

J.F.C.B. Vance, Esq.
Executor and Trustee
Estate of Frank Hartley Holt, Deceased
6626 Adera Street
Vancouver, B. C.

- IN ACCOUNT WITH -

W. H. S. Dixon, Esq.
Barrister and Solicitor
744 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, B. C.

Re: Estate of Frank Hartley Holt, Deceased.

1946

Dec. 27

Interview with Inspector J.F.C.B. Vance re last will of deceased. Advising him that I hold the Will here and advising him re information which he is compelled to give to relatives and that Mr. Holt's nephew is not entitled to any information or amounts of assets and that he is not one of the class of persons who benefit under the "Testators' Family Maintenance Act".

5.00

Dec. 30

Interview with Inspector Vance re Holt - advising him re rights and property and that we should search property. Advising re attitude towards Mr. Holt's sister. Advising that Power of Attorney held by F.H. Holt is now an ineffective document and that actually while you feel that you have a moral obligation towards Mr. Holt's sister your only obligation under the Will is to pay her the net income of the residue, at least half-yearly, and there is no income as yet to pay. Advising not to commit yourself with C.P.R. and not to admit anything except that you are the Executor of the Estate and that if Mr. Holt has any rights you will be compelled by law to uphold same and advising that a search should be made in the Land Registry Office here as to any real properties or interests therein held by Mr. Holt.

10.00

1947

Jan. 2

Interview with Mr. Vance at my office, 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. this day when I produced Last Will and Testament of the late Mr. Holt and you peruse same.

Instructions to apply for letters probate on your behalf and when you produce bank books, Old Age Pension Certificate, letter from Geo. E. Mellor & Co., solicitors, of England, and bill of Centre and Hanna for funeral, \$150.

5.00

Carry Forward:

\$ 20.00

Brought Forward: \$ 20.00

Jan. 2

Advising you that John D. Boulding obtained a Judgment against the late Mr. Holt for \$1,012.25 in 1930 and that the said Judgment has not been paid so far as I know, but that Mr. Boulding has been advised of the death of Mr. Holt, and when I produce and you examine the Judgment and when I ask you in view of the fact that St. John and Dixon obtained this Judgment against Mr. Holt whether or not you wish me to act as your solicitor and when you say that you do wish me to act.

2.50

Examining bank books when you advise me that the Canadian Bank of Commerce account on the North Shore and the Bank of Montreal account in the Marine Building are both in the name of the deceased. Instructions to write to the Banks for balances and for any information that they may have.

3.00

Advising you that the late Frank Hartley Holt was a trustee for his sister under a Power of Attorney to manage her affairs, executed in 1942, and that the Bank account in the North Vancouver Branch of the Bank of Commerce seems obviously to be the monies received by Holt on behalf of the trusteeship for his sister, Mary Evelyn Holt, and that it will be your duty to account to Miss Holt for these monies and any transactions which were being handled by Holt for his said sister.

3.00

Attending to telephone Government Agent's office and arranging appointment for you with Government Agent at Bank of Montreal, Marine Building, for next Monday at 2:00 p.m. when the Safety Deposit Box will be opened.

1.50

Discussing real estate and possibility of Mr. Holt's interest in any. Instructions from you to search in Land Registry Office at Vancouver, B.C., for any real estate in the names of either Frank Hartley Holt or Mary Evelyn Holt as you have been advised by a Mr. Winchester that he purchased a property of Mary Evelyn Holt's for which he made payments to Frank Hartley Holt.

3.00

Instructions to write the Postmaster, Vancouver, B.C., and advise him of the death of Mr. Holt and that all mail should be directed to you at 319 Pacific Building.

1.50

When you enquire as to whether you should pay or arrange for payment of nursing

Carry Forward: \$ 34.50

Brought Forward: \$ 34.50

Jan. 2	home fees for Mary E. Holt. Advising you that as one hundred pounds is apparently on the way for her use it would be advisable not to commit yourself in any way in view of the fact that both bank accounts are apparently Mr. Holt's. and that the assets of the estate so far as we can make out at the present moment	2.50
	Advising you re few bits of furniture which are stored at Campbell Storage and on the facts given to me by you, advising you that in my opinion this furniture is a part of the Estate and must be accounted for in the Affidavit of Value and Relationship.	2.50
	Instructions to write to Geo. Mellor & Co., Solicitors, Oldham, England, relative to £100 referred to in a letter which you hand me which was addressed to the deceased, and to enquire of said solicitors as to any facts relating to the Estate which might assist us.	1.50
	Instructions to write the Old Age Pensions Commission and advise them of the death of Mr. Holt and of the name and address of the Executor.	1.50
	Attending Mr. Fanning of the C.P.R. Land Department when he calls up and asks me re certain articles of furniture in Holt premises on Lot 4, Block 15, D.L. 185, City of Vancouver. Discussing same with him when he refers to a lease of October 2nd, 1916 in the name of Robert Kelly, John Elliott, and Frank Burnett Sr., supposed to be on this particular property. Mr. Fanning alleges that Mr. Holt was living on the C.P.R. right of way. Making notes of facts.	2.50
	Letter to Canadian Bank of Commerce re Account No. 1208, Savings, and enquiring as to their knowledge of Mary Evelyn Holt's affairs and whether there was a prior account in her name in that Bank.	1.00
	Letter to Geo. E. Mellor & Co., solicitors, for the Holt's, England, replying to a letter of November 16th, 1946, from them to the deceased relative to £100 being sent out from England and advising of the death of Mr. Holt and asking for all details which will be helpful to the Executor, Mr. Vance.	1.00

Carry Forward: \$ 47.00

Brought Forward: \$ 47.00

	Letter to the Old Age Pensions Department, City, advising of the death of Mr. Holt who was an old age pensioner.	1.00
Jan. 3	Letter to the Bank of Montreal asking for a statement of balance on hand in the deceased's account as at December 20th, 1946.	1.00
	Letter to the Postmaster, Vancouver, B.C., advising of the death of Mr. Holt and asking for mail to be sent to Mr. Vance.	1.00
	Letter from the Bank of Montreal in reply, advising that balance \$434.80.	
	Interview with Mr. Dent of the C.P.R. Legal Department when he advises that they want a release from Mr. Holt of any prescriptive rights that he may have and that they allowed him to squat on the property so long as he lived.	2.50
Jan. 4	Attending to arrange appointment with Mr. Dent, C.P.R. solicitor.	1.00
	Interview with Mr. Dent at C.P.R. Station at his office when he shows me plan of lot and right-of-way on which the late Mr. Holt had his hut, and also perusing form of release which Mr. Holt had given to the C.P.R. in 1942 and when I identify the signature as that of Mr. Holt in my opinion.	7.50
	Attending at Bank of Montreal on appointment, 2:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m., examining contents of Safe Deposit Box and advising Mr. Vance to have valuation made of certain silver and flatwear found therein and when Mr. Pearce of O.B. Allen Ltd. makes valuation.	7.50
	Letter from Canadian Bank of Commerce, North Vancouver, with statement of balance in Mr. Holt's trust account there.	
Jan. 9	Letter from Old Age Pension Board.	
Jan. 10	Mr. Vance having received letter from Jack Loutet & Co. Ltd. re, attending to search name Mary Evelyn Holt in Land Registry Office and find her owner of Sub-division E, Lot 6, Block 6, Easterly half D.L. 787, Group 1, N.W.D., Plan 3905, subject to right to purchase in favour of Albert Winchester and Lorna Doone Winchester, \$1,250.00 - \$300.00 cash, the balance of \$25.00 per month, Power of Attorney filed 12601 in favour of Frank Hartley Holt who signed this Agreement for sale. Certi-	

Carry Forward: \$ 68.50

Brought Forward: \$ 68.50

Jan. 10	<p>ificate of Title No. 14944 L, and this appears to be the only piece of property owned by Miss Holt. Frank Hartley Holt is neither absolutely nor indefeasibly entitled to any real estate in this Registry. Lot 4, Block 1, D.L. 185, upon a portion of which his hut rested is owned in part by L.F.M. Kelly, R.R. Arkell, and Hazel E. Maclean, and the part abutting or joining on the said Lot is the right-of-way of the C.P.R.</p>	7.50	
	Paid search M. E. Holt.		\$.50
	Paid Name Search M. E. Holt.		.25
	Paid Search Frank Hartley Holt.		.50
	Interview with Mr. Vance when I report as to my findings on real estate and as to interview today with Mr. Dent of the C.P.R. and advising him to take chattels out of house to protect the chattels and not to make any admissions to C.P.R.	2.50	
Jan. 13	<p>Letter to Jack Loutet & Co. Ltd. advising that Mr. Vance is Executor, and asking him to produce receipts to Inspector Vance or myself for payments made to the deceased.</p>	1.00	
Jan. 15	<p>Letter from Jack Loutet & Co. Ltd. in reply.</p>		
Jan. 16	<p>Received air mail letter from Geo. E. Mellor & Co., solicitors, England, re monies sent to Miss Holt and as to value of life interest of the deceased in estate of John Holt, his father.</p>		
Jan. 20	<p>Letter from Edith E. Watson re claim of £800 against Estate.</p> <p>Letter from James Frank Bradshaw, England, making claim for aforesaid £800 against Estate.</p>		
Jan. 23	<p>Interview with Executor - engaged 1½ hrs. Re claims of Watson and Bradshaw, £800, and advising that these should be verified to your reasonable satisfaction and that claimants should file affidavits and giving details and referring to Sections 77 and 78 of the "Administration Act".</p> <p>Discussing John D. Boulding claim, Judgment, \$1,012.25, and that we should get statutory declaration.</p> <p>Advising re chattels - to have collected, stored, appraised.</p> <p>Advising re interview with Mr. Dent of C.P.R. and producing copy of Release and reporting result of search made in Land Registry Office.</p>		

Carry Forward: \$ 79.50 \$ 1.25

Brought Forward: \$ 79.50 \$ 1.25

Jan. 23	Advising re Old Age Pension claim and producing letter from them asking for copy of Will and instructions to write. Instructions to write Geo. E. Mellor & Co., Solicitors, England, re share of Holt in Estate and re claim. Advising re attitude towards Mary Evelyn Holt and re sale of her property to Winchester and re payment for her upkeep.	15.00
	Interview with Royal Bank re Mary E. Holt.	1.50
	Interview with Canadian Bank of Commerce, North Vancouver, Mr. Stancombe, re Holt's account and when he further checks up and when I say we will see him when we go over in a few days.	1.50
Jan. 24	Interview with Mr. Vance and discussing re Miss Holt when he says that Mrs. Pifer called him and says Notice has arrived from the Bank and when he asks me to 'phone Royal Bank here, Foreign Exchange Dept., and find out how we will get this money in Miss Holt's hands as she is lying in bed and in his opinion unable to sign anything and not capable of understanding business affairs.	1.50
	Letter to Old Age Pension Board accordingly, enclosing notarial certified copy of Will.	1.00
	Making one fair copy of Last Will of deceased. Drawing Notarial Certificate re - 7 folios.	1.05
	Attending to compare and certify and affix seal.	1.00
	Letter to Campbell's Storage Limited re goods and chattels stored there belonging to Estate.	1.00
	Letter to Jack Loutet & Co. Ltd. re Mary E. Holt's sale to Winchester.	1.00
Jan. 27	Interview with Mr. Warner of the Foreign Exchange Dept., Royal Bank, Vancouver, when I was asked to take draft away for Miss Holt on the chance that she would be able to sign same or to mark same and have Inspector Vance disperse same for her account.	2.50
	Attending with Executor at Canadian Bank of Commerce, North Vancouver, to ascertain ownership of trust account when, after interview with Mr. Stancombe, he traces an account of Mary E. Holt of the exact amount, less 6¢, as that which	

Carry Forward: \$106.55 \$ 1.25

Brought Forward: \$106.55 \$ 1.25

Jan. 27	commenced the trust account for Frank Hartley Holt, and the dates coincide as between the taking out of the monies from Mary E. Holt account and the opening of the trust account.	5.00	
	Proceeding thereafter to the Rest Home where Mary Evelyn Holt resides. Interview with Mrs. Pifer, and later interview with Miss Mary E. Holt, when I advise my client not to have her sign draft which we had obtained from Royal Bank as she was obviously not competent to apply her mind to these affairs.	5.00	
	Engaged 2 hrs., 5 min.		
Jan. 28	Interview with Mr. Vance on telephone re Mary E. Holt and instructions to call Mrs. Pifer re payment for board and lodging.	1.00	
	Attending to call Mrs. Pifer at North Vancouver.	1.00	
	Attending Mrs. Pifer when she calls.	1.00	
	Long letter to Geo. E. Mellor & Co. re visit to Mary Evelyn Holt by Executor for her trustee and advising them that in our opinion Miss Holt is unable to transact business of any kind, and explaining re Holt's trusteeship under P.A.	2.50	
	Paid on two air mail letters to England.		.45
	Letter to the Royal Bank of Canada returning Draft No. 3-405946 to their custody as we did not think Miss Holt could endorse same, and obtaining receipt.	1.50	
Jan. 29	Letter from Old Age Pension Board asking for statement of assets and liabilities.		
Jan. 31	Letter from J. D. Boulding returning statutory declaration duly executed.		
Feb. 1	Letter to Edith E. Watson, England, claimant on behalf of Estates there for £800, asking when indebtedness occurred, whether any security therefor, photostatic copy of security, any other evidence of same, and why it was not paid during lifetime of deceased.	1.50	.15
	Copy to James F. Bradshaw, Esq.		.15
Feb. 3	Interview with Mr. James Holt, nephew of deceased, who called at my office and made certain statements regarding the deceased and corroborated some details as to his living on C.P.R. property and impossibility of any other assets.	1.50	

Carry Forward: \$126.55 \$ 2.00

		Brought Forward:	\$126.55	\$ 2.00
Feb. 5	Letter to Mr. Vance enclosing letter which came addressed to deceased.	1.00		
Feb. 10	Interview with Mr. Vance when he calls and leaves parcel of all documents and papers which he can find in Mr. Holt's belongings for my perusal, and sorting out. Advising him of my interview with Mr. James Holt and discussing same with him.	5.00		
Feb. 11	Letter from Geo. E. Mellor & Co., asking for certain particulars re the details of the Estate of the deceased.			
Feb. 20	Letter to Geo. E. Mellor and Co. in reply.	1.00		.15
	Letter from Edith E. Watson answering questions asked in my last letter to her.			
Mar. 8	Letter from Geo. E. Mellor & Co.			
	Letter to Mr. Vance asking him to call.	1.00		
Mar. 17	Letter from Geo. E. Mellor & Co. re Miss Mary E. Holt's affairs and re draft in the Royal Bank of Canada			
Apr. 3	Letter to Director of Vital Statistics, Victoria, and paid for search re Last Will of deceased.	1.00		.53
Apr. 16	Letter from Old Age Pension Board reminding me of their former letter.			
Apr. 17	Letter to Geo. E. Mellor & Co., England, replying to theirs of March 4th, and as to payment out of monies from the Estate to Miss Holt, and as to assets.	1.00		.15
	Formal letter to Edith E. Watson, England, refusing to recognize claim for £800.	1.00		.15
	Formal letter to James F. Bradshaw, England, refusing to recognize claim for £800.	1.00		.15
	Letter to Inspector Vance advising him of my letters to Bradshaw and Watson and re the goods in storage - advising him to sell same.	1.00		
Apr. 28	Long interview with Mr. Vance at my office when he calls and reading letters written April 17th to J. F. Bradshaw, Geo. Mellor & Co., and Edith E. Watson, when he approves, and in which I state that alleged debt is statute barred and that they may take such action as they may deem advisable if they are dissatisfied with his refusal to recognize this alleged debt. Discussing and advising him to sell at once if auctioneer			

Carry Forward: \$139.55 \$ 3.13

		Brought Forward:	\$139.55	\$ 3.13
Apr. 28	will accept title from you, and thus save further storage charges. Instructions to proceed with obtaining Letters Probate now that we have made a decision with regard to the English debts.	5.00		
Jun. 4	Drawing Petition - 3 folios.	.90		
	Copy	.45		
	Drawing Oath of Executor in support - 3 folios.	.90		
	Copy	.45		
	Perusing Will - 4 folios.	.40		
	Engrossing and collating Will.	1.00		
	Preparing the Will as an exhibit.	.25		
	Paid marking exhibit.			.25
	Making 5 copies of Last Will - 20 folios.	3.00		
	Drawing Affidavit of Value and Relationship and Inventories X and Y thereto - 15 folios.	4.50		
	Copy for the Department at Victoria.	2.25		
	Copy to keep.	2.25		
	Preparing 4 exhibits Inventories X and Y.	1.00		
	Paid marking 4 exhibits.			1.00
	Letter to Mr. Vance asking him to come in and sign papers.	1.00		
June 16	Attending Mr. Vance on execution of all papers and paid	1.50		1.50
	Attending to draw praecipe application for probate.	.30		
	Attending to leave papers with Registrar for approval.	1.00		
	Attending for when approved, and attending to file all papers and application, and paid.	1.00		1.10
	Counsel fee in Court when order made for Probate.	10.00		
Jun. 21	Attending for Letters Probate and paid thereon	1.00		2.50
	Copy of Will and Probate for certified copy - 10 folios.	1.50		
	Attending to leave for certification, and paid.	1.00		1.10
		Carry Forward:	\$180.20	\$10.58

		Brought Forward:	\$180.20	\$10.58
Jun. 25	Letter to Mr. Vance to call as Letters Probate have been issued.	1.00		
Jun. 27	Attending for Letters Probate when certified.	1.00		
Jul. 8	Letter to Inspector of Succession Duties enclosing Dominion of Canada Forms executed.	1.00		
	Drawing Dominion of Canada Succession Duty Return - 6 folios.	1.80		
	Copy for Department.	.90		
	Copy to keep.	.90		
Jul. 11	Letter from Dominion of Canada Succession Duty Dept. enclosing Certificate of Discharge and Consent re transfer of property.			
	Received Certificate of Discharge from Province of British Columbia.			
	Letter to Mr. Vance advising him that Certificates of Discharge have been received from both Dominion and Province and that he should pay the Mary Evelyn Holt trust monies at once and sell the goods in storage and advertise for creditors.	1.00		
Jul. 14	Interview with Mr. Vance - 25 minutes - when I produce certified copies of Certificate of Release from Dominion of Canada for Succession Duties. Attending him while he signs 4 copies thereof. Advising re clearing up of the Mary Evelyn Holt matter and advising haste in this.	5.00		
Jul. 17	Letter to Old Age Pensions Board enclosing statement of assets and liabilities.	1.00		
	Drawing statement of assets and liabilities aforesaid - 2 folios.	.30		
Jul. 18	Attending Mr. J.F.C.B. Vance on telephone when he makes appointment to go to Canadian Bank of Commerce, North Vancouver, this morning at 10:40.	1.00		
	Preparing notarial certified copy of Letters Probate and the Will of the deceased - 10 folios - and attending to compare and certify and seal same with notarial seal.	1.50		
		1.00		
	Paid taxi and ferry fares.			.75
	Interview with Manager of Canadian Bank of Commerce, North Vancouver, and producing necessary releases and certified copy of original Letters Probate and requi-			

Carry Forward: \$197.60 \$11.33

Brought Forward: \$197.60 \$11.33

Jul. 18	sitioning a draft for \$481.75, being \$482.41 less 66¢ charges. Advising Executor re and instructions from him to forward this draft with appropriate letter to Mary Evelyn Holt under double registered post. Engaged 1½ hrs.	\$ 10.00	
Jul. 19	Letter to Miss Mary E. Holt enclosing draft for \$481.75 in full settlement of trust monies owing to her, and paid double registered mail thereon.	1.00	.24
	Letter from the Old Age Pensions Board in acknowledgment of mine of the 17th.		
Jul. 21	Letter to Geo. E. Mellor and Co. advising of payment of \$481.75 to Mary E. Holt .	1.00	
Jul. 22	Drawing Notice to Creditors herein - 2 folios.	.60	
	Copy.	.30	
	Counsel Fee revising.	5.00	
	Letter to News-Herald Ltd. enclosing advertisement with instructions.	1.00	
	Letter to The King's Printer, Victoria, enclosing advertisement, and paid	1.00	6.55
	Making 1 fair copy of Dominion Succession Duty release for Mr. Vance handed to him during interview of July 14. - 3 folios.	.45	
Jul. 28	Interview with H.E.M. Bradshaw's office when they advise me that Mr. Fred Lee has an I.O.U. of \$160.00 signed by the late Mr. Holt. The I.O.U. is presently misplaced, however, and asking them to write a letter.	1.00	
Jul. 30	Letter from H. E. H. Bradshaw that Mr. Fred Lee is owing the sum of \$160.00 as evidenced by an I.O.U. signed by the deceased.		
Aug. 1	Letter from Geo. E. Mellor & Co. acknowledging receipt of my letter.		
Aug. 2	Drawing Bill of Costs - 33 folios.	8.25	
	Copy.	4.95	
	Letter to Mr. Vance enclosing.	1.00	

MY FEES HEREIN: \$233.15

Disbursements: 18.12

TOTAL:- \$251.27

THIS IS MY BILL:

2nd August, 1947.

W. A. S. Nixon