

Q. Your position with the Prime Minister I see by the record here was personal assistant.—A. Yes.

Q. You gave him assistance during the meetings of the Conference?—A. I attempted to, yes, Mr. Duff. With respect to my trip in April, Mr. Chairman, at the time of my marriage, I had a brief in a case which was on appeal from the Supreme Court of Canada to the Privy Council. It was a case in which I had the original trial brief, action in which was instituted in 1927. I took that brief at the trial in the Exchequer Court. I took it again in the Supreme Court of Canada and I took it on appeal to the Privy Council.

Q. With regard to that trip, Mr. Herridge, how did you travel, that second trip to the Old Country from Ottawa?—A. I travelled from Ottawa to New York. I travelled from New York to Southampton by the Steamship *Europa*.

Q. The *Europa* from New York to Southampton?—A. Yes.

Q. You did not go from a Canadian port on that trip?—A. No.

Q. You were the Canadian Ambassador to Washington at that time?—A. I had been appointed in the month of March previous.

Q. March 1931?—A. In March, 1931.

Q. And you were the Canadian representative at Washington when you made that second trip to the Old Country?—A. I was.

Q. You were also made a Privy Councillor before that second trip?—A. No, I was not made a Privy Councillor until,—I don't recall the date—it was some date in June after I returned from England.

Q. Mr. Herridge, after these statements, or these speeches which Mr. Gordon is supposed to have made at Hamilton and Lindsay, am I right in saying that a newspaper reporter interviewed you with regard to them and you told him—perhaps not in my exact words, or the words I am going to use—but you told this newspaper man that you did not think the matter was worth bothering with; in other words, you ignored the statements altogether? That was the impression you gave him.—A. No. The impression I gave, the impression the newspaper reporter should have received—and doubtless did—was that these things in my opinion were almost incredible. It was astonishing to me that a man in the position of Mr. Gordon should make statements about a person like myself who had gone into public service, very definitely to his own financial loss, and who on that account when he was trying to give a decent, honest service—which in the opinion of some people apparently is not understood—should have been saved from a situation like that.

Q. I see. That was not the way I read it.—A. Well, that is what I meant, and that is what I mean now.

Q. Mr. Herridge, when did you go to Washington as the representative of Canada?—A. About the middle of June.

Q. And you have been there ever since except on occasions—A. I have been there and I have been here and elsewhere on duty.

Q. You have been on duty ever since?—A. Yes.

Q. Might I ask you if you drew any salary as the Canadian representative to Washington whilst you were on that second trip to the Old Country?—A. No.

Q. When did your salary start?—A. My salary started on the 1st of June. My allowances started on the day I left Washington. That is roughly two weeks later.

Q. So that it would be about three months from the time you were appointed until you went to Washington?—A. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Gordon, do you want to ask some questions?

Hon. Mr. GORDON: No, Mr. Chairman.

By Mr. Howard:

Q. Mr. Herridge, you said a minute ago you were appointed as Canadian Ambassador to Washington in March, 1931?—A. Yes.