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Nfld. Get Into Line.

The United States proposes making a considerable reduction in taxes this year.

Premier Massey of New Zealand recently stated in Toronto that the income tax in that country had been cut in two, and last year there was a surplus in revenue of over \$6,000,000.

Britain has reduced her Civil Service to within ten per cent. of the number employed in pre-war days. In spite of her very heavy expenditures, she produced a surplus last year of \$450,000,000, and managed to reduce taxation.

Australia last year balanced her budget, and this year proposes to reduce taxation considerably.

Newfoundland—but that is another story which will be told later.

Where Extremes Appear to Meet.

The enormous success of Italian Fascism and of Government by decree in Spain leads one to ask if southern peoples are not more inclined towards the rule of a dictator than to the democratic institutions so popular among the countries of the north.

Meanwhile the countries in which democracy holds sway are faced with difficulties which puzzle the wisest heads. Has the limit been passed and is a reversion in order?

A Hole in the Bucket.

Since 1919 Germany has purchased 641,844,616 pounds of copper at a total cost of \$84,000,000. The Financial Post asks where is the money coming from?

On Recognizing Obligations.

European countries are in America's debt to the amount of \$7,000,000,000. Britain is working overtime to meet her obligations. Of this total France owes about \$4,000,000,000, and has so far made no repayments.

The Report of Proceedings at the Enquiry.

In order to enable the public to follow the proceedings at the

Enquiry as they actually occur, we are publishing the reports verbatim. It is a practical impossibility to produce in this way the proceedings of the sessions immediately previous to our issue, and consequently we give a synopsis of them. This we attempt to keep as colourless and as unprejudiced as it is possible, and we are of the opinion that so far our reporters have carried out this policy to the letter.

G.W.V.A. Holds General Meeting To-Night.

The G.W.V.A. is holding its annual general meeting in the C.C.C. Hall to-night. The order of business is an important one and a large attendance is expected.

The Bryant Fire.

In connection with the fire which occurred on Friday night, we are informed that although \$2,500 worth of insurance was carried on the property, the policy belonged to the original owner from whom the occupant was in course of purchasing the property.

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This Morning's Proceedings at Enquiry.

Mr. Donald Fraser Takes The Stand—Mr. Merton Lewis is Introduced by Howley, K.C.

An exceptionally large gathering, fully 80 per cent. of which were ladies, was present when the enquiry opened. The Commissioner, on taking his seat, intimated that the next move was with Mr. Howley. The latter then presented Mr. Merton T. Lewis of the New York Bar, who is associated with him on behalf of Sir Richard Squires.

Mr. Howley in reply said he did not propose to suggest that he had, whereas the Commissioner, advised Mr. Howley to address himself to the newspapers. Mr. Howley then took up a copy of the morning paper and explained that he was under the impression according to a previous statement of the Attorney General, that the newspapers were to be furnished daily with an official report of the proceedings.

The Commissioner intimated that he was under the impression that the newspapers had their own reporters present. He then asked Mr. Howley to proceed with the matters of the enquiry, and call his witness, Mr. Howley then called Mr. Donald Fraser, Business Manager of the firm of Squires & Curtis.

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

Q—Yes, Brown asked us to act for him to defend the claim. The claim was finally adjusted and paid. Q—When it was finally adjusted, how much was paid? A—I think between six and seven hundred dollars. Q—But that was not paid until the receipt of the cheque? A—Not till after. Q—It had been delayed by this adjustment? A—Yes. Q—And there was another dispute? A—Yes. One by the British Store, about \$48.00; that was paid also. Q—Before or after? A—I think it would have been paid. Q—All these amounts except those of the British Store and the British Store were paid before the receipt of the cheque? A—Yes. Q—Why did you pay them before receipt of the cheque? A—Archibald Brown had his first December of 1920, and the adjusted papers were, I think, completed at the middle of January. Shortly after they were completed these papers began to come against him, so I issued the cheques to help him. He asked us to let him have the money. Well, if the adjustment papers were completed in the middle of January, what was the cause of the delay in getting the cheques? A—I find that the insurance papers had never been forwarded to the office. COMMISSIONER—By whom ought they have been forwarded? A—Miss Miller was the Accountant. Q—And if these papers had been forwarded in due course the cheques would have been in time to pay these? A—Lots of time. Q—And all these accounts that you were paid out before receipt of the cheque? A—Yes. Q—And paid by you? A—Yes. Q—Do you know if any payments were made to Mr. Brown by Miss Miller? A—Practically all the payments were made by me. COMMISSIONER—The payments made by you in the aggregate would amount to almost the full amount of the cheque. Is that what you mean? A—Yes. COMMISSIONER—But there was a small balance left in favor of Brown? A—Nearly two hundred dollars and that amount was credited to Brown's regular account. COMMISSIONER—We were told yesterday that Mr. Brown wanted \$1000 on account and that he threatened to sue your firm for it. Did you ever hear of that before till yesterday? A—I did not. COMMISSIONER—Would he have any right to sue your firm? A—Of course not. COMMISSIONER—The only basis upon which he could sue your firm was if you had received the money from the Insurance Company? A—That is it. COMMISSIONER—If that evidence is true it seems extraordinary to me that Mr. Brown should have threatened an action against your firm, except your firm had not received the money and had not done with it as they should have done. But you say that the threat of Brown's was not known to you. A—No, it was not known to me. MR. CURTIS cross-examined by Mr. Hunt: Q—Mr. Curtis you say this cheque for \$4085 was payable to Brown and not McNamara? A—No, Brown and McNamara. Q—Was it endorsed by McNamara? A—We sent the cheque to Magistrate Thompson to have it signed by Brown and then for it to be returned and signed by McNamara. Q—So that this cheque came to the order of McNamara and Brown, but that Brown did not personally get a cent of it? A—No, we gave instructions to Magistrate Thompson to have it endorsed by Brown and sent back to our office, and it came back. Q—And out of this cheque for \$4085, you paid these several sums? A—Yes. Q—Did you reimburse yourself out of this cheque? A—Yes. Q—Did Brown have an open account with you? A—Yes. Q—Do you know if his account was in debit or in credit at the time of the fire? A—It was in debit. Q—Are you sure of that? A—Yes. Q—Clear of that payment? A—Yes. Q—How much did Brown owe you? A—\$30 or \$35 for professional services. Q—Did he have any other account with you clear of professional services? A—No, but he asked us to attend to other certain items of business for him. MR. HUNT (Continued.) 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COMMISSIONER—Have you got your ledger here? A—No. COMMISSIONER—That should show Brown's account and should show these payments. I should like to see that ledger very much. MR. HOWLEY—We have not got the ledger here at the moment, Sir, but we can get it and produce it. We have a statement of fire losses on the desk. I thought that Mr. Curtis had it with him, not for the purpose of evidence but for the purpose of verifying certain matters. MR. HUNT—You say that the firm did some collecting and professional work for Mr. Brown and all the entries were transferred to one general account? A—Yes. Q—Did your general account show that it was in credit at time of closing? A—Yes. Q—When did you close it? A—When we received the money from the Insurance Company. Q—Was McNamara paid by cheque? A—Yes. Q—Were all the other payments made by cheque? A—Yes. Q—Did Brown come to your office at all? A—Yes, he came several times asking for his insurance money. Q—Well it is correct that Brown made repeated demands for his insurance money? A—Yes. Q—And you paid it in so far as Miss Miller made demands upon you on behalf of Brown; that is correct also, is it? A—Yes. Q—Have you McNamara's cheque with you now? A—No, I was not able to get it this morning. Q—Was it a personal cheque? A—Yes. COMMISSIONER—Were you paying this out of your own pocket? A—Yes. Q—Why? A—It was not the practice to pay out insurance money until the money came from the Head Office; but I did it to help out Brown who was in destitute circumstances. COMMISSIONER—Solicitors here are greater philanthropists than they are on the other side. I cannot understand it. I could understand it if it was a matter of ordinary business in which you would get a rebate out of the firm's account. MR. HUNT—I suppose the firm's

pass book would show these payments? A—It should. Q—Have you got it with you? A—No. COMMISSIONER—This is getting complicated and still more freshly complicated. We are told now that cheques were always going out, and yesterday we had the suggestion that cheques were always coming in through the instrumentality of Miss Miller. WITNESS—They went out through the regular channels. COMMISSIONER—Was her's a regular channel? A—It was a channel I knew nothing about. Q—It appears then that the amounts mentioned were not paid out by the firm but by you personally? A—The firm did not have the money at the time and I was to be reimbursed later. Q—These two cheques are dated the 7th and 17th of May, 1921. On May 7th, the very same day your cheque for \$735.00 was given, there was an I.O.U. Miss Miller said, and that the I.O.U. was paid by Mr. Meaney. Do you know anything about that? A—No, it may have come in to me a day or two after. COMMISSIONER—I just want to know witness how you were reimbursed. Have you your own pass book or your personal account? A—I have not got it with me now on account of the Bank of Montreal having changed their system, but I will be able to show it when I get it. It may show an overdraft. COMMISSIONER—That may be due to a variety of causes. MR. HUNT—You stated that the amounts were not paid by the firm but by you personally? A—Except in so far as I was reimbursed by the firm. Q—You told Mr. Howley that the firm paid the amounts. Why were they not paid by the firm? A—The firm did not have the money until they got it back from the Company. Q—But Miss Miller said that the firm's account was overdrawn at the time? A—I don't know. I had nothing to do with the account. She was in charge of it. COMMISSIONER—I suppose fires happen very often in this country. A—Yes, we had a number of insurance claims to meet as a result of fires at that time. We had to wait a considerable while for monies to come from Head Office then; but now arrangements have been made by the Insurance Underwriter here whereby we can get the cheque from Head Office and make a payment of a claim in a week. COMMISSIONER—Was it the common practice to pay the insured his money without waiting for the money to be received from the Company. This is certainly an exceptional case, don't you think so? A—Yes. Q—Generally you would not pay money until you got it from Head Office. Now why the exception in this case? A—Brown was destitute and I gave him the \$100 immediately to help him out. COMMISSIONER—But why did you give McNamara \$1082? Did he share in Brown's destitution? Was McNamara destitute also? Surely the plea of destitution did not apply to him? Why give \$1082 to McNamara out of somebody else's destitution? A—I understood the adjustment papers went off about the middle of January and we were expecting the cheque to arrive from Head Office in the course of a few days so as I could be reimbursed. I undertook to give

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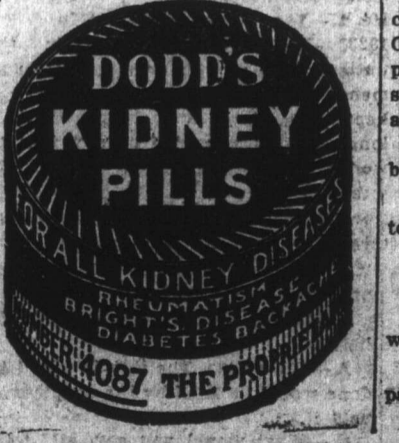
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a cheque expecting the money by every mail that came. Then I found it did not come at all. COMMISSIONER—Then in May 1921 you gave your own cheques for \$735 and \$538. Still the money had not come from Head Office? A—These payments would have been made at the request of Miss Miller. COMMISSIONER—There seems to be a great deal of mystery about this affair yet. MR. HUNT—Was McNamara's cheque your own or the firm's? A—My own. Q—Was Howley & Fox's cheque your own or the firm's? A—My own. Q—Was the Imperial Tobacco Company's cheque your own or the firm's? A—My own. Q—Was Ayre & Sons cheque your own or the firm's? A—My own. A—Every cheque paid prior to the receipt of the cheque from Head Office was my own. Q—May I ask you again was Ayre & Sons cheque your own? A—Yes. Q—Are you sure? A—I am pretty sure. Q—Well then at the time this cheque for \$4085 came from Head Office to the firm that firm had not paid a cent, but that you had made several payments out of your personal account. A—Except in so far as they reimbursed me. Q—But the money would come in to the firm from Head Office? A—Yes. Q—How were you reimbursed? A—Any time I needed money I would ask for it. Q—Why were not these amounts paid out of the firm's bank account? A—Because the firm could not pay

remember Miss Miller asking you to pay out of your personal account? A—Yes. Q—You paid on May 7th \$735 and on that day \$1000 was got from Mr. Meaney and all this was paid out of your own account and not out of the firm's account? A—Yes. COMMISSIONER—I would really like to see that ledger. I take it that it is in the town of St. John's. MR. HOWLEY—I shall try and get it this afternoon. COMMISSIONER—Where is the office, Water Street. Could a messenger be sent to fetch it along. Its pages would certainly be very illuminating. I do not like to go backwards and forwards into things and I would like to finish this point up before proceeding much further. MR. HOWLEY—I shall have a messenger go for it right away. COMMISSIONER—Perhaps it can be sent for while you are re-examining the witness, Mr. Howley. I would also like to see Mr. Curtis' pass book. WITNESS—I can get it to-morrow morning. ATTORNEY GENERAL—I would like, Sir, to ask the witness a few questions. These amounts you paid by your personal cheques was done on the Bank of Montreal, were they not? A—Yes. Q—Your firm's account is with the Bank of Nova Scotia? A—Yes. Q—Apparently you paid out \$4085 less \$194.83 paid to Brown? A—Yes. Q—Everything else, that is, over \$3000 was paid by you personally? A—All amounts were paid by me personally prior to the receipt of the cheque from Head Office when I would be paid back by the firm. Q—How were you reimbursed? A—Through monies that came into

the office for mortgages, rentals and insurance monies. COMMISSIONER—Would that appear in your cash books or ledger? A—I don't think the books were written up in those days. COMMISSIONER—That sounds strange. He gave cheques on his own personal account and reimbursed himself out of the till and no record of it in the firm's books? A—There may be a record, but I really had not gone into the books at all myself. If I wanted the money I would get it from Miss Miller who looked after the cash. COMMISSIONER—That system would make things rather confusing at the end of the year. A—There are entries somewhere, I expect. ATTORNEY GENERAL—Who was keeping the books at that time? A—Miss Miller was until I wired to the Bank of Nova Scotia in Halifax and engaged Mr. Fraser and from that time on Miss Miller and Mr. Fraser handled them together. Fraser came here early in April. MR. Warren, (Continued.) Q—It was suggested to you that when that happened it was about March? When the authority for Miss Miller to draw cheques was rescinded? A—That was about when Mr. Fraser came. MR. WALKER—I think that would be about the 21st of March? MR. WARREN—Up to this time had you the power of Attorney? A—No. Q—I ask you this because in some letters of communication, your name is mentioned. A—Yes, I noticed that. Q—But you did not have it? A—No. Q—To get back to this thirty-one (Continued on page 6.)



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

(Continued from page 5.)

thousand dollars (\$30,000.00). You say it was actually paid in cash from time to time, and I suppose you deposited the amounts to your profit account in the Bank of Montreal?

A—Yes, to cover any overdraft there might have been.

Q—Against the cheques you had given?

A—Yes.

Q—Because somebody owed you the \$21,000.00?

A—Yes.

Q—Do you remember if you were paid the whole amount at one time or in various amounts?

A—I would be paid in various amounts from time to time.

Q—And you went and deposited it?

A—Yes.

Q—Your pass books would show the deposits?

A—Yes.

Q—Who was keeping the cash at the time that you got those amounts?

A—Miss Miller.

Q—So that although Mr. Fraser took over the cash from some date in April, and Miss Miller's Power of Attorney was cancelled, she still continued to act as cashier?

A—Well, I could not say the exact date that Mr. Fraser took care of the affairs.

Q—You were not satisfied with Miss Miller, keeping the cash, and you got Mr. Fraser down from Halifax?

A—Yes.

Q—And in spite of your not being satisfied with Miss Miller, and in spite of the fact that Mr. Fraser came down from Halifax, Miss Miller was still cashier?

COMMISSIONER—You still got cash from Miss Miller?

A—Yes.

MR. WARREN—Any large amounts such as a thousand dollars at a time?

A—No, I don't think ever as large as that.

Q—What was the largest?

A—Enough for the cheque of Brown's Insurance, \$785.00.

Q—So Miss Miller gave you \$785.00 cheque on account of Arch Brown's Insurance?

A—Yes.

(Cross-examined by Mr. Howley.)

Q—You say Brown conducted a little business and those various accounts would be to supply his goods?

A—Yes.

Q—After his fire, when his place was destroyed, his stock was destroyed; he was practically penniless except for his insurance money coming to him?

A—Yes.

Q—Was there any discussion with any of these creditors about advancing him goods to begin business over again?

A—I could not say.

Q—Do you recollect whether any of the advance payments to creditors were made for the purpose of getting those creditors to advance goods?

COMMISSIONER—I call that a leading question.

MR. HOWLEY—Perhaps it is, Sir.

WITNESS—I don't recollect it.

MR. HOWLEY—Could you tell me also during the period that you were making those payments, I think you said that Miss Miller was cash keeper and Mr. Fraser came in to take her duties as cash keeper and accountant. And all the recoupments of cash, you got from the office were from Miss Miller?

A—I would not swear that they all came from Miss Miller, they may have come from Mr. Fraser, some of them.

Q—Did you at this period exercise

firm account and be separate from Sir Richard's affairs?

A—Yes.

Q—But you did not do that because you noticed things in the counterfoils? How did you become aware of that?

A—I had no power of attorney.

Q—How did you become aware of that account?

A—I asked when I went there if there was a firm account.

Q—Whom did you ask?

A—Miss Miller.

Q—She had the power of attorney?

A—Yes.

Q—And all cheques would have to be signed by her while Squires was away?

A—No, I have not. I could not find it.

Q—I think you told us in your examination in chief what you assumed office?

A—Yes.

Q—It was on the 20th of August.

A—I think. To the best of my ability that was the time.

Q—Prior to your assumption to office of Controller, what occupation did you follow?

A—I was interested in political affairs. I was what you would call a local politician.

COMMISSIONER—Politics are all very well but they are not very interesting. How did you earn your living?

A—I was up to September 1919 a telegraph operator and incidentally a newspaper correspondent.

Q—And in September 1919 you vacated your office in the Postal Telegraphs to become a politician?

A—Yes. And a newspaper correspondent.

MR. HOWLEY—You have been a newspaper correspondent before?

A—Yes.

Q—I think in the General election of November 1919 you were a candidate?

A—I was.

Q—An unsuccessful candidate?

A—I was.

Q—From the time of the result of that election to the time of your appointment as Acting Controller, what were you engaged at?

A—I was with the newspapers. The Daily Star.

Q—Did you receive a salary?

A—I received a weekly salary of \$35.00.

Q—And that occupation was until you became Acting Controller?

A—Yes.

COMMISSIONER—And that continued until you became Acting Controller?

A—Yes.

Q—Was that your only source of income?

A—I used to receive payment from foreign newspaper correspondents. It would be so much a column.

Q—\$35 for a week here and you other papers and more money for contributions to local papers. Did you contribute to others than the Daily Star 'till then?

A—No. Not at that time.

MR. HOWLEY—During that time your earnings efforts were confined to the Daily Star and the foreign papers?

A—Yes.

Q—Your earnings from foreign papers would vary with the amount of material you sent them?

A—No. With the amount that was accepted.

Q—When you became Acting Controller was there a salary fixed for that position, and if there was what was the salary?

A—to the best of my knowledge it was \$2,600.00 a year. But I am speaking subject to correction.

Q—Favorable how?

A—By monthly cheques.

Q—Equal monthly cheques?

A—Yes, Sir.

COMMISSIONER—Did you cease to do your journalistic work when you became Controller?

A—Not immediately.

Q—Did you cease your salary employment with the "Daily Star"?

A—Yes. That ceased.

Q—But you still continued to do work with the other papers?

A—Yes. Mostly foreign.

Q—Did you at any time after you became Acting Controller or whilst you were Acting Controller engage in any other business that added to your income?

A—I did.

Q—When did that engagement first begin?

A—If you name any one of them I could tell you. I would like to know to which you refer.

J. T. Meaney, Cross-Examined by Mr. Howley.

MR. MEANEY—I would like to know to which you refer.

COMMISSIONER—I do not know. The question is general at present. You gave up the appointment at the Star when you became Acting Controller. Did you then have any other sources of augmenting your income?

WITNESS—You mean, when I became Acting Controller, did I begin any other business. I cannot recollect any real business transaction I entered into. That is any business to do into no business.

COMMISSIONER—What I mean is this. Did you have any sources of augmenting your income after you became Acting Controller other than your salary, and writing these illuminating articles for the foreign newspapers.

WITNESS—Mr. Howley asked me if I entered into any business. I entered into any business. I entered into no business.

COMMISSIONER—In what way did you augment your income?

WITNESS—There were perquisites coming through my department.

Q—Do you mean the Controller's Department?

A—Yes.

COMMISSIONER—You had certain perquisites, as you term them. Did you have any other method of augmenting your income?

A—I did not augment my income by any other method.

MR. HOWLEY—Well did these perquisites operate from the time you first took up the appointment?

A—Pretty soon after.

Q—Were these perquisites recognized by the Government as belonging to your department?

A—I do not know what the Government would consider.

COMMISSIONER—Perhaps you could tell us what were these perquisites?

WITNESS—I received certain gratitudes from the people from whom I purchased liquor for the department.

COMMISSIONER—That is what you mean by perquisites?

A—Yes.

COMMISSIONER—From whom did you get these gratuities. From the agents of the manufacturers from whom you got the liquor?

A—Yes.

Q—Not from the people who bought from you?

A—No. From the people who sold to me.

Q—When did that system of gratuities commence?

A—Pretty soon after I entered.

Q—Was it in existence before you came in?

A—I would have no way of knowing whether it was or not.

MR. HOWLEY—Did it imply to the first purchase after you took office?

A—I do not think so. I am not quite sure.

Q—But after you had been a short while in office this system of obtaining gratuities from agents began?

A—Yes.

Q—And it continued during your term?

A—Right to the end of my term.

Q—Now, could you fix for us a little more definitely when this commenced?

A—I could not fix it. I cannot recollect whether I received a gratuity on the first purchase.

Q—How long was it after you entered before you made the first purchase?

A—I do not really know. The records of the Department would show that.

Q—Did these gratuities amount to very much?

A—Yes. Quite considerable.

Q—Would that amount in the course of a year to as much again as your regular income?

A—Oh, Yes.

Q—Could you give us any idea to what the amount would be?

A—I can not.

Q—Would they vary from year to year, or from period to period?

A—They would according to the purchasing of stocks.

COMMISSIONER—On a percentage basis?

A—Not quite. The way it would be done would be fixed by the people who paid it.

Q—What would you say, all told, with your salary of \$2,600.00, and these perquisites and the profits of these illuminating articles, would be your income?

A—I do not know really. I could not give you any idea of the actual figure because I never kept an account.

COMMISSIONER—We do not expect you to go within a dollar, or even within ten dollars, or a hundred dollars. Can you tell us about how many thousands of dollars?

A—I think the whole thing amounted in one year to about \$10,000.00.

Q—Approximately?

A—Yes.

MR. HOWLEY—That would include the salary and your perquisites and your returns for newspaper articles?

A—Yes.

Q—Would that apply to your first six months of office? What I mean is would your income for the first six months be \$5,000.00?

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(Continued from page 7.)

COMMISSIONER—You think that the hostility first showed itself on his side?

A—Most decidedly.

MR. HUNT—In what way?

A—Well, Sir Richard Squires promised me my full appointment as Controller and he was hedging about it for over two years.

Q—Would you explain that?

COMMISSIONER—And you say he had promised you that?

A—Yes, and further than that I was informed that my appointment was made and subsequently cancelled.

MR. HUNT—Did you look upon that as hostility?

A—Yes.

Q—Shortly after the burglary you were suspended, I think?

A—Yes.

Q—From whom did you get the letter of suspension?

A—From the Executive via the Colonial Secretary's Dept. signed by the Deputy Colonial Secretary.

MR. HOWLEY—I think that letter, if in existence, should be put in evidence.

COMMISSIONER—Is it in existence?

WITNESS—Yes, it is with some papers at my home. A messenger could get it in five minutes.

MR. HUNT—That letter is in your possession?

A—Yes, I can produce it.

COMMISSIONER—Well then we shall have it presently if it is in existence. (Messenger despatched for letter.)

MR. HUNT—Up to the time you had received this letter of suspension had you brought to the notice of any person the L.O.U.'s and cheques which you held?

A—No, with the exception of Miss Miller, who was a party to them.

COMMISSIONER—You said that Mr. James Miller knew something about them?

A—He knew of money transactions but not of cheques or L.O.U.'s.

Q—When did you first show them to anybody?

A—When I produced them to my Solicitor.

Q—Mr. Higgins, I think was your Solicitor?

A—He was.

MR. HUNT—Q—When and why did you produce them to Mr. Higgins?

A—To show him the situation I was confronted with in view of the report of a possible action being brought against me by the Premier.

Q—What possible action?

A—I was informed that the Premier contemplated taking a criminal action against me because of the shortage in the department.

Q—The reason why you showed them was because you did fear arrest for alleged shortages?

A—I certainly did.

Q—My learned friend drew your attention to your being in Halifax at one time with Mr. Miller?

A—Yes.

Q—When was that?

A—In November I think. I do not really remember the date.

Q—Last year were you in Halifax with Miller?

A—Yes.

Q—When did Miller go?

A—Miller went to Halifax a week or ten days or perhaps longer before I did. I went to Halifax on a Red Cross boat. I left here on a Saturday. I think I was in Halifax 36 hours and returned by the next Red Cross steamer.

Q—Did you request Miller to communicate to Sir Richard Squires on your behalf?

A—No.

Q—Did you negotiate with Sir Richard with reference to these matters?

A—No.

Q—Neither directly or indirectly?

A—No.

Q—It was suggested here that Miller sent a wire to Sir Richard?

A—I knew nothing about it.

Q—If he had wire, did he do it with your knowledge?

A—He did it without my knowledge.

Q—Did you know that Miller had sent a message until you learned it here from the examination?

A—No, not till I learned it here.

COMMISSIONER—I do not think it was stated here that he sent a message it was just mentioned hypothetically.

A—I never authorized or sent any such message. If a message was sent, **MR. HOWLEY**—Did you send any message to Miller?

A—Yes.

Q—When did you send it?

A—That was after my return home from Halifax. I replied to an enquiry from Miller.

Q—Is that paper amongst your others?

A—It is and can be had. It had reference to Sir Richard Squires asking me to meet him.

COMMISSIONER—If that document is in existence have it produced.

MR. HUNT—Was there a Board of Control when you were in the Controller's Department?

A—I meet a Board of Control. I understand there was a Board of

Q—Reference has been made to some possible commission between Mr. J. Miller and yourself?

A—Yes.

Q—I want to ask you definitely and straightly if any of these amounts that were paid by you to Miss Miller, went with your knowledge to Mr. Miller or anyone else?

A—I have no knowledge what Miss Miller did with the money after she got it from me, up to the investigation I did not know that Mr. Miller knew anything about it. Nothing further did I do. I don't know if Miss Miller knew anything about it.

Q—There was no connection between Mr. J. Miller and yourself?

A—No, I swear that there was no connection and no suggestion of a connection. None whatever.

Q—Did you say that Miss Miller said these amounts were wanted for Sir Richard Squires?

A—Yes, and she got them.

MR. MEANEY reads letter of suspension dated June 26th, 1923.

Q—That is the actual letter?

A—Yes, sir.

Q—There was a telegram you said you had sent with reference to meeting Sir Richard?

A—Yes.

MR. HOWLEY—One moment, I have no desire to exclude from this enquiry any matter which will show light on the subject, but I think I must, in justice to my client, take the position that any message that transpired between Mr. Meaney and Mr. Miller be not put in evidence.

COMMISSIONER—It would not be in evidence at all if it had not been broached by you. But having been mentioned by you I am only now considering how far the relations between Mr. Meaney and Mr. Miller relates to it. You suggested that Mr. Miller might have a connection with Sir Richard Squires and you asked Mr. Meaney if he was himself a party to the communication. Now here is a document which shows that there was some communication between Mr. Meaney and Mr. Miller. Isn't Mr. Hunt entitled to clear up this? There was a communication but not the one you referred to.

MR. HOWLEY—I asked with regard to a communication with regard to Sir Richard Squires. We now have the question as to a communication between Mr. Meaney and another party, who is not in any way connected with or associated with Sir Richard Squires.

COMMISSIONER—We are told that he had reference to a meeting with Sir Richard Squires.

MR. HOWLEY—Possibly sir, but how can that be evidence against Sir Richard?

MR. HUNT—It is not evidence against him.

COMMISSIONER—It is not put in that way. You raised the question yourself as to the communication between these two gentlemen that this document which passed between them on that very subject ought to be put in. Perhaps if you pressed the question you may be technically right.

MR. HOWLEY—I believe that I am technically right. I do not want to do any pressing. I do not want to exclude anything but I do reserve to myself the right to question upon it. I imagine that I am about to be confronted with a message that I know nothing of. There is no evidence to connect my client with it.

COMMISSIONER—Your own suggestion was that there was the evidence. Your suggestion was that Mr. Miller was communicating with your client on the instructions of Mr. Meaney.

MR. HOWLEY—I enquired not suggested.

COMMISSIONER—Do you think it is of sufficient importance to press Mr. Hunt?

MR. HUNT—I think so sir. My learned friend in his cross-examination had a letter or a telegram.

COMMISSIONER—A piece of paper.

MR. HUNT—Yes, a piece of paper and he asked Mr. Meaney was it correct that he and Mr. Miller had some message about meeting Sir Richard Squires and Mr. Meaney said no. I asked him to-day if he was in Halifax with Mr. Miller and he said yes and I asked him if there was any message while he was in Halifax or dealing with the time he was in Halifax as to the meeting between Sir Richard and himself. I have no desire to press the matter but I think it should be brought before the Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER—Well, then it shall be. Will you read that message Mr. Meaney?

WITNESS—The first part of this is private business.

COMMISSIONER—I think Mr. Howley is entitled to have the right to look at it and if he is content to have it left out I am sure I shall be.

MR. HOWLEY—I am quite satisfied to leave it out.

MR. HUNT—What is the date.

A—November 4th, 1923.

Q—This is a reply to a message received from Mr. Miller. Have you got the one you received?

MR. HOWLEY—I should like to say sir, if this is a reply surely we ought to have the message to which it is a reply?

COMMISSIONER—Have you got it Mr. Meaney?

A—I have not got it in my own possession but I could obtain a copy of it from the Telegraph Office. I

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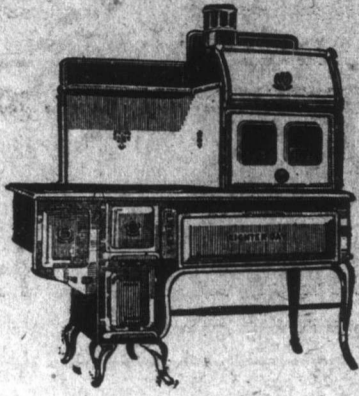
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