

Q. Yes, that is right.—A. So it followed fairly closely.

Q. You came to the conclusion, owing to the correction that appeared in *The Globe*, you would— —A. I came to the conclusion I would let the matter rest at that point, because I felt the report I had made, stating as I did at Cobourg, although it did not include Premier Bennett's name, it did include Major Herridge, cleared up the situation, I felt, fully enough to also include the Premier of Canada.

*By Mr. Duff:*

Q. Were there more people at Cobourg than there were at Hamilton?—  
A. Oh, yes, probably 100 at Hamilton, and there must have been 500 or 600 at Cobourg.

*By Mr. Bowman:*

Q. They were not the same people, though?—A. No. Cobourg and Hamilton are a long way apart.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. Mr. Gordon, I saw in the paper yesterday—I think it is appropriate to this particular line of questioning—that you had been interviewed by *The Journal* and *The Citizen*?—A. And the representative of *The Globe*.

Q. And the representative of *The Globe*; and there again you spoke of Major Herridge— —A. Well, I had a talk with these gentlemen. I did not give an interview to them. I told them that I was coming before this committee to make a statement. I said I did not wish to disclose what that statement would be, or what position I was going to take; because I felt that the committee was the proper place to make the statement. I explained that to the three men. I said they could say that I would disclose what had taken place on those occasions at the three meetings.

Q. You did say something of Major Herridge, and perhaps I might ask you if this is correct?—A. I did not see it. If I might look at it.

Q. Yes, you may read it.

A. Hon. George Gordon, of Peterborough, whose charges and allegations against the Prime Minister will be investigated to-morrow by a special parliamentary committee, arrived in Ottawa this morning, met many old friends on Parliament Hill and said he would likely retain counsel for the inquiry.

Mr. Gordon also stated that a number of witnesses may also be called in his behalf.

Col. G. R. Geary, M.P., will preside over the investigation of statements alleged to have been made at Hamilton and Lindsay by Mr. Gordon that the Prime Minister had financed the honeymoon trip of his sister, Mrs. W. D. Herridge, out of the public treasury and that he also obtained a private railway car costing \$125,000 for his own private use at the expense of the Dominion.

#### HE WAS MISINFORMED

Indications are that Mr. Gordon will refer the committee to a statement he made at Cobourg, which will be corroborated, in which he stated he had been 'misinformed' about the costs of the honeymoon trip of Major Herridge. It will also be brought out that the name of Mrs. Herridge was not mentioned.