

perfectly clear as this one, and if those allegations in the preamble of the Bill are not proven as to "acts," I do not think there was a doubt in the mind of a single member of that Committee but what the statements contained in the preamble was true every word of it. One word as to what the hon. gentleman from Barrie said about having only one lawyer upon that committee. It was not my fault there were not three. I tried to get the hon. gentleman from Amherst to act upon it but he assured me that his railway bills took up all his time. I also tried the leader of the House and he would not act upon it, and I thought when I was naming the committee it was quite unnecessary to appoint the hon. gentleman from Lunenburg on it, as he religiously sat at and watched everything that was done on the committee, so I thought, he being in attendance, it would make a larger committee without having the trouble of appointing one.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—That is not correct.

HON. MR. OGILVIE—The hon. gentleman has told many things that are not interesting to the House. He has made some statements about myself that are not very complimentary to me. He has informed the House that he has no idea of opposing the Bill; he wants solely to put it right. But there is not a member of this House who cannot see that his criticisms are made from a pure desire to oppose this Bill simply because he has not charge of it. When he has not charge of bills of this kind he wants to oppose them all the way through. I have not the slightest doubt about it in my own mind. I have seen several of those divorce cases since I have been in this House and I never saw a case that was so clear as this. The lady petitioning for this divorce was advised to do so by her husband's mother and sisters and brothers, though I may be told, as I was told the other day by the hon. gentleman from Lunenburg, that is not in the evidence, as much as to say, "You are not telling the truth." Even though the hon. gentleman from Lunenburg does not believe me, there are a few

members in the House who will believe that I do not intentionally try to misrepresent anything. The Bill is before you; the Committee were satisfied that the preamble was proven. I have to bow to the decision of the House whatever it may be, but I do not choose to eliminate one word from the Bill or from the preamble.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—I would ask the Leader of the House who is certainly supposed to take some cognizance of these matters as they pass through, whether in his opinion the evidence supports the allegations of the preamble of the Bill.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—I must confess that in such matters as this, where the House refers the questions of fact for trial to a Committee, the Committee hearing the evidence, and personally seeing and hearing the witnesses before, can judge of their credibility and capacity to describe a matter better than we can by merely reading the printed account of what they said. I should therefore be disposed to give as full faith and credence to the finding of the Committee as I would to the finding of a jury, provided there is evidence upon which they can find. It cannot possibly be denied that what the hon. gentleman from Barrie describes as the ground on which the Committee were satisfied that the other acts of adultery were committed, was evidence that a jury would appreciate if the question came before it, and in this instance it seems to have been so appreciated by this Committee, and they have come to the conclusion, seeing the witnesses, hearing them speak and judging of their credibility as men can do under such circumstances, that there were other acts of adultery committed by the respondent. It is expedient I think that all subjects for discussion in a case like this should be got rid of, and seeing by the manner in which this Bill is framed that the omission of the letter "s" would remove the whole objection of my hon. friends on the other side to this Bill and enable us to concur in it amicably I would propose the amendment. The recital is in a general way that there were various acts of