

A. I do not think I saw that—it was brought to my attention—I was told about it, and that was the basis of a telegram I think I sent to *The Globe* that I wished to answer that and make an explanation at Lindsay.

Q. In your wires—I have your wire here—you say “I am answering *The Globe* at Liberal annual meeting here to-night.” This is a wire dated Lindsay, January 8th. You purported to answer the editorial appearing in *The Globe* at Lindsay on January 8th as making an explanation answer. I suppose if you had not previously realized the gravity of those charges or allegations which were contained in *The Globe*, I presume you did so when you read the editorial?—A. I read the editorial in *The Globe* as a newspaper editorial that had written into it a great many innuendos and inferences that had no right to appear into it.

Q. Would you call this an innuendo:—

It was a sensational statement, of the kind which upsets governments, implying a major scandal, the charge being, in effect, that a Privy Council case was diverted to Major Herridge that he might make his honeymoon journey to the Old Country at the expense of the government.

A. As I say, there is no foundation for that story to be written.

Q. No foundation for it whatever?—A. No.

Q. Such being the case, why did not you at once notify *The Globe*—the editor of *The Globe* or the news editor of *The Globe* that they were apparently misinformed as to what had taken place at Hamilton?—A. I did at the first public occasion I had.

Q. The first public occasion?—A. It is the only way you have of getting it before the public, you know.

Q. Are there not other ways of getting it before the public?—A. No, not fair ways. A letter to *The Globe* would be hidden in a corner or would not give the necessary correction. That would not be fair to those involved in the matter.

Q. In other words, what actually did happen, Mr. Gordon, was this, that those statements were allowed to be broadcast from one end of Canada to the other and not denied until ten days later after the articles appeared in *The Globe*?—A. An effort was made to correct that on the 9th—on the 8th I think it was at Lindsay.

Q. And do you call that a correction, Mr. Gordon?—A. I think so.

Q. You do?—A. Yes.

Q. And that correction was prepared by you after considerable consideration?—A. No.

Q. It was not?—A. No.

Q. But, as a matter of fact, Mr. Gordon, after that article did appear in *The Globe* under the date of January 6th, allow me to read again what *The Globe* does contain under that date:—

The bald charge that Premier Bennett had financed the honeymoon trip of his sister to Europe out of the Canadian treasury, and that he had obtained a new private railway car for his own use at a cost to Canada of \$125,000, was made to local Liberals to-night by Hon. G. N. Gordon, K.C. . . . .

You say now that you did not make such a statement?—A. I say I did not make the statement that is shown in that record, and the reporter here the other day said I did not make that statement.

Q. We will have to decide ourselves as to what the reporter stated?—A. It is on the record.

Q. Quite so. But you did not by a letter to the editor of *The Globe* or even by a letter to Mr. Bennett or to Major Herridge indicate that *The Globe* was wrong in publishing such a statement?—A. I took the method that is taken by