

By Mr. Howard:

Q. You made your speech at Hamilton on January sixth?—A. If I get those dates wrong again—January 6th, at Hamilton.

Q. That was before the editorial in question in *The Globe*, which appeared on January 7th.—A. January 7th.

Q. You saw the article and wired *The Globe* that you would make some statement in regard to the matter at Lindsay?—A. I saw the article or it was told to me, I don't know. I did not, apparently, read it.

Q. You wired *The Globe*?—A. I wired *The Globe* I would be in Lindsay the next night, or I wired from Lindsay.

Q. January 8th you spoke at Lindsay?—A. Yes.

Q. You got the real facts looked up in the meantime, and on January 15th you spoke again at Cobourg?—A. I spoke at Cobourg. I think I got the real facts from a couple of Senators here in Ottawa; some facts in Toronto.

Q. When, after the meeting?—A. Right after the Lindsay meeting.

Q. On February 4th the inquiry was instituted?—A. January 15th I spoke at Cobourg. I was not told by him at that time. I heard there was going to be an inquiry, and when I saw it confirmed I felt that was the opportunity, and the best opportunity I had of meeting and presenting the facts, as they had come to me.

By Mr. Speakman:

Q. Just to summarize to the lay mind. Mr. Gordon, appearing in the article as it appears on January 7th, reporting the meeting at Hamilton on January 6th, there are in the main two charges reported, the first one of major significance, and the second one of minor significance, the one of minor significance being that the premier had obtained a new private railway car for his own use at a cost to Canada of \$125,000. I think too much mention has been made of that. I am treating it as a minor incident, because if it proved anything, it will merely prove extravagance. That was all.—A. That was the reason it was mentioned; I knew there had been extravagance at a time when—

Q. I am not quarreling with that statement.—A. —economies should be practised. I consider that a matter of fair comment.

Q. Did you ascertain, before you made that statement, whether the new car had been made for his own use?—A. Well, I recollect that George P. Graham, Senator Graham, had an idea that a car cost \$125,000. I think it was stated in the railway committee that those private cars cost \$125,000, equipped.

Q. Did you hear Mr. Bennett's explanation of that yesterday?—A. Yes.

Q. Were you satisfied?—A. I have seen the car.

Q. Were you satisfied with that explanation of the circumstances as being a correct explanation?—A. I don't know whether it is correct or not, Mr. Bennett said it was a correct explanation.

Q. Now, the next thing is—A. If Sir Henry Thornton is throwing around private cars at this time, it will be a matter of inquiry anyway.

Q. There is something to be said for that.—A. I suppose so.

Q. Now, in the other case you are reported as having said that the honeymoon trip of Mrs. Herridge was paid out of the Canadian treasury. You have explained that you did not make that statement; that that statement was not made, and the reporter here yesterday said it was not made.

Mr. BOWMAN: No.

By Mr. Speakman:

Q. But you referred to Mr. Herridge, and based that upon facts that you had assumed to be true?—A. That he was the legal adviser to the government.