

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

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Commissioner—This letter of authority was sent to the Bank, you signed it but you had no copy of it. We want to know next what did you do with this letter?

A—I could issue and sign cheques.

Commissioner—It gave you authority to sign cheques?

Mr. Hunt—And did you as a matter of fact sign cheques for Squires and Winter or R. A. Squires?

A—Yes, they were accepted if I wrote R. A. Squires per J. G. Miller or Squires & Winter per J. G. Miller.

Q—The letter gave authority to sign Squires and Winter.

A—I think the letter called for Squires and Winter per J. G. Miller.

Commissioner—Did you sign either way?

A—Yes, both ways.

Q—Were the cheques honoured?

A—Always.

Q—Did you sign cheques in the ordinary course of business in this way on behalf of Sir Richard as well as the firm?

A—Yes.

Q—Was the Bank account kept in the firm's books or did you have a ledger for the Bank?

A—No.

Q—The bank pass book was the Bank account?

A—Yes.

Commissioner—Were there separate accounts for the firm and Sir Richard. You were not drawing cheques on two accounts?

A—No.

Mr. Hunt—Then the Bank of Nova Scotia had an account for Squires and Winter not for Sir Richard Squires?

A—Anything taken down in Sir Richard's name was taken care of by the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Q—Did you have a separate account there?

A—No, one account.

Q—In the books of the Firm was there a separate account?

A—It was all Sir Richard Squires. (Copy of Power of Attorney put in as evidence.)

Mr. Howley—We are prepared to admit it.

Commissioner—This is a real power of attorney. Much more than a mere letter of authority for a bank.

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Mr. Hunt—You were given this power of attorney in these letters. Have you been notified that they have been rescinded?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 away quite a lot?

A—Yes, he was away most of the time.

Q—And in his absence you attended to the financing of the firm?

A—Yes.

Q—Was the financing left to you while he was away?

A—Yes. In August, 1920 when Sir Richard left for his first trip across, our bank account was overdrawn and he had notes falling due for about \$20,000. I understand that Sir Richard was going to see Mr. Glennie and make arrangements before he left.

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Commissioner—During that time when you were financing and keeping things going by getting money, did you see Mr. Meaney?

A—I saw him on many occasions.

Commissioner—When did you first see him?

A—I am not sure, but I think it was after the first trip.

Commissioner—What took place?

A—I brought him one of the firm's cheques and asked him to cash it.

Mr. Hunt—Did you say that was shortly after Sir Richard came back?

A—I am not quite sure of the date.

Q—Why did you go to Mr. Meaney?

A—Sir Richard Squires suggested his name to me as a party from whom I might get accommodation.

Q—Then you went to Mr. Meaney but you are not sure of the time?

A—The date of the cheque will tell that was the first time I visited him. (Shown cheque dated December 11, 1920, signed R. A. Squires, per J. G. Miller.)

Q—Had Sir Richard returned when you went with that cheque?

A—Yes, he was in town at the time.

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Commissioner—Just look at the cheque, it is drawn in it not on the Bank of Nova Scotia. Is it taken out of the book of cheques in the office?

A—Yes, it is numbered.

Commissioner—It is not one you got over the counter at the bank?

A—No.

Commissioner—They were all drawn out of the same book, so that if the counterfoils were filed up there would be a record.

A—I did not fill up the counterfoils.

Mr. Hunt—But you did fill it up as an ordinary course.

A—Yes, this was an exception.

Q—All the other cheques you would draw you did not fill in the counterfoil but you did fill in this one.

Commissioner—I am not quite following why you did not fill in the counterfoils of these.

A—Sir Richard asked me not to fill in the counterfoils.

Commissioner—You were specifically asked not to fill in the counterfoils.

A—Yes.

Mr. Hunt—You say that in all these cheques Sir Richard asked you not to fill out the counterfoil. Why?

A—I understand that it was for political reasons I was not to keep a record of them.

Q—Have you looked at each of these cheques? (Cheques handed to witness.)

A—Yes, I have looked at them all.

Q—Do you recognize them as cheques signed by you?

A—Yes.

Q—Can you tell us just what took place when you went to see Mr. Meaney with reference to obtaining this money.

A—He was surprised at my request.

Q—What was your request?

A—I asked him to cash a cheque for Sir Richard.

Q—What happened then?

A—After some hesitation he gave me the money and took the cheque.

Q—Are you referring to the first conversation you had with him.

A—Yes, I only saw him once before in our office.

Q—Did the matter come up then?

A—No, he was there in connection with a private matter of his own with Sir Richard.

Q—Was that the first time you made his acquaintance?

A—Yes.

Commissioner—Did you get the money for that cheque from his house or at the office of the Controller's Department.

A—At his office.

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Two young men, summoned by Const. Fred. Churchill, charged with being loose and disorderly on the public street on the evening of the 5th inst., were given another chance.

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Capt. Boucher of the steamer Airedale wireless Messrs. Bowring Bros., the agents, at 11 o'clock this morning stating that the ship was then 75 miles east of St. John's and expected to dock about midnight. The Airedale has a full cargo of wines and liquors on board.

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