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CORTICELLI WOOL, in Balls. Only 18c. Ball.  
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CORTICELLI SILK, in Slips. Regular 6c. Slip. Now 5c. each.  
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REMNANTS of TWEEDS for Men's, Women's and Boys' Wear, at Low Prices.  
BLACK and NAVY ENGLISH WOOL DRESS SERGES, 40 inches wide. Only 85c. yard.  
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DRESS MELTONS, 42 inches wide, extra quality. Only 85c. yard.  
COLOURED VELVETEENS—All leading shades. Only 79c. yard.

## HENRY BLAIR

### Enquiry Into Model Farm Expenditure Closed

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features, Mr. Winter pointed out that the whole of the relief work was under the supervision of Hon. J. Davey, with Major Butler under him. In reply to the Commissioner, Mr. Winter stated that under No. 1 account \$166,865 was expended and \$601,002 was spent under No. 11 account. The Commissioner pointed out that neither of the votes were exceeded.

#### MR. J. W. McNEILLY EXAMINED.

Before the examination of the witnesses in this case were called, Mr. J. W. McNeilly was introduced and examined by Mr. Winter. Witness who was first clerk in the Mines Department was questioned about the appointment of Mr. L. V. Summers as scaler. Questioned about his salary, witness said Summers was paid for eight months beginning in March, to total \$960. Questioned by the Commissioner re the message from Summers asking for his salary and the reply from Mr. McNeilly, witness acknowledged sending the message.

Asked about the \$120 check, witness said he drew the cheque and cashed it, but never accounted to Summers for it. The proceeds were distributed on his account, mostly to himself (Mr. McNeilly). Witness said he did not agree that if the \$120 cheque was added to the other payments made Summers that he was overpaid. The Commissioner then totalled up the amounts to \$960 and said he has been overpaid in salary by \$120. Who is responsible for that, who presented the cheque to the Minister for signature?

A.—Whoever drew it out.

Shown cheque, witness said it was drawn by Mr. Hart, the accountant. Asked how he paid money on account of Summers, witness said he owed him between \$160 and \$170 dollars. The Commissioner pointed out that there was a note on a subsequent cheque for \$100 marked "self." Witness said self referred to Summers.

The Commissioner pointed out the statement in the telegram accounted for all the payments up to end of July and the payment in October accounted for the balance that was due. Witness in answer explained that a payment for salary was due to Summers for the month of February. The Commissioner pointed out that he had no other reference to draw from the evidence than that the \$120 had been taken by the witness wrongly, but he wished to give him an opportunity to clear himself. The explanation, he said, did not remove the doubt and he did not consider the explanation of the telegrams satisfactory.

#### WAS EMPLOYED IN FEBRUARY.

MR. S. HART, accountant of the Department called by Mr. Winter, said when he made out the cheque to Summers he got the amount due from the books. The Commissioner asked witness to find from the books how much was due Summers at the end of his term in October. Witness going through the books, gave the totals as \$130. Witness said the arrangement for engagement of Summers was made by McNeilly and he understood he was employed in February. Witness was shown cheques 2582 and cheque 2583, drawn to Thos. Molloy. One of these cheques was endorsed by Molloy the other was endorsed by the witness. Asked how both payments came to be made on the same date for the same amount, witness could not remember the incident. He found in going over his ledger that he had made the two payments. He cancelled one but later investigating, he found the payments were correct and erased the word cancelled. Asked why there was not two vouchers, witness said one must have been mislaid. After several questions in reference to the ledger the examination closed.

#### DEPUTY MINISTER GIVES EVIDENCE ON RELIEF ACCOUNT.

Deputy Minister of Public Works was called in reference to the Relief Account enquiry. Examined by Mr. Winter, witness named the various officials of the Department who had been employed or engaged in connection with the account, after which he explained how the Storm Damage account (result of storm of 1921) and the relief account originated. Witness detailed the various matters which led up to the formation of an Unemployment Bureau in Jan. 1922 and the subsequent appointment of Hon. John Davey as supervisor of the relief works that began.

#### INCREASED EXPENDITURE BEGINS JAN. 1922.

Following this he explained the closing of No. 1 account and the opening of No. 11 account in June 1922. Quite a lot of correspondence and orders in Council up to Jan. 1923 was found that the expenditure had been \$250,000. When the works were closed down in May 1923 the expenditure had totalled \$605,000. It was thus showing that the greater portion had been expended from Jan. to May. "It was closed down so far as the great bulk of the work was concerned, in May, 1923," said Mr. Harris. MR. WINTER.—When did work begin on No. 1 Relief account.

A.—Jan., 1922, and it ended in June

of the same year, when it was taken over by No. 2 Relief Account. Practically all of No. 1 relief was in or near St. John's.

Q.—How much was put aside for that account?

A.—We started No. 1 with a suspense account. There was no specific limit. It was a sub department of storm damage. The expenditure was covered later by a Minute of Council for \$180,000.

Q.—What was done to meet the unemployment situation so far as your department was concerned?

A.—In the winter, rock breaking, quarrying and snowploughing was started, and in the spring there was some road repairing. In the summer, No. 2 account began. We paid for this work in cash, but after the payroll had reached a great magnitude we found this a dangerous method.

COMMISSIONER.—Did any change take place when No. 1 relief was in force?

A.—I received my instructions from the Minister. He will have to tell you that.

COMMISSIONER.—In the first instance, it appears that all your department had to do was to pay?

A.—Yes, but some change took place later. The Citizens' Committee were at first responsible for the working. We knew nothing of the Committee. The men were employed by the Employment Bureau, which was composed by Major Butler and some four or five assistants. I don't know how the Bureau originated. Hon. Jno. Davey arranged for the timekeepers, and he also arranged the rate of pay.

COMMISSIONER.—Who arranged about the quarrying?

A.—Mr. Davey.

Q.—Was he connected with the Citizens' Committee?

A.—He told me he was.

MR. WINTER.—Who did he have with him?

A.—The two road inspectors.

Q.—What was the rate of pay on No. 1 account?

A.—\$2.50 per day. That was, I think, about the same as the prevailing rate for unskilled labour.

Q.—What was the total expenditure under this account?

A.—\$157,000.

COMMISSIONER.—Who sent you the payroll?

A.—They were signed by Davey and initialed by Butler. We paid on these.

MR. WINTER.—Did not each man have to sign the pay sheet for the cash receipt?

A.—Yes.

Q.—There is a payment on that sheet I gave you to H. Dodd of \$44.50. What is that for?

A.—For driving Mr. Davey every day for seven days, Sunday included.

Q.—Do you know what Mr. Davey was doing? Was he going round daily inspecting the work?

A.—Yes.

Q.—There is a payment to Wilfred Whitmarsh for assisting the paymaster?

A.—We paid in cash and had to hire a cab to fetch the money from the Banks, as the weight was considerable. We had to have a man with the paymaster to help him when the payments were made.

Some remarks were passed by the Commissioner in the question of extra remuneration for Government officials. He did not say the practice was wrong, but he would like to know if much payment could be made on the authority of the head of a department.

A payment of \$20.00 to James Gladney, a cab driver, was referred to. This was for driving the paymaster. There was also another payment to Thos. Dodd for \$48.00 for driving Mr. Davey. The rate was \$3.00 per day. Other vouchers of a similar nature were put in.

A bill for professional services presented by Dr. G. M. Murphy was put in. This was for treatment to the eyes of men who were injured in the quarrying. With reference to an amount of \$295 paid to Thos. Kelly, Mr. Harris said this was accounted for on a time sheet. It was extra pay for overtime.

Another voucher was put in of a payment to James Gladney for driving the paymaster. He received \$72 for 126 hours driving. A payment to Mr. Carter of the Auditor General's Department led to further comment by the Commissioner on the wisdom of extra payments for overtime being made on the authority of the Department heads. Other payments were: Willis Reid contract for removal of stone at Rock Shed. Given by Mr. Coaker of City Council's Office.

Capt. McNeil for overtime in making

ing out payroll, \$129.60.  
Robert Joyce for overtime, May 21st to Aug. 1st, 1923; \$150.02.

MR. WINTER.—What did you have personally to do with No. 1 Relief account?

A.—Our office was the Headquarters for the account. I had to co-ordinate the whole business and all the office responsibility in connection with it, including the purchase of splits, was mine. Besides this we had to do the regular work of the Department without an increase of staff. For a long period we had three policemen on the door. Dr. Campbell Davey and Bambrick collapsed physically as a result of all the extra work that had to be done. I was anchored in the office and could not escape the crowd which besieged it.

Q.—Did the Citizens' Committee do anything at all?

A.—No.

Recess was taken until 3 p.m.

#### No Tidings of Missing Sealer

SEARCH STILL CONTINUES.

Up to press hour no trace of the whereabouts of the unfortunate man Denis Hyde, of Red Head Cove, who left the S. S. Seal on Monday night last to board the steamer Ranger has been received. All day yesterday Diver Squires made a diligent search in the waters at Balne Johnston and Co's. premises, and although there was a clear vision the search proved unsuccessful. In the meantime it was thought possible that the missing man was on board the Viking bound to the Gulf, but a message stating that the man was not on board was received by Hon. W. H. Cave yesterday afternoon. Owing to such ice being tightly packed near Balne Johnston's wharf this morning, the conditions were not favorable enough to continue the search, but should it be more favorable this afternoon Diver Squires will make another attempt. It is generally believed that the man met with a watery grave. Every effort will be made to solve his mysterious disappearance.

#### FIVE SHIPS SAIL TO-MORROW.

The steamers Ranger, Terra Nova, Neptune, Thetis and Seal will sail for the Northern sealfishery to-morrow; while the Eagle and Saxonia will not get away before Saturday morning at 8 o'clock.

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### Kyle in Port

SAILS FOR NORTH SYDNEY AT 6 p.m.

S. S. Kyle, Capt. Tavernor, arrived from North Sydney at 9.15 this morning, bringing 200 bags of foreign mail matter, eight car loads of freight and the following passengers, viz.—B. E. Mamm, M. Frosser, W. M. Tibbels, F. Cohen, Wm. Lye, Mrs. G. Morris, Mrs. R. Morris, Mr. G. French and B. G. Miller, besides 8 in steerage. The Kyle while en route made good progress until Cape Broyle was reached, when she was compelled to steam through a field of thin ice which was closely packed in on the land, upon approaching Cape Race yesterday afternoon about 5.30 the weather became very thick, and the captain was compelled to lay-to his ship until daylight this morning. The Kyle is scheduled to sail for North Sydney at 6 o'clock this afternoon, taking mails and passengers. Yesterday morning the Kyle passed the Viking going west off St. Lawrence.

### War on Rabbits

The plague of jack-rabbits which does wide damage to crops and pastures is being lessened at the rate of 4,000,000 head a year in Kansas.

With a bounty set at 19 cents head, the extermination of these 000,000 rabbits means an expenditure of \$40,000 annually by the state.

The bounty formerly was five cents but this was doubled last year by Legislature, when the swarms of rabbits were found to be greatly on the increase.

Jack-rabbits gather by the thousands in the alfalfa fields of Kansas and after they have consumed all available roots turn their attention to the crops, to the ruin of many farms.

Greyhounds are employed to chase them down in many cases, as their fleetness of foot, the rabbits are able to escape with ease from hunters armed with shotguns.

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