

**Newfoundland  
Has its Scandal**

**PREMIER FOUND GUILTY ON SERIOUS CHARGES.**  
Received \$22,000 in Liquor Money and \$16,000 From Steel Interests.

(Special Dispatch to the Globe.)  
ST. JOHN'S, N.F., March 22—The capital of the United States is not the only seat of government in America which has been shaken during the past few months by scandalous evidence of political corruption which involves big business interests.

Since the report this week of the High Commissioner, sent from England to investigate charges brought against the former Premier of Newfoundland, Sir Richard Squires, alleging misuse of Government funds and acceptance of large sums of money by the then Premier from the Dominion Steel Company at a time when the Newfoundland Government was negotiating with the steel interests about ore taxes, public excitement has run high. The commissioner, Thomas H. Walker, recorder of Derby, Eng., came to this island Province early this year at the request of the Government authorities. Since Jan. 7 he has been at work on the inquiry. He finds that Squires is guilty on both charges.

**THE CHARGES.**  
The first of these is as follows: That the sum of \$22,000, monies of the Government Liquor Control Commission, at St. John's, was paid into Squires' account in the Bank of Nova Scotia local branch. The second is: "That the sum of \$16,000, monies of the Dominion Steel Company, was similarly paid into the accounts at a time when that company and its sister company (since merged into the British Empire Steel Company) were negotiating with the Government as to the amount of a royalty or export tax on ore shipped by the companies from their mines at Bell Island in this bay."

When the intimations of the scandal which has now been officially confirmed began to sift through the story last July, a tremendous sensation resulted. On July 23, last, Squires resigned as a result of these charges, and an hour after he quit his entire cabinet followed him.

After the first legal inquiry was instituted, it was discovered that not only were the Government Liquor interests in the island involved, but also the big coal interests, the steel and iron interests and other branches of big business in Newfoundland.

A Government auditor, assigned to check up the accounts of the administration of the Squires' Ministry, reported to the investigators that during the two years of the incumbency of John T. Meany in the office of Liquor Controller, under Squires, there was an actual shortage amounting to \$100,000; that there were ample indications that this would be added to were it not for the impossible to check up accurately because of the absence of records; and that there was great difficulty in knowing how much of a shortage was represented by actual cash and how much was liquor stocks, and where both the liquor and the liquor went.

As the inquiry proceeded, it was brought out that Squires' personal business interests became chaotic during his term of office, and the money diverted from Government funds was used in an effort to meet personal needs. His secretary, Miss Miller, told the investigators that Squires instructed her to obtain money through her brother, James Meany, who was an accountant for the Dominion Steel Company, and in that she was unable to obtain enough that source she was to go to Meany at the Liquor Control Department and get them there.

She testified that she obtained from her brother \$40,000, which the officials later swore went to Squires' personal account. From this she declared she received, as instructions, \$26,000, of which \$10,000 was repaid. In the connection which the steel interests had with Squires as an officer has, if anything, created a deeper sensation here than the corruption reported officially as attaching to the Liquor Control Department of the Government.

The steel companies' tax agreement with the Government had expired in December, 1919, and it was agreed to negotiate a new agreement. During negotiations, according to the testimony, Squires' financial interests were told to the steel interests, and it was suggested that he would be doing a wise thing if he financed him to the extent of \$85,000. The result of this was that representatives of the steel industry obligated the Dominion Company for Squires during the next few months to the amount of \$40,000.

In various sums was applied to meet personal notes. Squires' secretary told the investigators that the large part of the money she obtained from Meany in the Liquor Control Department was cash, and that the total payments received and turned over to Squires amounted to \$26,000. There

were no receipts for any of these transactions, nor for a repayment to Meany of \$40,000 by Squires.

**HOW IT STARTED.**  
Much of the financial trouble of Squires was due to his attempt to operate a newspaper, the Star. This paper failed in 1921, with liabilities amounting to \$150,000, most of the

burden of its failure falling upon Squires.

The snarl in the accounts of the Liquor Control Department is to be made subject to a special inquiry. Strangely enough, the news of the whole scandal was brought about through a falling out between Meany and Squires over the question whether

Meany should have full appointment as controller.

Meany evidently feared Squires planned to "double cross" him and though the appointment was actually made before the last election, it was held back until after polling presumably because the Prohibitionists would have resented it and voted

against Government candidates.

A few weeks later Meany's office was "burgled," in search of papers, he said, and he was reported by a detective as stating that he blamed Squires as prompting a "heeler" to do this. For this he was suspended and then came report of a shortage in the Department.

Meany deposed he heard that Squires intended ordering his arrest, so he put his facts in the hands of his solicitor, who saw the Attorney General and informed him of Meany's position. The Attorney General took up the matter with Squires and so did other members of the Ministry, apparently without getting as full an

explanation as they desired, so several resigned, thus bringing down the Government and the accession to office of Warren, who, in his first Ministerial statement, announced that there would be a full inquiry into this whole matter.

The involved situation has been further complicated recently by the de-

**Newfoundland  
Ball in Boston**

The Newfoundlanders Mutual Benefit Association of Boston, Mass., held their thirty-third annual meeting on Friday evening, Feb. 29th. Owing to the large number of people who failed to gain admission last year it was deemed advisable to procure a hall which would provide ample room and accommodation for the large number of patrons who attend each year. It was finally arranged to engage the entire Hibernian building comprising three large commodious ballrooms with accommodations for twenty-five hundred people, and it was firmly believed no difficulty would be entertained by anyone desiring admittance. The attendance, however, exceeded all previous records established by the Association. Newfoundland residents from several of the New England States including the cities and towns of Massachusetts attended in large numbers, and hundreds of people were obliged to wait in line for hours before they could gain admission.

It became evident to the committee in charge that despite the special provisions that had been made it was physically impossible to admit all those who had so patiently waited in line. The Superintendent in conjunction with the police and fire departments ordered the doors closed as the building was overcrowded, and several hundred were obliged to return to their homes disappointed. It was estimated that over three thousand people were in attendance. The ball was a wonderful success both socially and financially. The proceeds will be used to defray the expenses of the Sick and Death Benefit Fund.

The large ballroom was beautifully decorated with flags and colored bunting; potted plants adorned the stage which was reserved for the invited guests. The young folks enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent, dancing all the modern dances to the accompaniment of a large orchestra which furnished the latest music. Another hall, which was handsomely decorated with bunting for the occasion, was the rendezvous for the old-timers who could be heard relating tales and experiences of bygone days in Newfoundland. The seal industry was discussed from all angles, and it was very interesting to hear of the hundreds of young harps and old hoods they had killed in those good old days. It surely created a desire for a good meal of flipper. It certainly was a genuine meeting of old friends and acquaintances.

Miss Olivia Murphy, of 21 Palermo St., Cambridge, Mass., was presented with a purse of gold. She was accorded the honor of being the most popular young lady present at the ball. Suitable prizes were given to Miss Annie Brennan and Alice Butler of East Boston. Owing to the large attendance it was impossible to attempt the Grand March until midnight. The President, John Fitzhenry, led the grand march, accompanied by Mrs. Fitzhenry. Next in line was Vice-President William Lane with Miss Fitzhenry, followed by 100 couples. It was a wonderful sight to witness, the beautifully gowned ladies and escorts promading around the table.

The invited guests included Governor Channing Cox, Lt. Governor Alvin Fuller, Theodore Glynn, Fire Commissioner, representing the Mayor of Boston, who was absent from the city; James Wilcox, President of the Newfoundland Charitable Association; John F. Powers, President of Boston Terra Novian Association, and Senator P. J. Melody. Fire Commissioner Glynn delivered a spirited address, congratulating the members of the Association on the good work being accomplished in caring for the sick and providing for those whom they leave behind. He paid a glowing and complimentary tribute to the ladies on their handsome appearance. He was given a wonderful applause at the completion of his address.

Amongst the patrons were noticed some old time friends, Messrs. Jonas Barter of St. John's, Deputy Chief Edward Shallow of the Boston Fire Dept., Jeremiah Williams, formerly in the St. John's Legislature, Denis Cantwell, a school teacher in the West End of St. John's some years ago, and numerous others whom space forbids to write about.

The officers of the Association are as follows:—  
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SIMON J. HOGAN,  
Recording Secretary.

claration of Squires that he will run for re-election as Premier in the elections which are to be held in May.

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