

then I wanted to say that this was a case of nepotism, in which there was favouritism shown as well as extravagance. That was what was running through my mind, Mr. Chairman.

Q. You were trying to get back at him for the Regina speech?—A. No, I was not.

Q. You were not?—A. I was not. I thought it was a matter of interest; I was trying to entertain an audience. I thought I had the facts from sources that were reliable. I had heard this matter discussed in clubs, and on the trains, and in different places by lawyers of considerable eminence, and I was rather surprised, in fact, I was very much startled when I found my facts were not correct.

*By Mr. Duff:*

Q. You took the first opportunity to apologize?—A. The first opportunity of any importance to do what was the proper thing to do.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. You will quite agree that in the circumstances, you were out to do Mr. Bennett what harm you could?—A. No.

Q. In a political way?—A. No, not at all. I was anxious, as I had been doing to thirty years, to deal with matters that were reasonably fair, and what was said in regard to the Major Herridge incident, had been got, I supposed,—

Q. Don't get the idea that I supposed you were trying to be unfair.—A. It was this incident of *The Globe*, that out of practically my whole address they gave me about three or four lines, and that was all there was in it.

Q. One other thing. I hope you will agree with me, and I think you do agree with me.—A. I agree with you in a good many things, Mr. Chairman.

Q. You do agree that such a statement as that should be made with the greatest possible care?—A. The statement was not made as reported in *The Globe*; and I followed the practice of every public speaker in Ontario, in Canada, I would suppose, in obtaining my information from the reliable sources, such as I have outlined, in the press that I have used, particularly the Canadian Press reports. You cannot scrutinize every statute, and every order in council and every ticket that is bought.

Q. You would have some of those press clippings from which you got the information that you gave those gatherings?—A. Well now, I won't say that I got it altogether in that way. I confirmed or supplemented it by information. Details of the case in London came, as I recollect, from *The Toronto Star*, which was very friendly, and had a favourable comment upon Major Herridge's success at this particular time in arguing a very important case when he was on this trip to London. It was very friendly and of a good-natured kind. I am quite sure of that. I am inclined to think that I also got the same thing from *The Montreal Gazette*, but I would not say as to that.

Q. You have given us everything as to the sources of your information? When did you discover, shortly after the ninth, that you had been wronged by some information? I think you made some further inquiries. Was it information that you had already asked for that came to hand after the ninth?—A. Yes, after the Lindsay trip I found out it was wrong as to that. There was a meeting to be held at Cobourg, I found—or at least there was a meeting to be held at Cobourg, and I was asked to be one of the speakers, and I explained on that occasion that I wished to make a statement as to the facts that had been given to me, and which I assumed were true.

Q. I think that is everything that I want to ask you. Is there anything else any member of the committee desires to ask?