

Q. It was transcribed?—A. Yes.

Q. It was sent?—A. By wire, that night.

Q. Is it the same as appears in *The Globe*? Have you examined it?—A. Practically the same.

The CHAIRMAN: Do you want to check it over?

Mr. HOWARD: File it as an exhibit.

The CHAIRMAN: It is substantially the same.

Mr. BOWMAN: Let us have it.

The WITNESS: Mr. Chairman, my glasses have been broken, and I am wearing substitutes, and I can hardly read it. If somebody else will read for me, it will be all right. It is typewritten, and the introduction is my own words.

The CHAIRMAN (Reading):

Lindsay, January 8—Hon. G. N. Gordon, of Peterboro, at the annual banquet of the Liberal Association of Victoria and Haliburton, here tonight, took the occasion to reply to the attack made on him by *The Globe*, regarding his Hamilton speech. "I have been too long in public eye to make statements that are not based on facts." Mr. Gordon said that only a small section of his reference to Mr. Herridge had been correctly used by *The Globe*, "and a large audience in Hamilton heard every word I said" and Mr. Gordon said he followed his notes very closely in making the Hamilton speech.

We want what was said outside those particular notes.

Mr. DUFF: I should like to have the rest of it, Mr. Chairman, in regard to Mr. Herridge's going to London to argue an appeal case before the Privy Council.

The CHAIRMAN: I shall give everything.

According to Mr. Gordon, Premier Bennett appointed his brother-in-law, Major Herridge, to the position of legal adviser to the Premier and took him to England with him, to the Economic Conference.

Major Herridge was Mr. Bennett's brother-in-law and this was his honeymoon trip. He also attended London to argue an appeal before the English Privy Council, so if he was a full-time Canadian legal adviser, he should not have taken the full time of 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. Gordon further said that the Canadian Legation at Washington was kept without a minister for 18 months, and then Mr. Bennett appointed Major Herridge to the job which had been run at a critical time in Canada's trade conditions, for a year and a half by secretaries.

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

Then there is something about the private car. I understand you, Mr. Moynes, that this is from Mr. Gordon's own dictation, of what he had said at the meeting?—A. Yes.

Q. And he gave it to you for publication?—A. Yes.

Q. In that regard?—A. Yes.

Mr. GAGNON: I understand that this document will be filed?

The CHAIRMAN: I read it into the record.

Hon. Mr. GORDON: No questions.

The CHAIRMAN: Now, then, those are all the witnesses that we have asked to attend, except I see Mr. Herridge is here and the Prime Minister.

Witness retired.