

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

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Q.—Did you ask him to accept further accommodation?  
A.—He told me that the account was in a terrible state.  
COMMISSIONER—(To Witness)—Mr. Glennie sent for you to tell you about the account being in a bad state. That was not the best time to ask for a further advance?

WITNESS—No.  
MR. HOWLEY—Then Mr. Glennie refused to accept any further accommodation. Isn't that so?  
A.—He would not advance one cent unless I had security for it.

Q.—I want to take this step by step. Mr. Richard goes away, and Mr. Glennie sends for you and tells you about the state of finances. Then it gets down to the stage that he refuses to carry any further accommodation.

A.—I was trying to explain.

Q.—What I want to know now is when you went to Mr. Glennie in response to his call, and when he stated that conditions were so bad that he was going to bring Sir Richard back, the next step was that he refused accommodation?

A.—He did.

Q.—Did you ask him for further accommodation?

A.—I certainly did.

Q.—Did you ask him for it on notes signed by you on your power of attorney or by notes signed by Sir Richard?

A.—He would not give accommodation on either.

Q.—I thought your brother did some financing at this time?

A.—My brother did the financing of the notes that were due.

Q.—You told us that; having asked Mr. Glennie for this accommodation, the next thing you did was to submit a number of names to him.

A.—After I had seen Mr. Stewart.

Q.—Then you went to Mr. Stewart, and he referred you to the Bank of Nova Scotia?

A.—Yes.

Q.—You submitted these names?

A.—It was some time after that that I submitted the names. I think, as a matter of fact, when I went to my brother to ask him for a further amount he said why not take some of Sir Richard's Water Street friends to see Mr. Glennie.

MR. HOWLEY—Well did this financing by your brother of this \$20,000 take place before you asked Mr. Glennie for the accommodation and had been refused.

A.—Mr. Glennie sent for me and told me that they were due and that the account was overdrawn. He was very indignant with Sir Richard for leaving without seeing him.

Q.—And he refused further accommodation?

A.—He certainly did.

Q.—You then applied to the Canadian Bank of Commerce and they refused?

A.—They refused.

COMMISSIONER—Mr. Stewart refused, and she then got \$20,000 from her brother.

A.—Thinking some arrangement had been made with Sir Richard and my brother.

COMMISSIONER—Mr. Howley wanted to remind you in what order or sequence these dealings—different transactions—took place.

WITNESS—I think before he left he must have told my brother. He came over and wanted to see me.

MR. HOWLEY—I wanted to know whether you had negotiated this \$20,000 note with your brother before you had the interview with Mr. Stewart and before Mr. Glennie refused you the accommodation, or was it after?

A.—He wanted the \$20,000 amount fixed up immediately. I spent most of my time while Sir Richard was away in Mr. Glennie's office, Mr. Howley.

Q.—But you have not answered my question?

A.—Because I don't remember, Mr. Howley.

COMMISSIONER—I don't think anybody wants to ask the lady any other question, and shall close the subject as far as this part of the Enquiry is concerned. I do not know whether or not the evidence in the next section will throw a little light on it. We have endeavored to keep the next section separate, as far as possible. But if any evidence should come out in dealing with the next section that applies to this, you will have every opportunity of dealing with it in your address to me. I shall open the next section at 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

MR. HOWLEY—Before we adjourn, sir, I have been given to understand that there is a likelihood this court will not sit on Tuesday.

COMMISSIONER—So I understand. I have only heard unofficially that some of those who are interested and whose presence is more than desirable—in fact is necessary—for the conduct of this Enquiry will be engaged upon public business on Tuesday, which will prevent their coming here. That being so, we are not likely to be able to sit on Tuesday, possibly not on Wednesday. Is not that so, Mr. Attorney General?

MR. WARREN—Yes, sir. I would personally be able to attend, but my learned friends, Mr. Winter and Mr. Hunt, also the Clerk of the Court, will be engaged upon a criminal case on Tuesday.

COMMISSIONER—You won't take

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NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GOVT. AND BELL ISLAND COMPANIES.

Monday, January 21st, 1924.

COMMISSIONER—This morning, I propose to enter into the Second Section of this Enquiry, and I think I may acquaint everybody at the outset what that section is. According to the Commission it is in these words:

"It is alleged that while negotiations were in progress between the Government of the Colony and the Dominion Iron & Steel Company, Limited, and the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Company, Limited, respectively, concerning the obligations of the said Companies to the Government, certain moneys were paid to the then Prime Minister by the said Companies."

I suppose I have in this matter as in the last the same assistance on this side, and this time I understand Sir Richard Squires is represented by Mr. Lewis.

MR. LEWIS—Mr. Howley has asked me because of his arduous labors, to relieve him somewhat of the burden.

COMMISSIONER—Then I may regard you as leader?

MR. LEWIS—Yes. Mr. Howley is assisting me.

COMMISSIONER—Has anybody else decided to be represented in this Section?

MR. JENKS—Mr. Commissioner, I am representing, with Mr. Knight, the Dominion Iron & Steel Company and the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Company. These are the two Companies' names.

COMMISSIONER—Please hand in your names to me, if you don't mind, so that I can make a note of it.

Now the best course I think would be for one of the gentlemen on my left to kindly open shortly this Section of the Commission, as to what course I have to pursue.

MR. KNIGHT—If you please, before my learned friend, Mr. Hunt, opens the case, I would like, on behalf of the two companies, to enquire what is the view which you take of the scope of this Commission. The terms, I think you will admit, are somewhat ambiguous, and it is interesting to us to know whether we find ourselves here as persons accused of an offence, or persons named in an Enquiry, intervening in an Enquiry at the request of the Attorney General.

COMMISSIONER—Nobody appears before me charged with an offence at all. I have no jurisdiction to say whether what they have done—if they have done anything—constitutes an offence. It is not my province.

MR. HUNT—It is not likely to take more than Tuesday, sir.

COMMISSIONER—I may as well announce it, then: I shall sit on this next section on Monday and not on Tuesday, but will resume again on Wednesday morning.

I have to find out, if I can, what the facts are. Whether my finding of facts amounts to an offence on the part of any individual, I cannot say. In this Court there is no accusation made against any person in respect of any offence. If any person thinks that such an accusation will hereafter be made against him he may refuse to answer any question which might incriminate him and prejudice any criminal proceedings.

MR. KNIGHT—That is the statement which I expected you to make. But, as I say, the terms of this Commission make it somewhat ambiguous as to whether we do appear here as persons concerned in an Enquiry or persons subject to the odium of being accused of any offence.

COMMISSIONER—I know nothing whatever about this Section beyond what is contained in the paragraph I have read.

MR. KNIGHT—It is not by way of objection that we make these remarks, but simply that we may understand and that the public may clearly understand the position at present in which we stand.

COMMISSIONER—My mind in this matter at present is a blank. At most it contains a desire in this case on the whole to keep the Enquiry as much as I can within the limits of the paragraph. It is very difficult to prevent a certain amount of staying on the borderland, but I can't tell you at present whether there is any charge against you. I know of none. I don't know unless it is brought out in the evidence as the case proceeds, whether it means a charge against the Prime Minister or not. I simply have to find whether the money paid to him by parties during the course of certain negotiations between them and the Government of which he was the head.

MR. KNIGHT—Another point I must ask is this: there are two different companies here. I mean to ask him whether he intends to proceed against one at one time and the other at another, or whether there are any connections in the case which, in his opinion, justify the mingling of the whole evidence of both together. As I understand it the case seems to be that the Nova Scotia Company and the Dominion Iron & Steel Company are separate. It is known, not only to me but to everybody, that when referring to this particular section of the Enquiry it is being generally called the "Besco" enquiry, which again involves another company which is interested in the Enquiry at all as far as I am concerned. I wish one of my learned friends to state whether—

COMMISSIONER—They are to be taken together or separately?

MR. KNIGHT—Yes. Definitely so.

COMMISSIONER—It is sometimes convenient and often done in the Old Country, and one charge is taken before the other and kept separate. I have no opinion to give on it.

MR. KNIGHT—There is no connection between the two.

COMMISSIONER—I am quite prepared to take them separately. What do you say, Mr. Hunt? In general, I am quite satisfied unless it means the recalling of the same witness.

MR. HUNT—I think it would not, sir.

COMMISSIONER—Well, what do you say, Mr. Hunt? Is there any inconvenience in acceding to this request?

MR. HUNT—The position we take is that the allegations were made, and it is upon the allegations that the evidence is to be taken, as they were made in a general way. We shall do everything possible to separate the two companies, where necessary to separate them. We think it would be better for yourself and my learned friends, if matters were taken as a whole. We shall do anything possible to divide the two companies where necessary.

COMMISSIONER—I think it would be better for you to make the opening, and let me know anything about this case. I shall then be in a better position to see whether they can be kept separate. You had better make your opening remarks, Mr. Hunt, and I shall reserve the question of how we are to proceed with the witnesses until I have heard it.

MR. HUNT—The allegation in this paragraph deals, as my learned friend has intimated, with the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Company and the Dominion Iron & Steel Company—both companies doing business at Wabana in Conception Bay.

COMMISSIONER—What is the name?

MR. HUNT—Wabana—Bell Island.

COMMISSIONER—Bell Island, yes.

MR. HUNT—It appears, sir, in 1920, in November, 1920, an agreement was made between the Governor in Council and the two companies, which agreement was confirmed and ratified by the Legislature of the Colony in August, 1921. These two companies are now together under the name of the British Empire Steel Corporation—that is how it came to be commonly known as the "Besco."

COMMISSIONER—That is an amalgamation of the two companies, which has taken place since?

MR. HUNT—Yes, sir. That is why this Enquiry has been called the

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