

drawal at the Cobourg meeting?—A. Yes, that editorial was published on January 8th, and the Cobourg speech to which you refer, appeared on January 16th.

Q. Your editorial lecture, apparently, did some good.

Mr. BOWMAN: Surely, that is a matter for the committee to decide?

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

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

*By Mr. Bowman:*

Q. Mr. Clarke, the statement at Cobourg appeared in your issue of the 16th January, and the reply to which Mr. Gordon refers, and which was made at Lindsay, is in the issue of January—A. Ninth.

Q. Ninth?—A. Yes.

Q. The day following—A. The day following the editorial Mr. Gordon was purported to answer the charges in that editorial at Lindsay. The editorial appeared on Friday, January 8th.

Q. Following that, you received those wires?—A. And Mr. Gordon spoke in Lindsay that same night.

Q. Yes. He had previously wired you he was going to answer the charge?—A. Yes.

Q. And the answer purports to be the answer to what appeared in the editorial to which you refer as being supplied by your reporter, Mr. Moynes?—A. Not the editorial, but the notes received from Lindsay from Mr. Moynes.

Q. Appearing in *The Globe* under date of January 9th?—A. Yes.

Q. Would you just look at the caption under which it appears? Am I correct? A part of that has already been placed on record. The caption reads: "Lindsay, Jan. 8th."—A. Yes.

Hon. G. N. Gordon of Peterboro at the annual banquet of the Liberal Association of Victoria and Haliburton, took occasion to reply to editorial criticism in *The Globe* regarding his Hamilton speech.—A. Yes.

FORD MOYNES, called and sworn.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. You live in Lindsay, Mr. Moynes?—A. Yes.

Q. You have heard Mr. Clarke recite some statements in connection with a meeting in Lindsay?—A. Yes, sir.

Q. You are the man who received those statements and sent them, as the case may be?—A. Yes.

Q. You gathered the statements?—A. I might make a statement, Mr. Chairman, in that respect.

Q. I was just going to suggest that. Perhaps you had better do it in your own way.—A. Mr. Chairman, I was advised by telephone at about seven o'clock at night at another town, and by the time I got to the meeting I found that Mr. Gordon had already spoken. We had not been invited to cover the meeting personally, and that being the case—the editor of *The Daily Post* of Lindsay, *The Lindsay Post*, was also there, and he had not heard the speech, and we both decided to interview Mr. Gordon, personally. Mr. Gordon came out of the lobby, and he was very generous and very courteous, and he said he would give us a statement. So—

*By the Chairman:*

Q. A statement of what he said?—A. At this meeting. So we went to the newspaper office, and Mr. Gordon dictated that statement to the typewriter, in my presence. I have that statement here.