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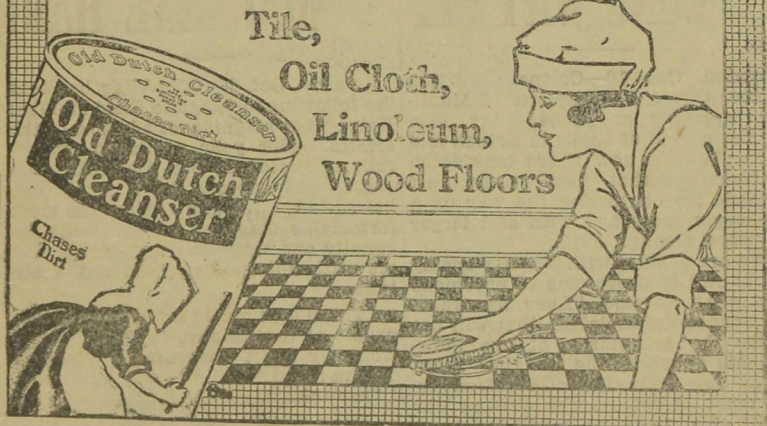
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MR. JONES, TELLS HOW THE SWAG WAS DIVIDED

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Q.—You divided the money?
 A.—I paid it out.
 A.—You got the money all at once.
 A.—No, I got \$40,000 first.
 A.—You paid Mr. Daggett out of that.
 A.—Yes.
 Q.—Did Mr. Daggett take it from you or did you just chuck it in the vault as Mr. Daggett says?
 A.—I think I handed it to him in an envelope.
 Q.—You did not throw a package in the vault, as you did on another occasion?
 A.—You don't have to do the same things twice.
 Q.—You paid just the sum of \$33,900.
 A.—Yes.
 Q.—Mr. Daggett thinks you wrote something.
 A.—I have no recollection of it.
 Q.—Do you know William Thompson?
 A.—I know a farmer of that name but I don't think he had anything to do with this.
 Q.—You gave Mr. Daggett no instructions?
 A.—Not that I remember.
 Q.—Did you take the Westmorland money to Moncton yourself?
 A.—No.
 Q.—You sent it?
 A.—Yes.
 Q.—\$10,000 of this went to the Gleaner, the newspaper in Fredericton to whom was it paid?
 A.—I absolutely refuse to answer. I have accounted for the \$61,500. I paid it according to Mr. Clarke's directions and I refuse to drag others into it.

Witness it Warned

Counsel warned the witness that he would have to answer or face commitment for contempt. He would give him time to think it over.
 Q.—You know that the \$33,900 was to cover the potato loss?
 A.—Yes.
 Q.—You knew Mr. Sumner had made up the amount?
 A.—No.
 Q.—When did you learn that he had put it up?
 A.—When I saw it in the press.
 Q.—Why did you think you were sending it to Mr. Sumner?
 A.—I did not know. I was acting blindly on instructions. I did not want to know.
 Q.—You were a member of the public accounts committee?
 A.—Yes.
 Q.—Did you ask any questions about this potato account?
 A.—No.
 Q.—You knew the whole account was faked?
 A.—I did not.
 Q.—Is this the account you had before you?
 A.—I cannot tell.
 Q.—You were investigating it?
 A.—Yes.
 Q.—But did not get very far?
 A.—We thought the account was closed and all right.
 Q.—You signed the report of the committee?
 A.—Yes.
 Q.—You signed this statement that the transactions were fully explained and the committee was satisfied that it was carried on in a prudent and businesslike manner.
 A.—Yes, Believing it was correct.
 Q.—What do you think now?
 A.—In view of this inquiry, that it was not correct.
 Q.—When did you learn that it was not?
 A.—Perhaps six months or a year later; there were hints of it in the press.
 Q.—Did you discuss it with your colleague, Mr. Murray?
 A.—Yes.
 Q.—What did he tell you?
 A.—That there was a shortage.
 Q.—When was this?
 A.—I don't recollect. It may have been this year.
 Counsel pressed for an answer as to when he first learned that the accounts were crooked.
 A.—I cannot remember.
 Q.—Did it strike you as an important matter?
 A.—Yes.
 Q.—Did it not impress itself upon your mind?
 A.—I cannot remember the date.
 Q.—Has there been a session of the legislature since then.
 A.—Yes.
 Q.—But you did not say anything about it in the house?
 A.—No, Why should I.
 Q.—You are a public man, pledged to do your duty?
 A.—Yes and I always try to.

Returning to the payments by Mr. Tennant, witness said he got the \$40,000 from Mr. Tennant in the latter's office. He did not think anyone else was present. He got the amount

on two or three different occasions.
 Q.—For what purpose did you send the money to Westmorland county?
 A.—On Mr. Clarke's instructions.
 Q.—For what purpose?
 A.—On Mr. Clarke's instructions.
 That is the only answer. That is all the information I have to give.
 Q.—It was for political purposes?
 A.—I don't know.

By-Elections On

Q.—There was a by-election on then.
 A.—I believe so.
 Q.—You knew that Mr. Mahoney, minister of public works, was fighting for his life?
 A.—Yes.
 Q.—When did you send the money to Carleton?
 A.—I can't remember.
 Q.—It was for use in the by-election when B. F. Smith was made minister of public works?
 A.—It was used in that election.

Between Elections

Q.—When did you send the money to the Gleaner?
 A.—In September 1916.
 Q.—Between the two by-elections?
 A.—Yes.
 Q.—Did you receive instructions from Mr. Clarke to pay the \$1,600 for expenses?
 A.—He told me to pay the bills.
 Q.—And you showed him the bills?
 A.—Yes.
 Q.—When did you learn that Mr. Tennant paid the money from his railway profits?
 A.—Yesterday, when I read it in the evidence.
 Q.—You had no idea of where it came from.
 A.—I had no idea. I did not know. I carried out Mr. Clarke's instructions.
 Q.—You and Mr. Tennant gave evidence at a previous occasion and you read Mr. Tennant's evidence then?
 A.—Yes.
 Q.—And then in June, 1918, you learned that this money came out of the \$100,000?
 A.—Not at all.

Evidence Compared

Q.—At that time you gave evidence that you received some money from Mr. Tennant in February, 1917 and that on no other occasion you received money from Mr. Tennant; that you received \$20,000 and no more. You swore to that?
 A.—That sounds like it.
 Q.—You swore you did not know what became of the \$40,000 Mr. Tennant drew out in cash.
 A.—Yes.
 Q.—And those answers were untrue.
 A.—I would not say so, I did not know about the potato transaction.
 Q.—You got this \$20,000?
 A.—That inquiry is passed.
 Q.—Answer the question.
 A.—I refuse to answer.
 Counsel referred to the note discounted by Mr. Daggett for \$5,059.30 with his endorsement. Witness said this was purely an accommodation for Mr. Daggett. He did not know what it was for, nor whether it was a renewal.
 Counsel warned the witness that he would press for answers to his unanswered questions at a later session, when answers must be given or the witness would have to face the consequences.
 The commissioner recapitulated the question, to whom the money was paid for Westmorland and Carleton counties and the Gleaner, how and when, for which counsel will demand answers later.

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