

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

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Q.—This enquiry and you said "yes," is that true?

A.—Beyond the rumours I heard on the street plus the correspondence and interviews I had with Party friends and supporters and the interview I had with the Attorney General.

Q.—You said here that the first information you had, apart from rumours, was at this enquiry? Is that true or is it not?

A.—The first information I got was from a rumour; secondly by interviews with my own Party.

Q.—That is different from what you said before. I am asking about this enquiry and the answer has gone out to the public.

A.—I answered yes because up to the production of those documents I had never seen them before. It may be that I was not correct or it may be not. I heard rumours from party friends and associates of mine and I had heard from interviews that Mr. Higgins was meeting members of my party and Mr. Meaney had produced documents. Most of that I regarded as good grounds for my testimony of yesterday; but when it came to the production of documents and dates of documents and other data I had no information regarding them. To prepare my case I had to get information from such people who talk with Meaney. I took a memo of what I heard, but it was visionary and inaccurate to a large extent and the dates and amounts did not correspond, and I was in the position that I had to go into this enquiry without any means or even time to instruct my counsel.

COMMISSIONER.—So that is true, that you could not instruct your counsel. Did you give him any instructions at all?

A.—Not as to details.

COMMISSIONER.—I thought you told me that you could have instructed him with regard to Meaney. However, as regards details, I have taken your word until the contrary is proved. I have no quarrel about details being late; but I do quarrel with the absence of the absence of information for your counsel concerning Meaney?

A.—But the existence of the letter in question can be secured on file by one of my clerks. Are you referring to a copy of the letter which was not allowed in evidence?

COMMISSIONER.—I am referring to a great many things.

ATTORNEY GENERAL.—Did you make any attempt to investigate those charges rumoured; did you take any steps whereby they would be contradicted or denied or did you ask for particulars as to what those charges were?

A.—No. I do not remember making any demands upon you or Meaney or Mr. Miller or anybody else for details or data.

ATTORNEY GENERAL.—All you have about was rumours apparently?

COMMISSIONER.—You must have realized you would have made application for a list of the items and their particulars?

A.—No. I did not make application when I saw the terms of reference. I might have made an application, but I have no knowledge that I did. Although, perhaps, my counsel did.

ATTORNEY GENERAL.—When did you first hear of an enquiry going to be instituted?

A.—Soon after or soon before my resignation.

Q.—Did you know I stated in the House of Assembly that there would be a full enquiry into the matter that led to the disruption of the Government?

A.—There was a report in the daily papers that you made such a statement. I am not sure whether I was in town or not at the time.

COMMISSIONER.—That would be before or after your resignation?

A.—After.

ATTORNEY GENERAL.—Did you get a communication from me later about any enquiry?

A.—I did.

Q.—Was it by that you said you thought I had gone crazy in your opinion? That is a rumour I heard that you said.

A.—I do not want to express my opinion as to your sanity.

COMMISSIONER.—Not now, but at that time. I don't think this case is going to depend on rumours. I will be hearing rumours about myself before long I dare say. If you got this document Mr. Warren have it put in.

ATTORNEY GENERAL.—The letter is dated September 10th, 1923.

COMMISSIONER.—reads letter, looks at it and puts it in evidence.

AFTERNOON SESSION.  
January 17.  
(St. Richard's, cross-examined by Mr. Warren.)

Q.—Sir Richard, yesterday you promised to look up to see whether you had any records of any communications, or it may have been this morning, anyway, to see if you had any communications or copies of them, from Miss Miller while you were in Montreal during January of 1922 and December, 1921?

A.—I did not look up myself but I had my filing clerk and my Secretary to look through the files and there was no message sent me by Miss Miller while I was in Montreal.

Q.—If it was received by you personally in Montreal, would you have it in the office files?

A.—That would be brought back by me to go into the office files in the ordinary course of events.

Q.—Even if it referred to personal matters?

A.—No matter what it referred to, it would go into the office files.

Q.—And you were told by your filing clerk that there were no records of any messages received by you from Miss Miller?

A.—Not received by me in Montreal during December and January of those years.

Q.—There were some things this morning that we left in abeyance so that you might look them up before I took them up again. One was in reference to myself and the other the question of a letter of credit account in the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

A.—I have had no opportunity to go into anything like that.

Q.—You will look up the question as to whether you had a letter of credit account?

A.—Yes. These are matters which require a little looking up and this morning I have not yet had time.

MR. WARREN.—I shall have to let them stand for the present.

COMMISSIONER.—Do you think you could get them by to-morrow?

A.—Yes. It is a matter of going to the Bank of Commerce. I shall get them by to-morrow if possible.

COMMISSIONER.—This was not asked for till this morning?

MR. WARREN.—No, sir.

COMMISSIONER.—If you cannot have them by to-morrow I shall be glad to give you until Monday. One cannot force everything that may be wanted. I can quite follow that.

MR. WARREN.—Miss Miller was keeping your cash book, I think, from some time in 1918 or 1917 until it was finally handed over to Mr. Fraser?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Miss Miller has had no access to that cash book since practically July, 1921?

A.—Not to my knowledge.

Q.—I don't want to see your cash book, but I propose to ask the Commissioner that Mrs. Harsant, who kept the books, would be allowed to go through the cash book and check up the deposits that she made from time to time to various banks with some representative.

COMMISSIONER.—Is there any objection to her going through the books with Mr. Fraser?

A.—Yes.

MR. WARREN.—That will take a little time. But it might be put in evidence as the result of her investigation because she knows.

COMMISSIONER.—She has got to be recalled to-morrow, anyway. So if she could get that information it would be better. She might do it with Mr. Fraser this afternoon.

Q.—There were some other things?

A.—Everything that I was asked for yesterday I have brought.

Q.—The things I asked for this morning you will get?

A.—Yes.

Q.—The only things to-day are the letter of credit and the survey of the books with Mr. Fraser.

MR. HOWLEY.—Survey of the cash book?

COMMISSIONER.—You are right.

MR. WARREN.—When we adjourned this morning we were going into the question as to whether I had given you any opportunity to explain these various matters that had come up. I put to you a letter which I sent to you on September 10th. Letter is read by Mr. Warren.

Q.—Did you answer that letter?

A.—No. I was just about to leave for England in a day or two. I sent a copy of the letter to Mr. Howley.

Q.—You did not answer it?

A.—No.

Q.—Did you make any application to any departmental official or head as to how you would be affected by this?

A.—I made application to nobody; I sent the letter to Mr. Howley and left for England a day or two afterwards.

Q.—You still stick to your statement that the first information you got of the existence of cheques or I. O. U.'s was indication of this enquiry?

A.—No. I have already said I heard rumours and I said you mentioned the matter to me, and I have already said the members of the party had discussed the charges in connection with this Department.

Q.—You would not call that letter a rumour?

A.—No, that was an "intimation" that I was reflected upon as having misappropriated the funds.

Q.—And you, as far as I know, took no steps in the matter? I had no communication from you in the matter?

A.—You had no communication from me whatever.

Q.—Now, to follow up your examination in chief in which, in answer to these questions you said "Sir, the first intimation that you had beyond the rumours in the street where the proceedings to the enquiry?" To which you answer "Yes" and which you now correct. Then you were asked "when did it become known to you" and you said "Just the rumours I had heard." Then you were asked "was it known by you that it was given by Miss Miller and Mr. Meaney and was it known that it was suggested that it was paid out of the funds of the Controller's Department?" You did not answer that question categorically; you said "That was the nature of the attack." I want you to elaborate that a little better or to give a categorical answer to the question. Was it known to you that they were given by Miss Miller and Mr. Meaney?

COMMISSIONER.—They were said to have been given in my note.

MR. WARREN.—And your answer to that was that that was the nature of the attack, what do you mean by that? What attack had been made on you?

A.—A most aggressive political attack had been made on me.

Q.—What made it?

A.—I heard it on every street corner.

Q.—But who made it on you?

A.—The attack was made by the public who were under the impression that I had misappropriated funds of the Department from the rumours I had heard. There was not a day passed that there was not some reference to it.

Q.—You heard all the rumours and you describe it as an attack. What steps did you take to stop the rumours; to deny them or to vindicate yourself?

A.—I took no steps whatever to deny the rumours or to vindicate myself; I followed the course I thought best under the circumstances.

Q.—Exactly and I think the House of Assembly was opened at the time the rumours were being circulated?

A.—The House of Assembly was open.

Q.—You were a member of the House of Assembly?

A.—I was.

Q.—You did not go to the House to vindicate yourself?

A.—The attack was not made on the floor of the House of Assembly.

Q.—You have stated to your solicitor that that was the nature of the attack and I put it to you that knowing these rumours and knowing the attack had been made on you did you take advantage of being a member of the House of Assembly to try to vindicate yourself?

A.—No.

COMMISSIONER.—Could you have made a personal statement. Would it have been in order?

A.—Yes, it would have been in order.

Q.—You were the leader of the political party that I belonged to?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Did you take any steps to vindicate yourself with that party?

A.—None whatever.

COMMISSIONER.—And this widespread attack could go on uncontradicted?

A.—So far as I was concerned.

Q.—I mean by you?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Why?

A.—I took the position that the charges against me were without foundation on fact.

Q.—You don't appear to have said so. You never contradicted them?

A.—No, as I made no public pronouncement on the matter at all.

MR. WARREN.—I gave you a chance to explain these matters?

A.—Oh, yes, you were at the office to see me on one or two occasions.

Q.—Did you as a matter of fact ever explain them to me?

A.—No.

COMMISSIONER.—Did you ever deny them to Mr. Warren?

A.—I don't know that I did.

COMMISSIONER.—How was that?

A.—We were in a complicated political situation and I was dealing with the matter from a political standpoint. The Attorney General had informed me of the charges. I had to decide whether I was going to the House of Assembly to fight these charges owing to my position as Prime Minister or whether it would be better to go through the course of the commission.

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A.—No. I took the position that this was a matter of political intrigue and I took it on that basis.

COMMISSIONER.—Surely you see it is more than political intrigue?

A.—It has developed to that now.

Q.—It was a clear statement against you? The misappropriation of public funds. This is more than political intrigue. A most serious reflection upon your personal character as a man, to say that you were a party to the misappropriation of public funds. I should have thought that it would have been the one thing that you would have denied. It is a serious accusation upon your personal honour.

A.—Yes, and further I did not discuss the matter with my party.

Q.—This was an intimate conversation with a colleague of yours in the Government; he brought it to your notice; the Minister of Justice, he brought it to your notice; the Minister of Justice, he brought it to your notice; the Minister of Justice, he brought it to your notice.

A.—The overthrow of my administration.

Q.—You did not think it was political intrigue when your attention was brought to it by your colleagues? It must have been personal intrigue to overthrow you. Do you think they would try to overthrow the administration of which they themselves were members?

A.—My idea was that it was for political re-organization.

Q.—To which the same party would rule but you would be out of it?

A.—The same party but with others.

Q.—But without yourself?

A.—Yes.

Q.—You thought it was political intrigue to get rid of you?

A.—Yes. I met my party and called upon them to get the Attorney General to take charge of the administration.

Q.—Isn't it seldom in the history of political intrigue that it is so successful? However you regarded it as political intrigue with a view to re-organization of the administration by the inclusion of others and the exclusion of yourself?

A.—Yes, and Dr. Alexander Campbell.

Q.—When did you first get the idea that this was intrigue as regards Dr. Alexander Campbell?

A.—The first matter that arose in connection with him was a suggestion by Mr. Walsh, one of the members of the Opposition in the House of Assembly, that was followed a day or two later by an attack by Sir Michael Cashin, and I think that was followed by a charge by Mr. Walsh. Dr. Alexander Campbell was very much annoyed, because he was at that time almost continuously confined to his house by a nervous breakdown. He had made application to the Governor for leave of absence for health purposes, and he was planning to go away by the steamer "Mania," and a letter was written, so I am informed, by himself, to Dr. Campbell, and was delivered at his house, possibly before he went away, and I understand, was received by him after he came back, calling his attention to these matters. That was the first overt notice that I had.

COMMISSIONER.—Was that in connection with the money paid by Mr. Meaney?

A.—No. He is the subject matter of investigation under paragraph 3 of the Commission.

MR. WARREN.—So most of these proceedings so far as Dr. Campbell was concerned, was open and above board in the House of Assembly?

A.—Yes.

MR. WARREN.—Did you, at any time, hear from your own party any

dissatisfaction with Dr. Campbell's actions?

A.—Yes. After that there was a very considerable amount of criticism.

Q.—Do you remember having a Party meeting?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Sir Michael Cashin was not present?

A.—No.

Q.—Nor Mr. Walsh?

A.—No.

Q.—Nor any other members of the Opposition?

A.—No.

Q.—Will you tell us what your recollection is of that party meeting with regard to Dr. Campbell's actions when there were no members of the Opposition present?

A.—My recollection is that a member of the party desired me to telegraph Dr. Campbell demanding his resignation.

Q.—Was I that member?

A.—No, you were not. Then when I pointed out that he was ill, a suggestion was made that I should telegraph his wife. Then a motion was made by some member of the party, or some observations made, demanding his resignation. I well remember the meeting, because it did not

journal until long after one o'clock, and I remember making some remarks pointing out that I did not think that I should be called upon to telegraph Dr. Campbell.

Q.—Do you remember whether I waited until the end of that meeting?

A.—No, you did not.

Q.—Was that part of the political intrigue that you refer to? A demand from the member of your party for Dr. Campbell's resignation?

A.—Yes, in a sense. In this sense, that I felt that a section of the party had this desire to have Dr. Campbell removed from the Department of Agriculture.

COMMISSIONER.—Before your resignation but after your interview with Mr. Warren?

A.—I cannot place it just now.

COMMISSIONER.—It does not seem to have to do with your attitude towards Mr. Meaney, but you seem to have thought that there were attacks against Dr. Campbell. Did you regard them as part of this intrigue?

A.—I regarded them as a combination of circumstances which would mean that two men would be leaving.

MR. WARREN.—You think that there was a political intrigue, and I asked you whether you considered that at a party meeting, a demand by one of your party, by one of your executive colleagues I think, whether you thought that a demand by that executive colleague was part of the political intrigue to which you referred?

A.—I shall change the word intrigue, and shall say part of the political situation.

COMMISSIONER.—You said part of the political intrigue, and I think you said also that that word covered an attempt to get Dr. Campbell out of the way. I think I can hardly allow you—I cannot prevent you using the word—but I hardly think that the

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