

Committee that I had done nothing corrupt, and that I had done nothing calling for the censure of Parliament. Your success in converting him to your way of thinking, and inducing him to go back upon himself will remain as a monument of your partisan skill.

In regard to that report let me say, that if you were honest and conscientious when you made your speech in Parliament on the motion made by that political trickster and humbug, Sir Richard Cartwright, you would have condemned the course pursued by the Committee in investigating matters which you yourself admitted were beyond the authority of Parliament. In the speech made by you on that motion you said : "The question is whether there is fit matter to be referred to a committee, and whether that matter arises by virtue of alleged breach of a statute, or by virtue of an alleged violation of those obligations or that unwritten law which guards the honor of Parliament; the same principle applies to all. *But I say there is here no charge that the Independence of Parliament Act has been broken. Again, there is no case here made of a breach of any laws regulating the disposition of Timber Limits.* Again, and this is not an unimportant point in regard to some of the observations made by the hon. member for Lincoln, there is no case made here, and no charge of any fraud having been committed upon Mr. Sands, the purchaser of these limits, and, therefore, that is not a matter suggested as enquirable here. He may have been defrauded and he may not; he may have been defrauded by the hon. member for Lincoln, or by Mr. Adams, or by neither of them. *It is a matter with which we have nothing to do in the issues before us.* And, lastly, *there is no case whatever made of wrong of any kind, save whatever wrong is alleged to be apparent in the hon. member's own letters printed in the votes, and in his own statements made in this House.*"

In the Report presented by you to the Committee, you say : "We find that in fact no corrupt advances were made by Mr. Rykert to any Minister, either directly or through any relatives or otherwise; and that *his letters are, in this particular, untrue, and we find that the relations of Ministers mentioned were not offered, did not ask for, and did not receive, any money in respect of this matter.*"

Let me here say that you knew you were misleading the Committee, and placed on record a deliberate falsehood, when you said that my letters stated I had made corrupt advances to members. I defy you to point to one single syllable in any letter making any such statement. If it be true that the Independence of Parliament Act was not broken by me, and that there was no breach by me of any laws regulating the disposition of timber limits, why all this fuss in the papers that I had robbed the country of such an enormous sum, more especially when you report that I had done no wrong in obtaining the limit for Mr. Adams? The fact of the matter is, Mr. Blake, you were playing the part of a hypocrite when you made your speech, leading the House to believe that you would under no circumstances unjustly condemn me, and yet at the same time you hoped to elicit something before the Committee which would convict your old time opponent. Your conduct before the Committee satisfied every