

audience in Hamilton heard every word he said, and he followed his notes very closely, Mr. Gordon continued.

Major Herridge was Mr. Bennett's brother-in-law and this was his honeymoon trip, said Mr. Gordon.

A. It does not read right on. "Mr. Gordon said, 'Premier Bennett had appointed his brother-in-law.'"

Q. It continues:

Major Herridge was Mr. Bennett's brother-in-law, and this was his honeymoon trip, said Mr. Gordon. "He also went to London to argue an appeal before the Privy Council, so if he was a full-time Canadian legal adviser he should not have taken the full time preparing and arguing the appeal before the Privy Council and thus neglecting his duty as the Premier's legal adviser, which Mr. Bennett permitted him to do."

"Mr. Herridge, according to Mr. Gordon, remained a long time in London as a Canadian official, and was in the pay of the Dominion Government during the time of his honeymoon trip."

A. Yes.

Q. That appears in *The Globe*?—A. That appears in *The Globe* of January 9th, page 2, column 1.

Q. And what is your heading?—A. "Replying to *Globe*, Hon. George Gordon Repeats His Charge. Questions Mr. Herridge's qualifications for Washington Post. Speaks at Lindsay."

Q. And does the remark you made in regard to the other heading apply to that?—A. Yes.

*By Mr. Duff:*

Q. Mr. Clarke in the report of Mr. Gordon's statements at Lindsay, I would like to be sure that these words are in *The Globe*—and I am not doubting your reading of it at all, Mr. Chairman—where it says:

He also went to London to argue an appeal before the Privy Council, so if he was a full-time Canadian legal adviser he should not have taken the full time preparing and arguing the appeal before the Privy Council and thus neglecting his duty as the Premier's legal advisor, which Mr. Bennett permitted him to do.

Are those words: "so if he was," are they there?—A. Yes.

Q. Well, you will agree with me then, Mr. Clarke, in that statement that Mr. Gordon made there is a qualification there:

If he went to London to argue the appeal for the Canadian Government then he was a Canadian legal advisor.

He does not say definitely. Mr. Gordon, in the report, as reported by you, does not say definitely that Mr. Herridge did go over to argue this appeal for the Canadian Government?

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Duff, is not that a matter for us. We are only getting an opinion. We have to make up our own minds.

Mr. DUFF: I don't think it hurts, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: It is not evidence as to facts; it may be some opinion.

Mr. BOWMAN: Where the words have been spoken it is up to us to interpret them.

*By Mr. Duff:*

Q. Those words are there, Mr. Clarke?—A. Yes.

Q. Have you got a copy of *The Globe* containing a report of a speech made by Mr. Gordon at Cobourg a few nights later?—A. We have.