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

Commissioner-This letter of au- A.-Yes, he was away most of the thority was sent to the Bank. you time. signed it but you had no copy of it. | Q .-- And in his absence you attend We want to know next what did you ed to the financing of the firm? do what was your practise because A .-- Yes.

of this letter? A.-I could issue and sign cheques. while he was away? Commissioner-It gave you author- A .- Yes. In August, 1920 when Six

Winter or R. A. Squires?

sign Squires and Winter.

A .- I think the letter called for he told me that unless I deposited Squires and Winter per J. G. Miller. \$20,000 immediately, he would send Commissioner-Did you sign either.

A .- Yes, both ways.

oured?

the firm? A .- Yes. the firm's books or did you have a tice as bookkeeper? ledger for the Bank?

A.-No. Bank account?

Commissioner-Were there separate accounts for the firm and Sir Richard. what happened after that? You were not drawing cheques on two accounts?

A.-No. Mr. Hunt-Then the Bank of Nova | back? Winter not for Sir Richard Squires?

the Bank of Nova Scotia.

A .- No. one account

there a separate account? A .- It was all Sir Richard Squires.

letter of authority for a bank.

and a third the 31st July, 1920, signed knew that I was financing for him. R. A. Squires both to Mr. Glennie.

power of attorney in these letters. of money for him. have been rescinded?

A .- Yes, in 1921. .Q .- Was that in writing? A.-No

Commissioner-What time of the year was it? A .- I do not remember.

Mr. Hunt-Was it during the time you were in the employ of the firm? A .- Yes. Q.—Did you do any financing in

connection with the firm or on behalf of Sir Richard? A .- I did it all from August, 1920.

Q.—Until when? A .- I do not remember the date but

I think it was in 1922. Q.-I think Sir Richard was quite a lot?

low long did that after his return in December,

things going by getting money, did

A .- I saw him on many occasions. Commissioner-When did you first

heques and asked him to cash it.

A .- Sir Richard Squires suggested

ut you are not sure of the time?

cheque, it is drawn is it not on the

of the book of cheques in the office?

Commissioner—It is not one

got over the counter at the bank?

A .- I did not fill up the counter-

Mr. Hunt-But you did fill it

A .- Yes, this was an exception

Commissioner-You were specific-

ally asked not to the out the counter-

to fill out the counterfoil. Why?

ey with reference to obtaining this

Q.—What was your request?"

A.—After some hesitation he gav

Q.—Did the matter come up then?

tion with a private matter of his own

Q.-Was that the first time you

Q.—What happened then?

conversation you had with him.

ques signed by you?

A .- Yes.

money.

А.—Не

for Sir Richard.

fore in our office.

with Sir Richard

A.-At his office.

A .- I do not know,

house at all in con

Mr. Meaney and he gaves

about where he was getting it?

Mr. Hunt-You were not at his

bills asking me to get it to dr. Mean-ey as quickly as I could be found he lived at the loot of Carter's

Q.—What kind of cheques?

had given him previously.

A .- I do not remember, it

have been about \$7,000.00.

A .- Some of the firm's cheques that

A .- Yes.

partment.

made his acquaintance?

A .- Yes, it is numbered.

would be a record.

foil.

might get accommodation.

ou went with that cheque?

Meaney?

A .- I am not sure, but I think it was Q.—Was the financing left to yo

Richard left for his first trip acros Mr. Hunt-And did you as a matter our bank account was overdrawn and of fact sign cheques for Squires and he had notes falling due for about \$20,000. I understand that Sir Rich-A.—Yes, they were accepted if I ard was going to see Mr. Glennie and wrote R. A. Squires per J. G. Miller make arrangements before he left. or Squires & Winter per J. G. Miller. Mr. Glennie sent for me and was Q.—The letter gave authority to quite indignant that Sir Richard had left without coming to see him and

for Sir Richard and bring him back. Q.—And what happened then? A -Some arrangements had been Mr. Hunt-Were the cheques hon- made with my brother, Mr. J. J. Miller who was working at Bell Is-

land with the Dominion Iron and Q .- Did you sign cheques in the or- | Steel Company, to finance Sir Richdinary course of business in this way ard's account during his absence. It on behalf of Sir Richard as well as all went through the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Q.—Did it pass through your hand Q.-Was the Bank account kept in did it come under your personal no-

A.—I am not quite sure about the correct amount. I think there was a Q.—The bank pass book was the note, I signed the note and my brother endorsed it. It was for about \$20,000

A.—It was a continual overdraft until Sir Richard came back.

Q.-When did Sir Richard come Scotia had an account for Squires and Mr. Howley-I have no desire to interrupt, but there is no connection A .- Anything taken down in Sir between this evidenre and matters we Richard's name was taken care of by are now discussing?

Commissioner-Of course I do no Q .- Did you have a separate account know what the story is, but we shall see the connection in a moment. This is 1920 and apparently there was ar Q .- In the books of the Firm was overdraft at the Bank and through

is me arrangements with Mr. Miller, " 'I Sir Richard came back the over-(Copy of Power of Attorney put in dra", was continuing and I think the question and the facts of the draft to are relevant to the matter we are discussing.

Commissioner—This is a real power, Mr. Hunt—You say Sir Richard of attorney. Much more than a mere came back in December. What was done then?

(Reads letter under date Nov. 28th, A .- I was expecting Sir Richard to 1919, signed R. A. Squires, witness send for me and go into his accounts as he knew I was overdrawn and dis-(Letters put in dated Nov. 3, 1917 cuss all that transpired during his to Mr. Glennie signed R. A. Squires absence, but he did not do it, and he

Q.—Then what happened? Manager Bank of Nova Scotia author- A .- The account was overdrawn all the time and I kept financing it until R. A. Squires, per Jean G. Miller.) his next trip when he came and ask-Mr. Hunt-You were given this ed me if I could raise another sum

Have you been notified that they Q .- Was that before he went away on the next trip? A.—I was raising money for him all

the time. Q.—He sent for you? A .- He sent for me previous to this

Q.—What particular trip are you speaking of now?

A.—All the trips after the first in August, 1920.

Q.—The point is this, you have brought us up to the return of Sir Richard, 1920 and I am asking you what happened after the return of Sir Richard, 1920. You went on to say that you expected him to call and see you as you were financing him away and you were overdrawn, but he did not come?

Q.-Had you brought that to

A .- Yes, I was there many times

Q.-And did you A.-Not always when I called be cause the amount I asked for he rould not have and he would tell me

Mr. Hunt-Did you say that was hortly after Sir Richard came back? -Why did you go to Mr. Meaney

his name to me as a party from whom A .- I did not tell that to Sir

ard it was always understood. Q.—Then you went to Mr. Meaney Mr. Hunt-When you received the money for the first cheque what did A .- The date of the cheque will tell (Shown cheque dated December 11, or cheque?

A.—It was always in note 1920, signed R. A. Squires, per J. G. Q.—The first cheque is for \$500 Q.-Had Sir Richard returned when do you remember what you did with that \$500?

A.—I do not remember exactly, Commissioner—It is not so much as Q.-And was it after he had first to whether you deposited the money suggested that you could go to Mr. in a bank or a stocking, did you us it yourself or account for it to Sir Richard Squires? Commissioner-Just look at the

Bank of Nova Scotia. Is it taken out and Mr. Hunt-Did you account to Sir

Richard for every dollar you received? A.-Well part of it was handed to pocket and part of it was deposited that? in the bank. Commissioner - You always ac drawn out of the same book, so that

if the counterfoils were filed up there counted to Sir Richard for it and some of the actual cash was handed to him.

that you received from Meaney to Sir note of the I.O.U.'s. Richard Squires? Q.—All the other cheques you would A.-Yes iraw you would fill in the counter-

Q.-I will ask you if you took any foil but you did not fill in this one.

Commissioner—I do not outle follow why you did not fill in the counterfoll of these. of that money to keep it yourself. A .- Two fifty dollar amounts and three one hundred dollar amounts ing Sir Richard? that went to me personally as ex-

> Commissioner-Did you keep that A .- I kept that and I was expecting Sir Richard to send for me and take

care of his account but he did not do Mr. Hunt-You say that in all these cheques Sir Richard asked you not Commissioner—That is a total of \$400 but with the exception of that remember that? Do you remember \$400 the whole of the rest went in cash how it came in Mr. Meaney's hands? A .- I understand that it was for

political reasons I was not to keep a to Sir Richard or into his account. Q.—Have you looked at each of Mr. Hunt-Did Sir Richard know these cheques? (Cheques handed to you retained \$400?

A.-Yes, I have looked at them all. amount but knew I was paying my Q.—Do you recognize them as cheexpenses. I was financing for Sir cross over to Bell Island many times Q.—Can you tell us just what took to see my brother, J. J. Miller. place when you went to see Mr. Mean-

Q.—You made trips to Bell Island? of I.O.U.'s was started. How was that A.—Yes, numberless trips. Q.—And this \$400 was to pay these expenses?

A.—Partly but there were other expenses that did not come out of Mr. A.-I asked him to cash a cheque Meaney's or other moneys I raised for Q.—You reimbursed yourself out

these amounts. me the money and took the cheque. A .- I had to. Q .- Are you referring to the first Q.—Did any amount of the balance go to you for your own private use.

A .- Yes, I only saw him once be A.-No. Q.-Not a cent? A.-Not a cent. A.-No, he was there in connec Q .- You will swear that \$22,485 went

to Sir Richard Squires.

A .- Yes. Q.-Was there any collusion be tween you and Meaney in connection with this matter.

Commissioner—Did you get the Commissioner—Did you get the A.—Nothing more than I went for money for that cheque from his house this money. I would prove him first or at the office of the Controller's De- and see if he were in his office. Q.—What I mean to ask is this, was there any attempt by Mr. Meaney and

Commissioner-Where did he get yourself to retain any of this money? A.-None, whatever. Q.-And you say every time you Commissioner-Was anything said went to him you told him it was for Sir Richard.

Q.—Did Meaney make any efforts to collect this account back from you? A.—He was continually asking me for it and told me it was a very ser-Sir Richard the total amount owed ious matter .

Commissioner-What did when he asked you for it? A .- It was impossible to get the oney because Sir Richard did not

Commissioner - When you were

lived at the foot of Carter's Hill towns about half past one, Mrs. Meaney told me he was not at home and base I may find him at his office. I found him at his office and passed over the \$4,000 and he gave me the asked did you pass the enquiry on to ver the \$4,000 and he gave me the Sir Richard? A.—Yes and Sir Richard asked me many times to get a list from Mr. Meaney but Mr. Meaney would not give it to me in writing.

Mr. Hunt-Did Sir Richard know Commissioner—Cheques of the from you that these amounts were me description as those only for got from the Controller's Department A.-Yes from Aug. 1920, I was finncing him from my brother or from

Mr. Meaney's Department. Q.—Had Meaney asked for pay- of this?

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Mr. Hunt-These I.O.U.'s Package day marked J.T.M. handed to Mrs. Harsant for her to identify her signature which she did in each.

probably deposited it to the account. There is one if you will look, on the 25th, May 1921 with memo attached to it and on it some figures. Do you remember about that one.

A .- I do not remember it. Commissioner-You do not remem of paper are many calculations. That is Mr. Meaney's writing is it not? A .- It is Mr. Meaney's.

Commissioner-Then another I.O.U. him personally and he put it in his got mislaid. Did you know about

Commissioner-You do not remem ber having a discussion which ended up with 76 cents. There is another one that I want you to just look Mr. Hunt-Do I understand then at. The 15th December 1921 there that you accounted for the full amount | was an I.O.U. for \$2000. Did you keep

A .- No, I thought it was sufficient for Mr. Meaney to have the I.O.U.'s which he could produce any time.

Commissioner-You did not keep any record for the purpose of inform-A.-No.

Commissioner-Do vou remember any talk of one of those \$2000 I.O.U.'s being lost.

Commissioner-Then one more, the last page of all there is a document which is not an I.O.U., but a duplicate paying in slip at the bank. Do you A .- I think I wanted a larger amount from Mr. Meaney but that is all he would give me and he took this slip

from me instead of the I.O.U. and said that was all he could do. Commissioner—Up to a certain date namely up to a date in March 1921 this Richard from August 1920 and had to system that you told us about was being carried on and on that same day the 19th March the new system

> system brought about? A .- At that time I was talking of leaving the office, not doing any more clerical work. Sir Richard knew I was getting married, but I was still raising finances for him. He cancelled the power of attorney at the Bank when Mr. Curtis objected to Daily Star account and other private accounts being raid out of the firm's account and wanted a separate Bank

A .- He opened a new account. Commissioner—And you had no authority. Whose idea was it these

I.O.U.'s? do. I could have written out receipts and got Sir Richard to sign them. Commissioner-Did you mention to Sir Richard? A.—No I was expecting him to send

(To be continued.)

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