

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

The CHAIRMAN: The News Editor of the Globe is here, but before we call him I should like to know if you have copies of the Globe.

Hon. Mr. GORDON: Mr. Chairman, in respect to the—

The CHAIRMAN: Just one moment, Mr. Gordon.

Gentlemen, I think it was the view of the committee that we should proceed to hear evidence as to the making of those statements in Hamilton and Lindsay. It was felt that the charges should be proved formally. Should we take that proof before Mr. Gordon makes any explanation, as I see he wishes to make some statement?

Mr. BOWMAN: I think we should have the formal proof first.

Hon. Mr. GORDON: Mr. Chairman, and members of the committee, if record is taken solely from one newspaper with no regard for the address that was given at Cobourg in regard to this matter—

The CHAIRMAN: Are you giving evidence, Mr. Gordon?

Hon. Mr. GORDON: No, I am not giving evidence. I appear for myself in this case, and I am endeavouring to make certain representations to the committee. I understand that the committee formulates its own procedure. There is no procedure fixed.

The CHAIRMAN: I am only referring, Mr. Gordon, to whether or not you wish to make an opening statement.

Hon. Mr. GORDON: I just wish to make a statement as to certain facts relating to this inquiry. I say that the record before the committee of inquiry is not complete, inasmuch as it does not deal with the corporate statements that I made dealing with this particular matter, and indicating, as I set out there—

Mr. BOWMAN: Mr. Chairman, I do not think that we are in order in taking a statement from Mr. Gordon at this time.

The CHAIRMAN: Not if it is a statement of fact.

Mr. BOWMAN: He has stated that it is a statement of fact. I think that we should have those statements proved first, and then deal with this matter later on. I have no intention of restricting Mr. Gordon in any way, but it seems to me we should formally prove the charges first.

Hon. Mr. GORDON: The only thing I wish to say is that this particular record that is before the committee is restricted in its limitation, and a full statement should be before the committee.

The CHAIRMAN: Do you want to submit anything else?

Hon. Mr. GORDON: The grounds for making those statements may be considered reasonable grounds, and after those statements were made it was ascertained that certain statements were incorrect, and there was a retraction made, and a statement made to the public indicating there was a confusion as to certain radio cases, and dates.

The CHAIRMAN: You will have every opportunity to make that statement, Mr. Gordon.

The first witness we shall call will be Mr. Patterson of Hamilton.

ANDREW PATTERSON called and sworn.

By the Chairman:

Q. You live where, Mr. Patterson?—A. In Hamilton.

Q. What is your occupation?—A. Reporter for the Hamilton Spectator.