

EVIDENCE

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Feb. 10, 1928, it appears from the date stamped on the cheque by the Bank that you cashed it on March 3, 1928. What did you do with the funds when you received them? A. They would be put in the safe. I had previously paid some items out of it that were charged against it. The \$100.00 had been paid to Mrs. Gallant. I think in December 1927. The freight on bags coming in and bags sent back as a rule was prepaid in cash. Q. Where would funds come from that you were paying out in advance? A. If I had cash on hand belonging to the Government I might use it, or if I did not have it I would pay it from my own funds. Q. Would there be times when you would have advanced fairly large sums in this way to the Government? A. There would be no large sums at all. Q. Did you take them back to your office and place these funds in the safe or did you use them for some other purpose? A. I brought the money in and put it in the safe. Q. Did you carry this money on your person? A. No, I do not think so. I would go to the bank and bring the money back and put it in the safe. I cannot recall keeping it for my own use. Q. Did you deposit all or any part of these funds in your own or other bank account? A. That depends on how a person wants to interpret that. For instance if I had a certain amount of money in the safe and I cashed several cheques, I would not know the exact notes I got from the bank for any particular cheque or the exact notes I gave out. Q. Were you in the habit of keeping your own and Government funds together in the Public Works Department safe? A. Very often, yes. I did not always deposit any money I got directly. I very often put it in the safe. Q. Do you not think this was a mistake, keeping your own personal and Government funds together? A. I suppose so, it is a habit I formed. I felt that if I paid the Government all I took in for them it was all right. Q. Did you loan any part of these funds to any person or persons? A. I may have made advances to men working for the Government. Very often some person came in that was working for the Government and was hard up, and if I could not have them issue a cheque I would advance him some money. Q. If you did none of these things, state exactly where the funds were from March 3rd, 1928 until you turned them over to the Treasury Department late in May, 1928. A. The funds would be in the cash drawer, unless there would be some advances made out of them. Q. Do you mean to say that the balance of the proceeds of this cheque for \$485.80 remained in the cash drawer from early in March 1928, until May 22, 1929? A. It is difficult to say whether it was all there all the time. I paid certain amounts out of it. I might have several hundred dollars of the Government money there. Q. Did you in the meantime use any part of these funds for your personal affairs? A. I could not say positively. As I

to you, I very often make advances and just take a note of them. Q. Apart from advances to the staff or for other Government purposes, was the balance of the funds in the safe? A. To the best of my knowledge, apart from any legitimate advances the balance of the funds were in the safe. Q. On the same date that is March 3, 1928, you also cashed another Canada Cement Company's cheque amounting to \$6.11. Did you keep this money with funds received for the \$485.80? A. Yes. Q. You knew the \$965.08 is the excess amount that was to the credit of the Bank account over and above outstanding cheques. Why then did you tell the Premier on the first occasion he spoke to you that the \$485.80 cheque was included in the \$965.08 item. A. I did not tell him that. He might have misunderstood me. I told him that the bank account showed an excess of \$965.08 and I thought possibly I might have deposited twice by mistake some of the money that I had received. Q. This suggests a rather loose system of handling funds, does it not? A. Yes, I admit that probably things were not just what they should have been in connection with the refunding of that money, but we never departed from the principle we started with. Q. Your evidence now is you withheld the \$485.80 cheques as you considered the Bank account incorrect and you wished to have the bank account checked up. Why did you not tell the Premier this instead of telling him the \$485.80 cheque was included in the \$965.08 item? A. The statement I made about the bank account was at the end of 1928. When the \$485.80 cheque came in February 1928, the 1927 account was closed while the cheque was for business transacted in 1927. Q. When the accounts were closed for 1927 was there anything to indicate that there was a possibility of there being a surplus in the bank account? A. I do not remember about that. I was busy at the time and did not check the account at all. Q. So far as you can remember it was not until the 1928 accounts were closed that it was discovered that there was a surplus in the Highway Improvement Account? A. So far as I can remember now that was what happened. Q. Why did you let the Provincial Auditor make a false and incorrect audit of the Public Works accounts by withholding all knowledge of this \$485.80 cheque from him? A. I can't say that there was any withholding at any time. I do not think you asked me any questions about receipts. You knew that all during the period there was money in my possession and credited to the account and there was not any questions asked. The statements I prepared for you were never audited or checked. I did not withhold that knowledge any more than I withheld any other knowledge relative to the highway business. There was never a question asked me at any time as to the credits that passed through the Highway Account. I passed through credits for charges and there was no questions asked about them. We took them for granted. Q. Took them for granted? A. I did not think there was any necessity of telling you what was there. You never asked me about

any credits that went through. I took it for granted you presumed they were all right. Q. The point here is what was your reason at the end of 1928 for not disclosing the fact that you had certain funds on hand out of the \$485.80 cheque you cashed in March 1928? A. Until I had satisfied myself if I had a balance of \$965.08. I thought it was quite possible for me to have deposited some money twice and forgot about it, and I wanted to clear this up before reporting the full balance. Q. Why did you not tell the auditor or you thought the Bank Account was incorrect? A. I do not know as there was very much excuse for it. I was not checking the bank account personally and I thought if I could let it go until I could find time for it I could check the account myself. Our Bank Account was always checked in the Public Works Office. Q. Do you not think that you should have reported the funds on hand and the fact that there seemed to be some question about the accuracy of the Bank account to the auditor at this time? A. For reasons that I have already explained the matter was allowed to stand in abeyance. Q. When did you first think the bank account was incorrect? A. I do not remember exactly. Q. What caused you to think it was incorrect? A. The checking of the account showed that there was apparently an excess. Q. To what extent did you think it was incorrect? A. I had no exact idea. As it showing a credit of \$965.08 I thought the wise plan was to turn that in to the credit of the account for the time being. Q. Did you have so much money yourself as not to be able to definitely know you were paying too much money in to the Government? A. (No answer.) Q. If you felt you were paying your own money in to the Government why did you not check up the Bank account without delay, instead of waiting eighteen months? A. During the year 1928 it was absolutely impossible for me to devote time to checking the Bank account, as I was too busy. Q. When did you intend to check up the Bank Account to find out if it was correct or incorrect? A. As near as I can remember I spoke to Mrs. Gallant several times in 1929 that we must come back and check the account, so that we could clear up that balance. At the time Mr. Hart came we were squaring away to get it done. Early in 1928 you also received a cheque from DeBlols Bros. Ltd. for \$102.23 which it seems you cashed but did not account for until May 1929. Where were these funds in the meantime? A. The funds would be in the safe. I presume, less any amounts that I had paid out. Q. What use was made of them? A. As I have explained before, invariably when I had money on hand I frequently made advances to people. Q. What was the date you received this cheque? A. I do not remember. Q. Did you go to the DeBlols office for it? A. I do not know whether I did or not. I know I sent for it different times, but whether I went personally I do not remember. Q. Was the cheque delivered to you personally in DeBlols Bros. office? A. As I said before, I do not remember. Q. Why did you make a personal visit to get this cheque? A. That is covered before. Q. Where were the funds kept? A. In the safe with the other funds. Q. Were these funds in the office safe in the Public Works Department? A. Yes. Q. Did you use any part of these funds personally? A. I do not know, as these funds were mixed up with my own funds. Q. How is it you have no record

of cheque for \$13.50 received January 19, 1925? A. I do not remember at this time about it. Q. What became of the money received from this cheque? A. As I stated when this matter was discussed some weeks ago, I have no recollection at this time regarding how it was disposed of. I presume the Government got credit for it. Q. How did you expect the auditor to make a correct or proper audit when you did not mention anything to him about the \$485.80 cheque—the \$102.23 cheque—and \$13.50 cheque or the \$6.11 cheque? A. All the credits during the Highway period were not checked or audited and they were all handled the same. There was not any specific difference. Q. In other words, you were following the same system in regard to these miscellaneous receipts which was started when the Highway Improvement account programmes was begun, whether it was right or wrong? A. Yes. Probably the whole thing was wrong, but the Auditor did not ask any questions about it or I did not offer an explanation. Q. On May 6, 1929 you cashed another Canada Cement Company's cheque for \$448.00 dated Feb. 1, 1929. Will you state what you did with these funds when the money was paid by the bank? A. I took them over and put them in the safe with the other funds. Q. Did you use any or all of this amount personally? A. No. But that was about the time I had several hundred dollars of my own money in the safe and I did take out \$500. I think it was that I got for my dividends. It was all cash and when I was taking my own money out I may have taken some of this. I do not know as to the species of the money I took out. Q. Did you deposit the funds in your personal account? A. I have already explained what was done in this respect. Q. If none of these things were done, just where was the money between May 6, 1929 and the time you accounted for it some weeks later? A. I advanced \$75 to one of the Highway Superintendents which I got later. I may also have advanced small amounts to members of the staff or to myself. This was done frequently and the funds were always accounted for. Q. When you were asked by the Premier on May 21st to show him these funds you were unable to it appears, to produce the sum of \$448.00 from the office safe. All you could then find in the safe was about \$370. Where was the different between \$370 and \$448 at that time? A. There was over \$500 in the safe at that time. I do not remember the exact amount but it was somewhere in the vicinity of \$600 as far as I can remember, without any I. O. U.'s. Q. You consider then at the time you exhibited this money to the Premier that you had more than \$370. A. Yes. Q. The date on which you exhibited the funds to the Premier amounting to \$370, you apparently had on hand funds amounting to at least \$32.90 belonging to Falconwood account. Were these funds part of the \$370, which you exhibited to the Premier? A. It should be in the safe as near as I can calculate, unless it was in the Falconwood receipt book. Q. Would the Falconwood cash be in the same drawer with other Departmental funds? A. It used to be but for the last year or so I have tried to pay it over just as soon as I got it, but it might be in the receipt book for a few days. They would issue a cheque and put the funds in the receipt book until it was deposited in the Treasury. Q. You cannot remember at this time just where the Falconwood funds were on May 21st? A. No, they might be in the receipt book, or they might have been with the funds I showed him. Q. When you cashed this \$448.00 cheque on May 6, it is understood you received in part twenty \$20 bills, but there were only one or two were mixed up with my own funds. Q. How is it you have no record

Successful Shoot

Quite a number of riflemen were on hand at the Armories last night and held a very successful shoot, and at which final arrangements were made for a banquet which will take place at the armories Friday night, April 11, at 7.30. Every member of the M. R. C. is earnestly requested to be on hand as the method of trap shooting will be discussed and the advisability of getting an early start on the outdoor rifle range. The scores for 1 night's shoot, possible 100, are as follows: A. Gormley 91 S. Moore 91 K. Burhoe 91 A. J. McCabe 91 Roy Frowse 91 S. Jones 91 Ralph Jenkins 91 G. M. Moore 91 A. Spillett 91 W. Walsh 91 E. McCabe 91 Mr. Bearstro 91 Russ Chandler 91 Fred Nash 91 J. H. Judson 91 A. Arsenault 91 I. G. Love 91 W. Phillips 91 W. Dinnis 88 Team shoot won by Russ Chandler's team by close margin of 2 points. Team scores, possible 50. Russ Chandler 48 A. Spillett 47 A. J. McCabe 47 W. Phillips 42 Fred Nash 42 Total 226 Ralph Jenkins 48 Roy Frowse 47 R. Burhoe 45 A. Gormley 43 W. Walsh 42 Total 224

BOWLING

Last night on the League Alleys the "High Ten League" were in action again when they "Royals" met and defeated the Regals by a majority of 228 pins in one of the best games bowled this season. W. Coyle rolled high single of 310 pins while E. Roblin had high total for 746 pins. Regals J. A. Bentley 178 209 182 C. McDonald 292 186 221 J. Clagaghan 225 200 252 G. Essery 221 247 194 Rev. P. McMahon 224 208 209 Royals J. Hughes 200 218 230 R. Duncan 190 244 247 W. Coyle 193 221 310 R. Harley 176 204 294 E. Roblin 239 294 213 'Tonight at 8.15 the Abbies meet; the Stars all players are requested to be on time. Y. M. C. A. ANNOUNCEMENT The Garden City Circus Company which has been conducted during the past week in the Market Building officially closed Monday evening at 11 o'clock when their prizes were drawn for and all business matters settled up, and this committee wish to state that they have nothing to do with the affair now going on. Reports of silk hosiery from the United States last year totaled 11,053,428 pairs. More than 37,500,000 straw and grass hats were imported into the United States last year.

FIRE SALE OF MEN'S WEAR Stock Must be Cleared STARTS Thursday Morning D. A. BRUCE

Table with columns for names and scores. Includes names like B. Cox, A. Murley, St. Peters, Central Christian, Baptist.

Local Curlers Conclude Season

The Charlottetown Curling Club concluded their season's activities on Tuesday evening, when prizes won during the winter were presented. The event was of a social nature, auction forty-fives was participated in by the members and their guests. The interest in curling has been well maintained during the season, which opened the latter part of December and extended until almost the middle of March. The local club is well organized, and has very efficient officers namely:—President, Justice C. G. Duffy; vice-president, Gordon Hughes; secretary J. A. Fraser. Several trophies were played for by Summerside Montague and Charlottetown during the winter months. The Senator McArthur trophy was competed for by the several P. E. Island clubs and was won by Montague curlers. The game is gradually growing in popularity in this Province and is probably that before long other centres in Prince Edward Island will establish clubs and rinks in which curling can be fostered. At one time recently clothing manufacturers of Argentina had on hand 79,712,737 new and 29,399,666 used bags.

Basketball At The L. Of C.

The Y. M. C. A. basketball team rated as about the best team in the city will meet the L. O. C. Shamrocks tonight and the outcome will be anxiously awaited for by all basketball enthusiasts in the city. Both teams have a long string of victories to their credit and a loss to either team will be a bitter pill to swallow. The game starts at 8 o'clock and it may be a disappointment to miss it.

Prince Edward Island's "Golden Future" A Booster Feature To Stimulate Business and Business Conditions in Prince Edward Island, published by The Charlottetown Guardian We are Soliciting the Cooperation of the Business Firms and Leading Men of Charlottetown, Summerside and the Province. Mr. Frank Walker, Assistant Editor of the Guardian is editing this Special Feature Edition, which is now in the course of publication, and Mr. J. M. Kirkland is in charge of Publicity. Boost for a Greater Province

Man! Look up at this skyscraper, the size of the good twist you swap a few cents for when you ask for HICKEY NICHOLSON "BLACK TWIST" CHEWING

BRINGING UP FATHER. A comic strip with five panels showing a man and a woman talking. Panel 1: 'THERE GOES LORD FALLENARCH GO WALK AROUND THE DECK WITH HIM I WANT YOU TO GET BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH HIM.' Panel 2: 'I'M TIRED OF WALKIN'.' Panel 3: 'YOU DO AS I SAY WHEN HE COMES AROUND AGAIN I WANT YOU TO JOIN HIM. DON'T ARGUE WITH ME.' Panel 4: 'ALL YOU DO IS TO SIT UP NIGHTS THINKIN' OF MISERABLE THINGS FOR ME TO DO.' Panel 5: 'WHEN HE COMES AROUND AGAIN YOU ARE GOING TO JOIN HIM DO YOU HEAR?' Panel 6: 'JUST AS YOU SAY, MAGGIE.' Panel 7: 'NEVER MIND COME BACK HERE.'