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DRAMATIC TURN IN THE NFLD. ENQUIRY

McInnis, Halifax Says Squires Was Aided Financially

(Canadian Press) ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Feb. 10.—The Royal Commission inquiry into activities of former Premier Sir Richard Squires took a dramatic turn today when through the efforts of W. R. Howley, K. C., Sir Richard's counsel, the court was informed that shortages in the department under ex-Liquor Controller John T. Meaney, during the years 1921 and 1922, approximated \$200,000.

Charges Against Squires.

He contended that charges levelled at Sir Richard Squires by Mr. Meaney involving a "relatively small amount of \$20,000" were inspired by the ex-controller's anxiety to make it inadvisable for Sir Richard to force him to render account for the huge shortage now revealed.

Hector McInnis, K. C., of Halifax, a director of the British Empire Steel Corporation received a grueling cross-examination regarding his participation in and knowledge of alleged transactions between the corporation and Sir Richard or his agents.

After declaration by Mr. Howley at the conclusion of yesterday's hearing, that certain information regarding the liquor controller's department had been withheld, E. R. Watson of the auditing firm of Reid Son and Watson, was placed on the stand today. Mr. Watson stated that shortage approximating \$200,000 existed in the department then under the charge of Meaney during 1921-1922 and added that he had placed this information in the hands of Premier Warren on January 4th of this year.

Hector McInnis, K. C., testified that a package of bank notes had been passed to Sir Richard Squires while he (McInnis) was on a visit to Newfoundland in 1921. He denied having made the contribution himself, stating that it was a personal one from D. H. McDougall to Sir Richard Squires for campaign purposes.

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*LOST—IN CITY A PERSIAN lamb muff. Finder, please leave at this office. 1423-2-9-31

*EASY TO BUILD—A HOME IN Charlottetown. City loans large proportion of cost at five per cent. Five building lots \$300 to \$800. See Robert Colton, Willow Corner. 1424-2-9-21

FRASER MITCHELL TO STAND TRIAL AT LONDON SESSION

Preliminary Hearing at Bow St. Court Concluded - Magistrate Thought There Was Case to Answer.

(Special cable to the Guardian) LONDON, Feb. 10.—At Bow Street Police Court this afternoon the case for the prosecution was concluded in the summons against Andrew Fraser Mitchell, formerly emigration agent for Prince Edward Island, charging him with obtaining two cheques by false pretences in connection with a land settlement and fox farming scheme. Mr. Halford Knight, defendant's counsel, addressing the court said: "I submit on the evidence there is an absence of any criminal intention and the only thing that arises is a claim for civil relief to which there is a complete answer."

Sir Chartres Biron, Magistrate: "I think there is a case to answer." Mitchell, asked if he had anything to say, replied: "I acted as straightforwardly as I could. At the time I was in the employ of the government. I reserve my defence."

Defendant was then committed for trial at the London sessions which commence February 19th, bail being allowed in one hundred pounds.

The two final witnesses for the prosecution were Sir George Fowler, Honorary Legal Adviser to the Earl Haig Officers' Association, and Major Charles Lionel Hanington, member of New Brunswick Bar, who holds a special appointment from Prince Edward Island government to represent them in this case. Fowler testified that Mitchell told him he had not been authorized to sell land for the Prince Edward Island government. The land sold to Capt. Quin belonged to private individuals.

Major Hanington deposed that Premier Stewart and he had a search made of the government records to ascertain whether any scheme for selling land for fox farming had ever been before the government and no evidence of such a scheme was found.

SENTENCED TO HANG APR. 10

(Canadian Press) LONDON, Ont., Feb. 10.—Sydney Murrell, Henry J. Williams and Clarence Topping, all convicted on murder charges during the last five days were sentenced this morning to be hanged April 10th.

Justice Lennox, in a brief address to each of the prisoners, called attention to the fact that all had fair trials and had every chance to defend themselves against charges which the Crown had preferred. All three prisoners heard their sentences calmly. Murrell exhibited marked signs of lightheartedness and Williams chewed gum as the Justice spoke to him. Topping displayed no emotion.

Opposed to Embargo on Pulpwood

(Canadian Press) WINNIPEG, Feb. 10.—Settlers in northeastern Manitoba would starve if an embargo upon the export of Canadian pulpwood were established, according to several witnesses before the Royal Pulpwood Commission, sitting here today.

*WANTED—PLAIN SEWING AND men's repairing. Mrs. Blenkhorst, 59 Richmond St. 1414-2-9-21

*FOR SALE—TWO COOKING stoves. Apply 89 Rochford St. 1407-2-9-21.

*WANTED—ISLANDERS WHERE ever living to ask for Haezard's Brahmin Tea. It's pure. 1406-2-9-31

ARTICLES FOR SALE—BAKER'S ovens, catalogue on request. Some used ones on hand. Hubbard, Fortable Oven Co., 782 King West, Toronto. 26-Feb. 2-9-16-11.

*WANTED TO PURCHASE—By Long Creek Institute, Holstein bull. Parties having same write stating age, and price to W. S. McNeill, Secretary, Fairview. 1424-2-9-21



STATES MAY HAVE TAX REDUCTION

Secretary of the U. S. Treasury Mellon, who has a big surplus to distribute. There is a keen contest going on across the border as to how the surplus shall be applied, in a reduction of taxes, or in a bonus to the soldiers who were enlisted for the Great War.

WIRE BRIEFS

Last Minute News Flashed in Over the Wires

(CANADIAN PRESS)

LUXOR, Egypt, Feb. 10.—The official opening of the sarcophagus of King Tutankhamen has been fixed for next Tuesday.

VIENNA, Feb. 10.—Austrian recognition of the Soviet Government is under consideration. Chancellor Seipel stated at Budapest, according to a despatch to the Neue Freie Presse.

OTTAWA, Feb. 10.—Fire which rendered 13 people homeless and resulted in loss totalling from \$25,000 to \$30,000 broke out today in the Gariboldi Annex, a three storey brick structure on Bank street. The fire was brought under control in two hours. Thousands were compelled to walk to work owing to a tie-up of the street car service.

OTTAWA, Feb. 10.—J. R. Booth, grandfather of Miss Lois Booth who is to marry Prince Erik of Denmark on Monday is reported to be in better health today. Reports current in regard to a marriage settlement are emphatically denied on behalf of members of the Booth family.

MARION, Ill., Feb. 10.—Constable Joshua Cagle is reported dead and Deputy Sheriff John Layman is in a Herrin hospital suffering from gunshot wounds as the result of a clash between Herrin police officers and officials of Williams County at Herrin to-night.

SYDNEY, N. S., Feb. 10.—Besco's last active coal mine in Nova Scotia will close down Monday when the workers will quit No. 1 B. New Mine near Dominion, as a result of the controversy which has arisen during the past few days.

No. 1 B. is a new shaft at which development work was going on following the understanding between the company and the miners. The miner's committee that investigated conditions there reported that the company was employing a number of men greatly in excess of the number agreed to by the miners.

Train Hits Truck; Seven Killed

(Canadian Press) MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 10.—Six newshy and Arnold Voight, 26, supervisor for the Milwaukee Journal, were killed last night when a Chicago northwestern passenger train hit a Journal Company truck. The bodies were strewn 600 yards along the track. The boys had attended a party and were being returned home by Mr. Voight.

MOVIE ACTRESS CH'TOWN MAN WAS MURDERED IN HER HOME IN SHOOTING CASE

24 Year Old Girl Found Strangled to Death in N. Y. House

(Canadian Press) NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Bound to the posts of her bed and with her mouth gagged, Miss Louise Larson, a twenty-four year old motion picture actress, was found dead today in her rooms in a fashionable apartment house in West Seventy-Seventh Street.

The actress' hands had been "spread eagled" and tied to the bed posts with a dog leash. Miss Larson's large Belgian police dog was found lashed to a chair in another room of her apartment. Other tenants told the police they heard no noise in the girl's apartment during the night, although her dog ordinarily raised an uproar at the presence of strangers.

The body was discovered by a negro maid who went to the apartment to prepare breakfast for the actress. Ten minutes after the maid had raised the alarm an automobile load of detectives were at the house where a physician pronounced the girl dead.

After a hasty preliminary examination the police said the murder must have occurred after eight this morning as the tenant of an adjoining apartment said she had heard Miss Larson's ball rung several times at that hour. To the girl's query the caller replied that he was an expressman. The door was opened, the tenant said and the caller apparently entered. Nothing more was heard.

Revival of Trade With Germany.

(Canadian Press) LONDON, Feb. 10.—Signs of revival of trade between Germany and Canada are indicated here. Several German firms have inquired recently at Canadian agencies in London as to whether the Dominion can supply at competitive prices canned and dried fruits which are now purchased elsewhere by German houses. The matter is being taken up with leading packers and shippers.

Recognition Asked by Mexico

(Canadian Press) LONDON, Feb. 10.—Mexico is following Russia and seeking full recognition from Great Britain before settling the outstanding claims, but Mexico, unlike Russia, has not been a campaign issue in British domestic politics and therefore is not likely soon to meet with Russia's success, it is learned at the Foreign Office.

Heavy Smuggling into Dominion

(Canadian Press) MONTREAL, Feb. 10.—The statement that hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of goods were being smuggled into this province every year, especially in such lines as silk goods, was made at a meeting of the executive of



SOLOVETSKI ISLAND - The Russian government announces that some 3,000 undesirable residents of Moscow have been exiled to this island and to St. Berria, in connection with the campaign to rid the city of elements objectionable to the soviet regime.

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ST. LEONARDS, Feb. 10.—Incendiarism is strongly suspected as the origin of a fire which early yesterday destroyed the large Sacred Heart school and the convent of the Sisters of Mercy of the Good Samaritan at Van Buren, directly across the St. John river from St. Leonards. No lives were lost, but the Sisters who teach in the school just had time to escape before the flames spread throughout their residence. The financial loss is estimated at nearly \$200,000. The Sisters lost most of all their belongings. The property was owned by the Bishop of Portland as corporation sole, whose jurisdiction extends all along the western and northern banks of the St. John.

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