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Messrs J. Hickey & Co

Declined by Committee

18th January, 7

Messrs. J. Hickey & Co.
Supplemental Claim No. 6547.

Dear Sirs,

In reference to this supplemental claim I beg to state that the Committee regret that they are unable to re-open the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

Messrs. Craig Gardner & Co.,
40 & 41 Dame Street,
Dublin.

Assessors Report.

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Claim No. 6547. Name of Claimant John Hickey (Hickey & Co) Drapers.

Situation of Property 23.24 North Earl Street, Dublin.

Description	Claim	Insurance (if any)	Commissioners Valuation of Buildings	Assessors Valuation of full Damage	Loss Payable on basis of Insurance	Excess of Loss over and above amount payable under the Policies
Stock in Trade of Mantle Department.	£480.2.3	see claim 4954	-	Amount suggested if re-opened 100	100	Nil.
<p><i>I Inform claim. in ref. to this suppl. cl. that the Commee report has } Done etc. 18/1/17.</i> <i>they are unable to re-open the matter.</i></p> <p><i>II Note in Regr. Done 18/1/17</i></p> <p><i>III Returns to me. Herewith 15/1/17</i></p>						
TOTALS, £	480.2.3	-	-	100	100	-

Interests in the buildings

See special report on this supplemental claim.

*Original report 4954
 dated 21 Sept 16
 Contents claim 1861.18.10
 19950
 assess 1590.8.0
 amounts 1590.8.0*

W: Montgomery for
 22nd December, 1916.

Award of Committee: Contents

do. Buildings

*we think to reopen
 and be a minute P
 Nil WJY*

W^M MONTGOMERY & SON,
INSURANCE ASSESSORS,
VALUERS AND SURVEYORS, &C.

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1, Foster Place.

Dublin, 21st December, 1916
(AND AT BELFAST.)

J.J. Healy Esq, Secretary,
Property Losses Committee,
51, Stephens Green,
Dublin.

Dear Sir,

re Claim Hickey 6547 Supplemental 31st October, 1916
4954 Original 7th August, 1916

This supplemental claim of £480.2.3 is for further loss discovered in the Mantle Department after the half yearly stock-taking on 31st July. This disclosed a loss in the Mantle Department of £480.2.3 without counting any profit.

Several factors were at work which might account for this shortage.

- (1) Mr Geary who had charge of this Department at the time made his figures up from the damaged goods, the returns of salvage sold, and estimated value of goods damaged which remained over. Before making up the complete estimate he left Messrs Hickey's employment and was appointed Managing Director of the Henry Street Warehouse Co. He, however, completed his estimate & gave it to Messrs Hickey, subsequently. He was therefore not in complete control and a new buyer was appointed, apparently whilst the salvage sale was in operation.

He inform us he may have over-estimated the selling value to some extent but he had no control over the sales and thinks £100 would represent any possible errors in over-estimating the salvage values.

- (2) When buyers of departments leave and a new buyer comes on the scene it is a well known rule that prices are reduced at next stock taking and the advantage is seen in the profits at

the following stock taking.

We cannot now say how far this rule was observed.

There is no doubt that goods were sacrificed. This may have been due to a desire to advertise.

Mr Hickey's attention was drawn to the results and he informs us he enquired into the Stock-taking prices and was told by the "charge hand" who has been there for 16 years that the usual basis of price was observed at stock-taking. It could not then be checked, however, and we cannot now ascertain how far "clearance prices" ruled in the department.

(3) Goods not damaged at all nor claimed for were we should think to some extent sold off cheaply and this would of course effect the figures of the balance sheet.

(4) Mr Geary admits that he did not take the furs about £100 worth into account as he thought the advance in cost would allow them to be sold at a profit & make up for any loss. Also he says that the blouses were impossible to estimate owing to the fire destroying portion of the stock, but he did his best in the circumstances. The 2 dozen costumes were wet & evidently did not realize his prices. The silk frocks stated to have been received on Thursday preceding the Rebellion and damaged are not within Mr Geary's recollection.

To sum up the whole matter. Messrs Hickey do not appear to have exercised sufficient care & oversight in estimating their loss in the Mantle Department which is as stated in Messrs Craig, Gardner & Co's letter to you of 30th October, 1916. And this loss may be due to:-

- (1) Absence of the buyer who estimated the loss.
- (2) Appointment of a new buyer.
- (3) Selling off goods cheaply not claimed for.
- (4) Taking stock at unusually reduced prices.

Nobody can say to what extent these factors contributed to cause a loss in the working of the department for the half year ending July 31st, 1916.

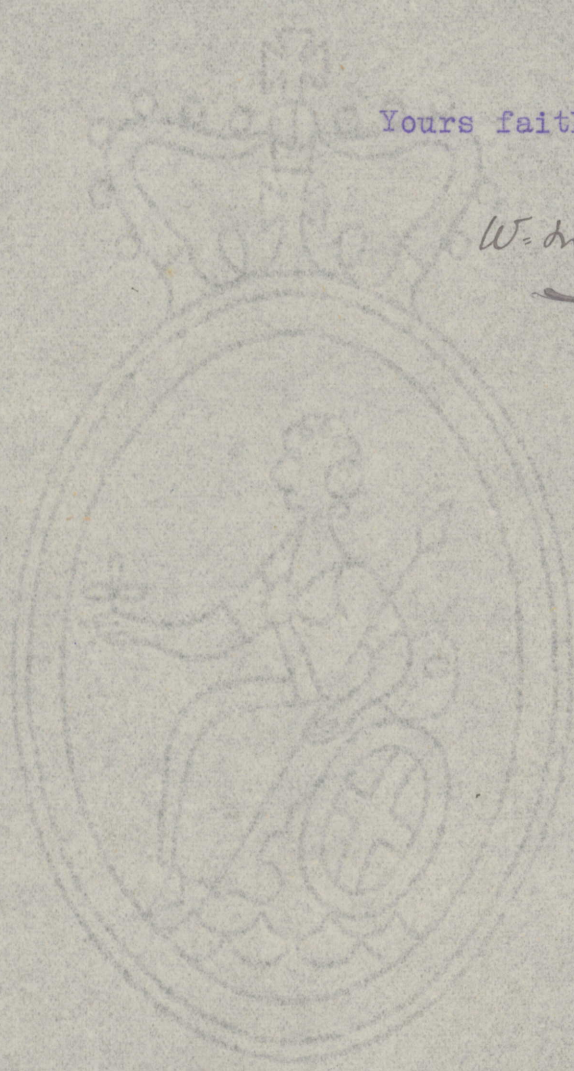
The objection to re-opening a case in these circumstances is obvious.

The only item for consideration is the furs which were not claimed for, but the loss now cannot be ascertained on these.

Everything connected with the claim has been entirely bona-fide, so far as Messrs Hickey and their late Buyer are concerned.

Yours faithfully,

W. Montgomery Fox



W. Montgomery Fox

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Telegraphic Address "CRAIG, GARDNER, DUBLIN."
"ACCOUNTS, BELFAST."

CRAIG, GARDNER & Co
Auditors & Accountants,

Trinity Chambers,
40, & 41, Dame Street,

SIR R. GARDNER.
D. TELFORD F.C.A.
J. GARDNER F.C.A.
G.H. TULLOCH C.A.

Enclosures. 2.

Dublin 30th October 1916

BELFAST, 53, Donegall Place.

*Actual 4954
gms
1/11/16*

*Recommended total 23/10/16
232 1/8*

and 1/11

*Ackd
10/3/16*

The Secretary,

Property Losses (Ireland) Committee, 1916.

51, St. Stephen's Green. E.

DUBLIN.

*I
Regr. to. I Done 10/3/16*

*II Refer to Messrs Montgomery
done 8/3/16 gms
3/14/16*

Dear Sir,

No. 4954. Messrs. Hickey & Co.

Since Messrs. Hickey & Co. 's claim was submitted to you on the 8th August last, it has been discovered that a serious error was made with respect to the loss of Stock in one of the departments. We are instructed that the facts are as follows :-

The claim for Stock destroyed or damaged in respect of the department referred to, viz, the Mantle department, was as in the case of the other departments prepared by the Buyer of the department. This gentleman left the employment of Messrs. Hickey & Co., on the 10th June, 1916, and the claim was prepared by him after he had left. It would appear that sufficient care was not taken in the preparation of the claim for this department, and when Stock was taken at

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the 31st July last, it was found that the Mantle department had sustained a heavy loss. The details of the claim have now been examined by the person who acted as assistant in charge of the department under the said Buyer, and who is thus familiar with the Stock. As the result of this investigation it has been found that the following items were omitted from the claim :-

1. A large stock of damaged blouses.
2. A consignment of Silk Frocks known to have been received on the Thursday preceding the Rebellion which cost from 31/- to 33/- each, and were so damaged at the Rebellion that they were sold at from 10/- to 12/- each.
3. About two dozen costumes which cost about 50/- and were sold at 10/6 to 7/6 each.
4. A stock of furs which cost about £100 and were sold at a considerable sacrifice.

A Goods Account for the mantle department has been prepared covering the period from the 24th April 1916 to the 31st July, 1916, and is sent herewith. This Account shows that a loss of £604. 4. 10, was sustained. It would appear, therefore, that Stock must have been destroyed or damaged in this department to the extent of at least £604, and this is without making any allowance for Profit on the business done

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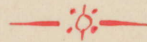
during the three months, May, June and July. The amount claimed was only £124. 2. 7, and a further sum of £480. 2. 3 is now claimed as shown by the supplementary Claim sent herewith.

We are, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Craig & Partners

Hickey & Co.



Goods Account
of the
Mantle Department



Craig, Gardner & Co.,

Auditors,

Dublin

Hickey & Co.

Goods Account of the Mantle Department

1916	
Apr. 24. To Estimated Amount of Stock at this date, at cost price, ascertained from Departmental Stock Book	1,726 4 2
" Purchases from April 24 th to 31 st July, 1916	945 12 9
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	2,671 16 11
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By Sales from April 24 th to July 31 st 1916 (Gross)	1,632 16 7
" Stock at 31 st July, 1916 at cost	434 15 6
" <u>Loss</u>	604 4 10
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	2,671 16 11
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Supplementary claim.

Property Losses (Ireland) Committee, 1916.

51 ST. STEPHEN'S GREEN, EAST, DUBLIN.

Claim for Damages caused during the Disturbances on the 24th April, 1916, and following days.

I John Hickey Senior Partner of Hickey Co now residing
We of at 239 24 North Earl Street in the City of Dublin
County of Dublin

do hereby solemnly and sincerely declare that on or about the 24 day of April
1916, damage was done to the undermentioned Property, namely:—* Stock in
Trade of Mantle Dept at 23 + 24 North Earl Street
and such damage was occasioned to the best of ^{my}~~our~~ belief by** Fire, Water
and smoke

* State situation of property damaged.

** Here state cause of damage.

And I further declare that the Property and Articles specified on the other side were
We destroyed or damaged; that the Cost Price of same was as shown in each case;
that at the time of the destruction or damage they were respectively of the Values
specified under the head "Value of Property at time of Destruction or Damage";
and that, in consequence of such destruction or damage, claim is hereby made for the
sums specified under the head "Amount Claimed"; that the Claim is made by ^{me}~~us~~
as† one of the owners; and that no person is interested in
the said property except ‡ myself and my family

† Insert "Owner," "Lessee," or "Mortgagee," as the case may be.

‡ Insert "myself," or "ourselves," and the names of Mortgageors, Mortgagees, Lessors, Lessees, or joint owners (if any).

and that it is not insured by ^{me}~~us~~ or any other person, § except as follows, namely:—
shown by Statement already furnished

§ Strike out the words following if the property is not insured.

Company, Policy No., Amount £
" " " " " £
" " " " " £

And I make this solemn Declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by
We virtue of the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act, 1835.

Made and subscribed the 31st day of
October 1916, at
107 Talbot St in the said City,
County,

before me, a Justice of the Peace for the said
City
County.

[Signature]

Signature of Claimant of Claimants } *[Signature]*

NOTE—This Claim is to be furnished in duplicate, and should be accompanied by the Policies of Fire Insurance and the last receipt, in each case, or certified copies of same. When completed it is to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Committee, 51 St. Stephen's Green, East, Dublin.

