

to record it."

Mr. Curry—Do you know his reputation for veracity in the district where he resides?

A.—No. I do not know.

Mr. McCrea—May I ask this further question. If this man is given to making irresponsible statements, making statements on different occasions, as you suggested, why is it the newspapers, who are supposed to present reliable news, go on reporting them?

A.—That would infer my knowing first that he was in the habit of making irresponsible statements, and also that I know the newspapers are in the habit of reporting them. I do not know that Mr. Ashplant is always reported when he makes speeches. When he makes speeches that create public interest of course he gets them published.

Mr. McCrea—Newspaper notoriety?

A.—Newspaper interest.

Mr. Carty said that Mr. Ashplant was a prominent man in London, in the respect that his name was known by nearly everyone, and prominent in Labor circles.

Advertiser Man There, Too.

Herbert H. Penny, London Advertiser reporter, who attended the meeting at which Mr. Ashplant made the alleged utterances, was called. Asked: "Now you heard the evidence given by Mr. Carty as to what took place at the meeting, as to what Mr. Ashplant said. Do you agree or disagree with Mr. Carty's account of what he said?" Mr. Penny said: "I think it was fair, yes."

Q.—You think Mr. Carty gave a fair account?

A.—Yes.

Mr. Penny said he sat within 20 or 25 feet of Mr. Ashplant when the statement was made and there could be no misunderstanding on his part so far as hearing went.

Before adjournment Chairman R. L. Brackin said he thought it should be intimated to Mr. Ashplant that he would be entitled to be represented by counsel before the committee.