

Q. You have?—A. Particularly at political meetings.

Q. I think you will agree with me that during election times or between elections, when political matters are discussed, that public speakers make strong statements at times?—A. They do.

Q. That is, both political parties do, in fact, say things about other people that they should not say?—A. I am not a judge of that.

Q. But I am asking you your opinion?—A. I may have an opinion that a statement is not according to Hoyle, and on the other hand, it may be based on facts.

Q. Did he seem to overstep the mark, in your opinion, as to what one public speaker will say about some other person who is in politics, or engaged in the public service of the country?—A. That happens.

The CHAIRMAN: I expect it is for the committee to say whether in this particular case there was any overstepping of the mark.

Mr. DUFF: That is when we make up our judgment, Mr. Chairman.

Hon. Mr. GORDON: If the committee has no more questions I would like to ask a few.

*By Hon. Mr. Gordon:*

Q. Was it not a fact that the statement made by me at this meeting was that when a certain case was being tried in England Major Herridge was unable to attend on that when he was on his wedding tour?—A. You did mention, yes, that he was in England.

Q. Yes, and at one time that he was the legal or personal adviser to Mr. Bennett, the Prime Minister, at that time?—A. I do not recall that you said that.

Q. And that this particular trip when he argued his case in England, at that time he was on his honeymoon in London. I want to get this because there were a large number of persons there and I want to know what opportunity you had of hearing what was said. Did you take shorthand notes?—A. No, I did not, Mr. Gordon.

Q. How is your recollection on that point?—A. My recollection is that you merely glossed over that statement and made the statement that his honeymoon expenses were paid out of public funds, and you then went on to an entirely different subject.

Q. Yes, but was this said, that Major Herridge was unable to take this trip to England to argue this particular case and his honeymoon expenses were paid as the result, from Canada to London on that trip?—A. You did not get into any details of an explanatory nature.

Q. Was Mrs. Herridge's name ever mentioned?—A. No, you did not, just Mr. Herridge.

The CHAIRMAN: Any other questions?

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

The CHAIRMAN: That is all, thank you. Mr. Crossin of *The Globe* is here.

Witness retired.

R. CROSSIN, called and sworn.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. You live in Hamilton, Mr. Crossin?—A. Yes, sir.

Q. And I understand you were *The Globe* reporter?—A. Yes, sir.

Q. You were not at this meeting I understand?—A. No, sir, I was not.

Q. Well, then you sent the story into *The Globe*. How did you get the story?—A. I had a very busy night that night and I went into *The Spectator*