his evidence should be given to these

that information was being trans-mitted to Sir Richard. Asked about refuse to have it typed in his office the preparation of the statement, the and sent to these people. The witwitness said Miller asked him to corness said that Miller also told him rect it as he intended to learn it by that he was going to send a revised copy of his evidence to Mr. Winter.

The copies were typed in the next The Attorney General then took up he telegraphed Miss Saunders or Sir attorney GENERAL, what did had it been during the day he would first he (witness) intended to have

the document typed. As he considered it a personal matter, he did not like to have it done without asking

Sir Richard. ATTORNEY GENERAL-What took you to Miller's office. 14623

A.-Yes. The witness said this document was

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tis, Miller handed back the manu- At this point Mr. Lewis objected the cript you destroyed. Did you show the cross-examination raising the it to Sir Richard? question of who owned the witness.

A .- I pointed out to Sir Richard Mr. Lewis claimed he was the Attorhe corrections Miller had made. The ney General's. The latter claimed that itness continuing said he saw Miller, he belonged to Mr. Lewis. The Comce after the document was revised. missioner agreed that the Attorney it was at this time that Meaney was General was cross-examining, thereby eparing a statement. He (witness) settling the question of ownership. ed a desire to see the state- A draft of a message from Miller to as he thought it would be in- Coaker asking to have the commission ng to learn if it tallied with bought off what put in evidence. The Commissioner commented at was made to the Crown Counsel er's statement. strongly on the morality of this pro-

SSIONER - Why did you ceeding. The witness said he had not see it? Your object was not read the message nor sent it forward view of submitting it to Sir The draft of the message from Jas. Miller to Sir W. F. Coaker as read by

to, I did-not want to see it to Commissioner Walker is as follows:ow to Sir Richard. It was to satisfy Amount due Liquor Control Department provided you use influence with ay own curiosity. Warren to have liquor Control part of TORNEY GENERAL-You knew investigation entirely eliminated from was a chief witness? ission when amount due has Yes, in the liquor control matbeen paid.

Asked why the message was brought to him, the witness said "until the present moment he could not say why Miller brought the message to him. unless it was because Miller was interested to find out if Sir Richard

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