

*By Mr. Bowman:*

Q. Mr. Fraser, you have read the article in *The Globe* of January 16th, dealing with this Cobourg meeting?—A. I cannot say I did.

Q. May I call your attention to a particular part of it:

Hon. G. N. Gordon, Peterboro, took the opportunity of referring to his statements made recently regarding the Canadian Minister at Washington. He said he had done an injustice to Major Herridge as to his going to England on his honeymoon, when on official business for the government. The brief Mr. Gordon said he had received, had interposed the wrong year of Mr. Herridge's trip to England, which Mr. Gordon said had misled him. Mr. Gordon said he had always found the source of his information reliable and trustworthy, and regretted that it failed him and caused him to criticize Mr. Herridge unfairly.

You followed that, as I have read it. There is absolutely no reference whatever to the Premier?—A. I said, "as far as my memory served me I believed Mr. Gordon mentioned the Prime Minister that night."

Q. Would you care to state positively now that Mr. Gordon did on that occasion refer to the Prime Minister, and include him in his remarks?—A. I believe I am correct in saying that. I do not know that I would state it positively.

Q. You are not sure?—A. I am speaking from memory.

Q. You are not sure?—A. I am not absolutely sure, but my emphatic impression is that he did.

Q. When you stated that in giving your statement as to this meeting, you said, "and I think the Premier." You are not very certain about it?—A. I am not. Personally, I believe that he mentioned the Prime Minister.

Q. You believe he did. Apparently the reporter did not so gather it—A. Apparently not.

Q. — in reporting the meeting.—A. This is the first time I read the report.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. Mr. Fraser, you did not see *The Globe* carrying a report of that meeting, did you?—A. No, I did not. I never read the report before; I read the report of the meeting in the local paper.

Q. Mr. Gordon said nothing to you before or after in regard to this matter?—A. No.

Q. He did not say he was going to make any comment?—A. No.

Q. He did not speak of it before?—A. I had no intimation until he got up to speak.

Q. Who was the chief speaker?—A. Mr. Moore.

Q. Mr. Sinclair was there as well?—A. Yes.

Q. You heard what Mr. Bowman read?—A. Yes.

Q. It deals there with the Canadian Minister, doesn't it, this *Globe* report?—A. Yes.

Q. It is all based on the Canadian Minister?—A. Yes; but my impression, Mr. Chairman, at that time, and the impression that was left in my mind, as I said, I felt without having any knowledge of what Mr. Gordon was going to say, or having any discussion with him, afterwards, my own personal feeling was that Mr. Gordon had come to the conclusion he had made a mistake in his statement at the meeting in Hamilton and Lindsay, and I felt that he had taken the opportunity at the Cobourg meeting to make an apology. That was my opinion.

Q. That was your general impression, that he was making an apology, but as to the particulars of the apology, you cannot recall?—A. Just what I have stated.