

By Mr. Gagnon:

Q. Mr. Gordon, did you read the article which appeared in *The Fredericton Gleaner*?—A. No, but I heard Premier Bennett speak of what was in *The Fredericton Gleaner*, and I wish to say that *The Fredericton Gleaner* has no foundation for any such statement.

Q. May I read part of the article, as follows:—

Hon. Mr. Gordon confirmed the charge to-day when *The Gleaner* telephoned him at his Peterboro home.

I would like to know from you if at any time you were called over the 'phone by some journalist living at Fredericton?—A. Never in my life.

Q. And were you ever called over the 'phone to speak about the statement you had made the day previous at Hamilton?—A. I was telephoned from several,—a couple of the Toronto offices asking me if I would confirm over the telephone, or explain over the telephone what I had said, and I said I would not. I had once been a newspaper reporter and knew the danger of such methods.

Q. So if I understand you aright, Mr. Gordon, you contend that this article published in *The Fredericton Gleaner* has no foundation whatever?—A. Absolutely none if it says that I was telephoned to to confirm it, because I never received a telephone message from Fredericton in my life.

The CHAIRMAN: Is that all, gentlemen?

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Q. I heard you speak also about *The Montreal Star*.—A. Not *The Montreal Star*, *The Toronto Star*.

Q. Oh, yes, *The Montreal Gazette* and *The Standard* as being your sources of information. Will you give us some explanation about that?—A. Well, I have—as many men have—a system of clippings and cuttings which I file, and I use certain newspapers, particularly Canadian Press reports, as the source of my information which I use occasionally when I prepare addresses to be used around the country. There are a series of newspapers which I use that I consider responsible, such as *The Montreal Gazette*, *The Toronto Star*, *The Mail and Empire*, and *The Globe* in part, and *The Saturday night*, and *The Toronto Telegram* at times I use for adverse comments but not for favourable use.

Q. I would like to know if you have ever read in *The Montreal Gazette* or in *The Montreal Standard* such a statement similar to this that was reported by *The Globe*, as having been made by you?—A. I cannot say. I may have but I cannot say at this time. I have a couple of members of my staff who do a certain amount of reading and cutting for me which I don't do myself. Some I do.

By the Chairman:

Q. Mr. Gordon, I took the trouble yesterday to have the Clerk of the Committee—since an extract from *The Fredericton Gleaner* had been put in evidence—to telegraph *The Gleaner* as to the report and whence it came, and a despatch was received reading as follows:—

John T. Dunn, Committees Branch, Ottawa.

Special despatch January 7th re Gordon charges received from Star Newspaper Services Toronto.

(Sgd.) *Daily Gleaner*.

You said that you had had no telephone communication from Fredericton. You have observed what the report said you did say over the telephone. Did you have that conversation with the Star Newspaper Service?—A. No. The Toronto papers which telephoned me asked me if I would confirm or verify, or forward a message stating what I had stated at Hamilton, and I said that I was speaking