

witnesses they would take the words down no matter how strong they might be, but he would not allow Mr. Brown or Mr. Macdonald to use such language; if either of them did so he would leave the room and not sit on the Committee at all. If such things were said by witnesses they would take them down, but not from Mr. Brown or Mr. Macdonald.

Mr. *Brown*.—Mr. Felton had misunderstood him. He did not say who was going to concoct evidence. It was not on the charges that were to be raked up now that he was to be tried, and he did not think that it was right that Mr. Macdonald should turn round now and say that he was going to send for Mr. Smith. He should say what were the specific acts which he was going to bring forward to prove the charges which he had made. They should not allow him to go into general charges when there was a specific charge before them.

Mr. *Macdonald* hoped that Mr. Brown was not afraid of a general charge.

Mr. *Felton* said that they were instructed by the House to examine what the charges made against Mr. Brown were.

Dr. *Clarke*.—Were they to acquit Mr. Brown supposing Mr. Macdonald said that he did not make these charges on his own knowledge of the facts.

Mr. *Brown*.—What Mr. *Macdonald* said was no evidence; it was his own statement. He wanted to ask Mr. *Macdonald* on what grounds he made these charges.

Mr. *Felton* thought that Mr. Brown did not seem to consider that the investigation before the Committee embraced three points. In the first place, could any charge be substantiated against Mr. Brown? Can he then bring anything to destroy the value of the testimony? Then, was Mr. *Macdonald* making this accusation rashly, or was there anything which justified him in making the charge? His mind was perfectly clear on the subject, that Mr. Brown was beginning at the wrong end. When Mr. Smith was put on his trial before the Commission he had no doubt but that he was first assumed to be innocent until they proved him guilty.

Dr. *Clarke*.—If they were to discuss this question they should do it by themselves.

Mr. *Brown* did not think that Mr. *Felton* had put the case clearly.

Mr. *Wilson* thought the ground the Committee took was clear enough. Mr. Brown was held to be innocent until he was proved to be guilty.

Mr. *Brown*.—The point was this,—Mr. *Macdonald* had charged him with the most horrible crimes for which he had not the least shadow of foundation.