

Q. And at that time his own expenses were paid by the government. Mrs. Herridge, of course, would be a different matter altogether?—A. Every minister who travels, if he travels with his family, pays his own expenses and estimates the family expenses and pays them separately.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Speakman, are you saying that what Mr. Gordon is saying is that that paragraph in regard to his Hamilton address is wrong because Mrs. Herridge is there instead of Mr. Herridge?

The WITNESS: Yes.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. Is that the only objection?—A. I won't say that is the only objection to the paragraph, but it is one objection.

*By Mr. Speakman:*

Q. That particular objection is Mrs. Herridge is used instead of Mister.—A. In addition to that I have half a dozen lawyers and business men who were at that meeting, and who are prepared to state the same fact, but the reporter apparently admits that yesterday.

Q. Then, speaking at Lindsay, you confirm certain parts of the statement, and refute others. I think that is a fair way to put it. You are not quoted as having explained that the reference was made to Major Herridge and not intended to refer to Mrs. Herridge. You are not quoted as having made that explanation.—A. I don't know.

Q. Well, you are not, as it appears in the press.—A. Well, possibly not.

Q. Do you recollect whether you did stress that particular point?—A. No.

Q. Because it is a most serious point.—A. No.

Q. You don't recollect whether you did stress that?—A. No. All I said was that he was on his honeymoon trip and he was taking this retainer.

Q. My point is this. The most serious part of the charge, if it did apply to Mrs. Herridge, and not to Mr. Herridge—A. That cannot be read into it, I submit, anyway.

Q. You had seen—A. The committee must decide that.

Q. You had seen, Mr. Gordon, that it had been reported in such a manner?

—A. I don't think I did at that time.

Q. Because, to my mind, it is a rather important matter?—A. I don't remember.

Q. There is no refuting—A. I had only seen or heard of *The Globe* article. I was told about it the night I had telegraphed *The Globe* I would speak at a meeting at Lindsay in explanation of the matter.

Q. Did you notice in *The Globe* article the mistake that was made as between Major Herridge and Mrs. Herridge's name at the time you made the statement at Lindsay?—A. *The Globe* article? There is an article and an editorial.

Q. Yes.—A. The editorial was the one I had seen. I am not so sure that I say *The Globe* article.

Q. And the editorial also refers to the statement that Mr. Bennett's sister's expenses had been paid.—A. It may have; I don't remember reading it; I remember being told of it.

Q. I am asking, if in making the explanation at Lindsay you did explain that that was a mistake, and that your reference would be to Mr. Herridge and not to Mrs. Herridge?—A. I don't know; I don't know whether I did or not.

Q. It did not strike you as being of very great importance?—A. I don't remember either *The Globe's* notice or *The Globe's* editorial in addition coming to my mind. I remember being told of a lot of criticism being made at what I had said, but that particular feature that you are drawing to my attention, I don't know that it was drawn to my attention.