

about half past nine. As a matter of fact I did not know this Liberal meeting was on. It was the first meeting of this new club and I heard that Mr. Gordon had made some very startling charges against the Prime Minister, and I asked who covered the meeting. Some of the boys on the *Spec* told me that Andie Patterson had covered it. But Andie had gone home by that time and I said, "Well, can I have a look at his copy?" His copy was there and I read it over. As a matter of fact, I read it over twice.

Q. Those were his notes, his copy?—A. No, sir. That was the finished story going to the printers, as it virtually appeared in the paper. That was his finished story, and I made some notes from that story and based my *Globe* report on those notes.

Q. And you sent in the report?—A. Yes, sir.

Q. Which was published in the paper?—A. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN: I think that is all.

*By Mr. Duff:*

Q. Then you know nothing personally at all about what statements Mr. Gordon made at this meeting at Hamilton. There were eighty people present?—A. No, sir, I don't.

Q. You just took the notes from another gentleman's copy?—A. From his finished copy, yes.

Q. You had nothing to do with the heading in the *Toronto Globe* report of what Mr. Gordon is supposed to have said?—A. No, sir.

Q. How long have you been a correspondent of the *Toronto Globe*?—A. Eleven years I believe, ten or eleven.

Q. Were you in the newspaper business before then?—A. Yes, I have been a reporter for twenty-two years.

Q. And you have attended, I suppose, political meetings in Hamilton?—A. Yes, sir.

Q. Held by both sides?—A. Many of them, yes.

Q. And also public meetings on political matters between elections?—A. Yes, sir.

Q. Have you in your experience as newspaper reporter heard just as startling statements made by other speakers as those supposed to have been made by Mr. Gordon in this case?—A. I cannot say that I have, I don't ever believe I have, not where a woman's name was dragged into the issue.

Q. I am sorry for that myself.—A. I don't ever recall that; that was the only thing.

Q. But still you heard Mr. Patterson say that Mr. Gordon did not mention a woman's name, did you not?—A. I think in his report that—

Q. The previous witness—Mr. Patterson—stated that he did not hear Mr. Gordon mention any lady's name?—A. Perhaps not, but in his report you will find Mrs. Herridge's name.

*By Mr. Bowman:*

Q. You say that you heard some very startling statements had been made?—A. Yes, sir.

Q. That was common talk that evening?—A. Yes, sir.

*By Mr. Howard:*

Q. Then there was no report directly from *The Globe*?—A. No, sir.

Q. Do reporters take notes in shorthand?—A. No, sir, I don't use shorthand. I don't know of any reporter that does myself.

Q. And the story in *The Globe* was written then from another person's copy?—A. Yes, sir.