

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.

A. The latter part of that is correct; the latter part is not complete.

Q. Another case of the reporter incorrectly quoting you.—A. Well, I was a newspaper reporter and I know just what happened. You are not telling me anything new. Premier Bennett himself in 1913 was incorrectly reported in Hansard as shown.

Q. Quite true. But what you do say is that you were incorrectly reported on this occasion?—A. I was not completely reported, no. That is what I am complaining about.

Q. And on that date—on January the 16th you made no retraction whatever of any charge directed against the Premier of Canada?—A. Yes, I did, and 500 people heard it.

Q. Well, there is none in this report of January 16th?—A. There is none in *The Globe* report, no. I don't know whether it is in the other newspaper reports or not. *The Globe* reports have been quoted for the particular purpose of the inquiry. As for the other newspapers, I don't know whether they contained it or not.

Q. Did you, upon seeing that news article appear in *The Globe* under date of January 16th, write a letter to *The Globe*?—A. No.

Q. Correcting that?—A. No.

Q. Did you write a letter to the Prime Minister of Canada?—A. No.

Q. Telling him you had been incorrectly reported?—A. No.

Q. You were quite satisfied to let the thing go?—A. No; but I found *The Globe* had reported incorrectly as it had on those occasions—and I wasn't going to spend any more time correcting *The Globe* report.

Q. In other words, you were satisfied to let the statements which had appeared in the paper go unchallenged?—A. No, I was not.

Q. That is what you did do, was it not?—A. No, it was not.

Q. What did you do?—A. I took the opportunity of telling different members of the House of Commons and the Senate and my friends and others just what had taken place, and then when I found that this inquiry was to take place shortly afterwards I knew that that would give me the opportunity of correcting what was not corrected, or what was incorrectly reported there.

Q. But other than that you did nothing to correct these reports which contained these serious statements under date of January the 6th?—A. Other than what I have stated to this committee.

Q. No, you did nothing else?—A. No.

Q. You refer there to a brief, Mr. Gordon. You are referring there, under date of January 16th, to a brief. That brief, as you have explained,—I presume that is newspaper clippings?—A. No, that is an error in this way: I said that the brief that Major Herridge had received was one from his firm, that he had argued the case, when he was on his honeymoon, for certain private interests. That is the way the word "brief" comes into that context.

By the Chairman:

Q. Are you speaking of Cobourg now?—A. This is Cobourg, yes.

By Mr. Bowman:

Q. You said it interposed the wrong year:—

The brief Mr. Gordon said he had received had interposed the wrong year. . . .

A. Oh, no, no. That is all twisted.