

it, that such was the case, except a document signed by the prothonotaries of the Superior Court sitting in Montreal, showing that there was before that Court the case of the Attorney General of Quebec, against P. A. A. Dorion *et al.* Now to put such a statement in the public documents of this House, as the second clause of this report, is a thing that I cannot stand here and approve of. Suppose the allegations are true; and suppose there is a case in the Superior Court, at Montreal, between the contesting parties. I ask how this Bill could influence that case when it is provided, and it has been at the instance of the parties who are suing in the Superior Court at Montreal, and who are here opposing the charter asked for, that the parties would not suffer by this act of incorporation, as their rights were reserved. But here, again, has not the Committee shown some preference, to say the least, for the opponents of the Bill? If they honestly desired that no action of theirs might affect the pending case in Montreal, how is it that they have added to their report such a paragraph as the second, which evidently might prejudice the Court against the petitioners for incorporation, who are the defendants in the above mentioned suit. I am not surprised that the hon. chairman of the Committee began his remarks by stating it was rather an unusual report for the Committee to make. It is unusual; I have not seen the like of it during my whole parliamentary life, and it is the first time that I have been forced to say a report was contrary to the facts. The remedy would be to move that the report be not received, or that it be referred back to the Committee; but I suppose the House will stand by the Committee, and that the parties seeking incorporation, as well as myself, must submit to our fate. At all events, my protest will be recorded, and if the House shows a disposition to deal with this question according to its merits, I will be ready to move in the direction suggested.

Hon. Mr. VIDAL.—I think the hon. gentleman has made