

Mr. FIELDING. What bearing has that upon the matter? So long as the fact is correct, what matters it how we ascertained it?

Mr. J. D. REID. Was it, or was it not from the editor of the Toronto 'Globe'?

Mr. FIELDING. Here is another case of a gentleman who is concerned about the Toronto 'Globe' who has never profited much from its instructions.

Mr. HUGHES. If the hon. gentleman is referring to me, I wish to say that I made reference not to the 'Globe' at all, but to the gentleman who runs the 'Globe', and who also seems to run this government.

Mr. FIELDING. Well, he runs other people as well, it seems. I may say frankly that I believe the editor of the 'Globe' has done a useful public service. I am delighted to give him that credit in the presence of the House.

Mr. HUGHES. Don't disown him.

Mr. FIELDING. I do not disown him. As I have stated, the president was going to Albany and an intimation reached us that he would be pleased to discuss the matter with representatives of this government. If my hon. friend wants to know from whom the intimation came, I can assure him that it came from Mr. Wm. H. Taft, the President of the United States.

Mr. J. D. REID. Through the negotiations of Mr. Macdonald of the 'Globe'.

Mr. FIELDING. If it was so, we do not object. We are perfectly willing to receive good words from whatever source they come.

Mr. J. D. REID. May I ask the Minister of Finance if he or the First Minister sent Mr. Macdonald down to Washington to make the negotiations?

Mr. FIELDING. Of what consequence is it?

Mr. J. D. REID. Why did not the First Minister send a member of his government instead of the editor of the Toronto 'Globe'?

Mr. FIELDING. That is exactly what the First Minister did.

Mr. J. D. REID. After Mr. Macdonald had gone to Washington and negotiated.

Mr. FIELDING. Many people went to Washington. It is a large and beautiful city, and many people besides Mr. Mac-

donald went there and had discussions with the United States government on this matter long before Mr. Macdonald did.

Mr. J. D. REID. But the hon. gentleman does not deny that the First Minister, or the Finance Minister sent Mr. Macdonald to make negotiations.

Mr. FIELDING. I do not deny it because I do not know why the hon. gentleman should state it.

Mr. J. A. CURRIE. The reason is that it is not the first time that the editor of the 'Globe' has gone as a quasi outside ambassador to negotiate a treaty.

Mr. FIELDING. I remember a time when the stately editor of the 'Globe', the Hon. George Brown, went to Washington, not as an outside ambassador, but as the duly authorized commissioner of this government, in 1874 for that purpose; and if the 'Globe' of later years is willing to do good service for the country, let us by all means acknowledge it.

Mr. J. D. REID. Did the Minister of Finance send Mr. Macdonald there to negotiate?

Mr. FIELDING. If the hon. gentleman states it—

Mr. J. D. REID. But you do not deny it.

Mr. FIELDING. I do not think it important to deny half the things the hon. gentleman says.

Mr. J. A. CURRIE. Why was not the present editor of the 'Globe' clothed with the same dignity as his predecessor?

Mr. FIELDING. Can my hon. friend tell me exactly all the powers that were extended to his predecessor?

Mr. J. A. CURRIE. I think I can. I have the book right here, if you want me to read them.

Mr. FIELDING. I hope not.

Mr. HUGHES. The only point is that it was after all this government that first did the bowing, or the crawling, or the opening of the negotiations.

Mr. FIELDING. That statement has not a shadow of foundation. I hope that is sufficiently specific to reach the mind of my hon. friend.

Mr. HUGHES. Not at all.

Mr. FIELDING. Well, it is the best I can do in that process. As I have stated,