

a great mistake in saying that this House would not rectify a wrong which was clearly made known to it, even if it were done by one of its Committees. I am persuaded that if this House, was satisfied that one of its Committees through error of judgment, or wilfully made a report not consistent with facts, it would be dealt with in such a way as to show that the Senate would not sanction such injustice. I differ entirely from the hon. gentleman who charges that this report from the Private Bills Committee is not consistent with the facts. It is a very serious charge to make. Can any hon. gentleman suppose that any motive will influence a Committee of this House to make a report that could be shown to be untrue? The hon. gentleman does not even modify his statement by allowing that there might have been a misrepresentation of the facts or a mistake in judgment, but he makes the direct and unmistakable charge that the Committee has knowingly made a false report, a charge that should not be made against any committee of this House. Are not the members of this Committee known to be gentlemen of character—gentlemen who would not stoop to a dishonorable act of this kind? I can assure the House that the Committee examined into this matter most patiently and impartially, and there was no disposition to do a wrong to any parties connected with the Bill. They did not take evidence on oath, but I contend they took sufficient evidence to guide them in their disposal of this matter. They heard at great length the parties promoting this Bill, and they heard at equal length the parties who contended that this Bill should not be granted by Parliament, and who showed by reasons satisfactory to the Committee that the Bill should not receive its sanction. It is unnecessary to go into the details of evidence that led the Committee to make this report, and I think hon. gentlemen will sustain my motion to adopt it when I say that it is strictly in accordance with the sentiments of the majority of the Committee, as expressed by the vote that