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

or state what he had against you?

what he had against you?

nature of what he had against you?

A .- After Mr. Meaney's suspension

the reports became more constant and

A .- There was no particular day or

.-No.

and I.O.U's?

O.U's?

A.-Not up to this morning.

Q .- Nor did they convey the nature

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Revelopment, COMMISSIONER—I heard before that occasion Mr. Cave | Meaney was discharged that he had Finance and Customs | something against me? Is that correct? MR. HOWLEY-But these reports

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Did anything else is the question? ntrol department? hour as I remember any particular and Mr. Cave were in-get a suitable person to right but if you can then say so. You The Committee of Council were asked when you first heard of secure the services of Mr. the nature of the documents he had

did get a request from you ac-

in how far you are able to con-

Was stock-taking ordered then? he officials records would show After the general elections uld be a letter from Mr. Ber the officials files and a reply the officials files. MISSIONER—Was that after

HOWLEY-All this happened

n the date of the general elec-What was the cause and reaso

he suspension of Mr. Meaney? MISSIONER—The suspension riting. Would you give Sir Richwires the letter Mr. Howley? I t is dated June 23rd, 1923. Howley hands letter to wit-

HOWLEY-Does that letter set correctly the reasons for Mr. 's suspension? Yes, that is correct.

ISSIONER-That says he led an investigation into the arose in this way. I was ed with a signed copy of De-

Byrne's report, a duplicate of inal, of the burglary. SSIONER-Nobody asked w it arose. You do embarrass

of the public department funds? - 0 quiry enormously. Will you long speeches? A.—That was the attack." Seeb anish thought the Commissioner full information. had reference to yourself? SIONER—This alleged buras got very little to do with

but I had no idea that the commission ority to enquire as to whether only. as a burglary or not. dence was not forthcoming about MR. HOWLEY—Did he make any other people. You know it included reference to the cheques? ge of the existence of the che-O.U's and the other documents A-I got that information on with your name in your of Christmas eve. It was published.

Miss Miller has brought in Q.—Was that the first time the paragraph was published? n or their contents until ther jet before then it could not be pubated at this Tribunal. A lished. ISSIONER—So that you did

the particular cheque and the present enquiry? know there were any such and I.O.U's in existence une been published to my knowledge.

Were shown to you at this Q. Prior to your resignation of

the office of Prime Minister was this absolutely nothing about cept the rumours I heard any way?

WLEY - Following Mr.

some of my political

reported to me that rum

omething on me. They

A.-Oh yes, it was brought to my ention by the members of the Govpension I think you reon him a letter?

NONER That is marked Q When was that?

matter brought to your attention

from office and before my resignation edge of the reputed exist in June? COMMISSIONER-He was removed cheques and I.O.U's?

Mr. Meaney's suspension A .- Yes, the 23rd of June. It would

oing around saying that | COMMISSIONER-I should think of a definite nature and I the end of June or the beginning of Attorney General would take p

Some documents in exchange for

Q.—The specific matter was brought to your knowledge at that time? official character

tion that was brought to you indicate what the amount, the total amount, which was supposed to have been got by you from the Controller's Departs ment was?

A .- Various reports indicated varlous amounts: It ranged from \$20,000,-00 up to \$70,000.00 and \$80,000.00. COMMISSIONER - When it was brought to your notice by the Govern-

Q .- I don't want the general rumour on the street. The matter is brought brought against me and ultimately to your attention by specific people at I tendered my resignation.

not remember any individual member against you. They were the cheques mentioning any sum.

MR. HOWLEY-Might I say. A.—After his resignation.

Q.—How long would that be. would that I den't think it is the intention did get a request from you act of the witness that any communication is be a matter of years or months?

A.—Some days or weeks: A.—Some d

from whom would it get somewhere near it.

A—I don't remember that I

MR. HOWLEY—Did you receive any street are two distinct things. If the any discussion on the question. communication written or verbal from Government party brings the matter any department of the Government process of the government process of the government party brings the matter any department of the Government process of the government party brings the matter any discussion on the question.

COMMISSIONER—You had a perfect answer against any charge that not, is not merely gossip, but is a matter was brought against you. Do you in to these outstanding disques and I which needs some dealing with.

> Q.—You have heard the evidence, that Mr. Meaney had brought those documents to his solicitor; after his suspension and acting upon the advice those documents or with regard to the political intrigue as I did, and own private stenographer for the purof his solicitor he had given his docu-nents to the Minister of Justice and communication made to you by any-being put around, as I did; I considaced the matter in his hands. Have you at any time been asked by the in a position to speak; as to what the it was the best thing to do. Minister of Justice to verify these correct nature of the charges against

> do me the courtesy of letting me see General met me on one occasion and the documents of to go into them of told me that Mr. W. J. Higgins to give me an opportunity of seeing Solicitor for Mr. J. T. Meaney, and and examining my books and records. leader of the Opposition, had come to the platform of the Majestic Theatre, an official report but it does not pre-Q.—You have not been asked for him in the capacity of Mr. Meaney's solicitor; that Mr. Higgins alleged would be a long process now. Q.—So that the first information rumor that I proposed to have Mr.

that you got as to the existence of Meaney arrested. these I.O.U's and cheques, which you MR. WARREN-Just one minute. are supposed to have got the moneys is this what I am supposed to have

for, is the production of them at the said? enquiry, current to statements that COMMISSIONER-Yes. You say that Mr. Warren met you and said Mr. A .- There may have been in a gen- Higgins had seen him and as solicitor eral way but I had no knowledge of for Mr. Meaney had told him what? them and did not see them until they A.—That Mr. Meaney had the idea were produced here. The fact of their that I was pursuing him for arrest. existence was known to me by the and that before any action was taken statements made by various people. by the Minister of Justice against Mr. COMMISSIONER - Was the fact Meaney; Mr. Higgins wanted to inknown to you that they were alleged form the Attorney General that I was to have been given by Miss Miller? involved in connection with the mat-

MR, HOWLEY-When did that fact MR. HOWLEY-In stating as to become known to you? " coreserves the manner in which you were in-A.—Her name was always in the volved did he mention anything about

rumour that I heard about Mr. the cheques and I.O.U.'s? Meaney and the moneys. 13 and same COMMISSIONER—Ask him about it, COMMISSIONER — Was it also Mr. Howley, and let him give the an- the House. I have no desire to go in Meaney is reported as having said I understood that he was known to you that they were said to swer. That is rather leading?

have been given by Miss Miller to Mr. A.—I don't remember any specific him versa statement of cheques or I.O.U.'s, but A.—Yes, it was all in connection there was the general statement that with Miss Miller and Mr. Meaney, and had got money from Mr. Meaney and Q.—Was it known to you that it was that my conduct was of a crim-suggested that they were cashed out in a nature.

COMMISSIONER—Did he say this?

Q.-You knew that this paragraph pression. COMMISSIONER-I don't want the A.—I knew that I would be involved ors on the street. He told you within the scope of the commission, about the visit of Higgins and Mr. Higgins told him that you were ininto the burglary nor have I was being worded as to attack me wolved in the matter. Tell me anything still in the hands of the Minister of lority to enquire as to whether only COMMISSIONER-It may be; evi- you, but don't wander outside?

COMMISSIONER-Don't suggest to him. The witness should tell everything himself.

A.-I do not remember any specific stements as to cheques or I.O.U.'s COMMISSIONER-Or anything else? A.—Yes, the commission did not ex-A.—The conversation only lasted a

COMMISSIONER-I only asked you what you remember. Do you remember anything else?

A .- I don't remember any specific statement as to cheques. COMMISSIONER-Do you remember anything else is my question. Anything at all; I don't mind it it

was not referring to cheques. Was there anything else said to you by the Attorney General?

A.-Well, he considered it was a erious charge which Mr. Higgins had made and it might be a criminal charge against myself. That was my impression. He did not say these exact words. I cannot quote the words that Mr. Warren used. He envelope was placed on my client's desk, as an official report. be between then and the 1st of July Mr. Higgins was suggesting a crim-1923. MR. WARREN—The facts are the inal charge against myself. That Mr. Mr. Commissioner. In order were taken against Mr. Meaney the ceedings the De

A .- That was the first thing

more definite than the other you knew of the existence of it when the Attorney General brought it to you. This is the first official intima-

tion that you had?

Q.—Did you do anything in con-A .- I took careful consideration the political conditions of the country at the time; I considered the crim-

inal charge Mr. Higgins had COMMISSIONER-Were you com templating any proceedings agains

Mr. Meaney? COMMISSIONER-He thought his

Q.—Nobody could expect you to remember the exact day of hour of place of an official communication.

The Government party is in the nature rested in some way you would volved, but there is no quest when you first heard it but we want to

A.—No.

Q.—At any time?

A.—Not up to this morning.

A.—I considered the matter very as a "prima facie" account of recollection of any individual figure being mentioned.

A.—I considered the matter very as a "prima facie" account of recollection of any carefully for several weeks, or probing individual figure being mentioned. MR. HOWLEY, Q.—There was no the Newfoundland political conditions MR. HOWLEY-I would like to official communication with you by as I did, knowing the intimate political point out the position. Up to yesterthe Minister of Justice with regard to tical situation as 'edid, and knowing day I had been using a report of our body in authority; anybody who was ered from a political standpoint that

documents or to account for the money?

A.—The Minister of Justice and Attorney do me the courtesy of letting me see told me that Mr. W. J. Higgins, and A.—Yes, but while I was happy to Attorney General was not here at the be able to explain to the public on

> that the interview was based upon the the best thing for an innocent man to do what would a guilty man do?

Q .- There were no criminal proceedings taken against, you? A.-No.

whether your judgment was right or has been responsible for placing this wrong it does not conclude this case, report before my client has given me ment is right.

COMMISSIONER-And I am not so satisfied that my own was wrong. I think you will find that the things The fact that these things had hapsuggestion of an arrest of Mr. Mean- will hurt you. We shall probably ey." You thought resignation was

the best A .- Yes, because if I had gone before the House of Assembly I could not have controlled the majority of to the political position at this moment, but I would be able to satisfy

you in an hour. COMMISSIONER-I am thankful to say that I am apart from political affairs and intend to remain so; in this did not show the reason for the pay- swer here it is "I was to supply country at any rate. MR. HOWLEY-As a consequence

A .- I am relating my general im- of this information given you, you resigned A .- Yes ultimately, after numerous

interviews with the various members of the party. Q.-Having resigned the matter was

Q.-And in addition to the fact that no steps have been taken to inform you of the state of these documents or to ask you to repay the

oneys, there was no suit civil or riminal instituted against you? A.-No. Q.-You have not been sued for

the money? A.-No. Q.-You have not been charged for any criminal offence?

-Now Sir Richard in the course

satisfy me about the official report. MR. HOWLEY—This was given to

me as an official report.

COMMISSIONER—I do not quite see that I am to take it that because is an official report that it is ac ate. I have a repo



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volved, but there is no question of al and intentional and I and I have A-I don't remember that I had tween what is accidental and international , which makes me sound rather foolish, which I hope I am

MR. WARREN—These stenders are doing their best.
COMMISSIONER—You may

A .- A guilty man would have fought the correctness of things goes. Whereabouts are you reading from? A .- Page 7. In the cross-examina-

tion of Mr. Meaney. MR. HOWLEY-An incident I should A,-I am satisfied that my judge a wrong impression; has misled me as I have treated it as the official record.

will pretty well agree.

pretty well accurate as a valle MR. HOWLEY-In answer to a question from Mr. Winter "Why were these cheques discontinued? Mr. "Miss Miller came to the office and told me that some of the clerks at Sir Richard Squires' office had been making enquiries as to the meaning of certain cheques, the stubs of which ment. She could not explain for some . reason and she had consulted Sir Richard Squires and she said that he had told her to discontinue the cheques and give her I.O.U's, to me,

so as to avoid the enquiries which notes. were being made at the office. COMMISSIONER In substance that seconds with what Mr. Meancy said. What have you to say to that? (Mr.

WITNESS-I did net make any uch statement, and I did not give. her any such instructions. Certainly I did write a letter cancelling her power to sign all cheques, but that

has no reference to this. MR. HOWLEY-In answer to question of the Comp you ever tell him how much was owing through these transactions with Miss Miller and as to how much you regarded him as indebted to you? MR. MEANEY replied "No, sir, but I told Miss Miller on behalf of Sir Richard Squires. She had the total and she informed me that she had informed Sir Richard Squires. On everal occasions I gave here the ag-

sioner who asked him "Do you nember what you fold him? Die u tell him. Did you tell him in ef ect that the amount was large?" he iswered "I told him in effect tha here was an amount outstandin which he understood." Is that so?

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A .- Except only the \$4000.00 transaction which has been already relat-

sation with Miss Miller in regard to

MR. HOWLEY-in my cross-examination on page 7 in answer to the ed R. 'A. Squires, per J. G. Miller?" the witness answered "When Miss Miller came to me the first time without a cheque, I asked her what about the cheque. She told me that the cheques had to be discontinued on account of enquiries at Sir Richard Squire's Office, and because of that

I was to help her out."

COMMISSIONER—That is all cov-COMMISSIONER-If you continue I ered by his denial. MR. HOWLEY-In answer to the question "will you explain why, in pened; during your interval with Mr. COMMISSIONER I think you will the last transaction that took place Warren you did not say "There is no and that there is nothing there that between yourself and Miss Miller, you required a duplicate deposit agree, I think that the report is slip," he answered "I was to supply \$2000.00 to cover an overdraft of Sir Richard Squires at the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and I required denosit slip for the amount

> asked to do that, but he could only supply \$500.00. COMMISSIONER-Yes. I think that

> is his story. MR. HOWLEY-As I have the an-

\$2000.00." COMMISSIONER That is my recollection. That he was asked to supply \$2000.00. That is just the sort of thing that one finds in shorthand

Mr. Howley-Very well then (quoting evidence) "I was asked to supply \$2000.00 to cover an overdraft at the Canadian Bank of Commerce." Was there an overdraft of your account at the Canadian Bank of Commerce at that time? ...

(To be continued.)

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