

repeated just now, to my astonishment, that it must have been with regard to him that all these remarks were made, because in the whole investigation, every question put to the witnesses, was directed to him, endeavouring to fasten on him the investigation. There were 32 witnesses examined in this enquiry—every man about the place was examined. A card was published in the newspapers calling upon anyone who could give information to come and be examined. Of the 32 witnesses examined only 10 were asked anything about the hon. gentleman at all; 22 were never asked a question about him.

HON. MR. MCINNES (B.C.)—The manner in which those 22 witnesses were asked a few questions was this: they were all officials of the penitentiary, and as I was told, it would occupy too much of Mr. Moylan's valuable time to examine them separately, so there were general questions asked, "you concur in that?" and so on, and that portion of it was all through in a few minutes. That was the investigation.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—Does that support what my hon. friend said just now, that every witness who was examined was examined solely with regard to him?

HON. MR. MCINNES—Yes, every one of the main witnesses—the Warden, Deputy-Warden, Chaplain, Steward, and so on—every witness that was examined right along.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—My hon. friend now qualifies it and says that every question put to these witnesses was put with regard to him.

HON. MR. MCINNES—Not every question.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—That is what I understood him to say. I would like to know what my hon. friend does say. I can only answer what he says in the House; I cannot answer what he may have in his mind when he makes such statements as those. He says now, as I understand him, that every one of those witnesses who were examined "right along," as he says, was examined with reference to him—that every question put to those witnesses was put with regard to him. That is just as erroneous as the

other statement. The first witness examined was the Warden. His examination extends over a little more than an entire page of the paper. He was asked every imaginable question, I should say, about the general management of the institution, and the mode in which it was conducted before he was asked anything about my hon. friend. Then he was asked these 4 questions:—

"Q. Have you read the statement, made in the Senate, last Session, by Dr. McInnes, of this place, to the effect that abuses exist here? A. I have and it is untrue.

"Q. Could any abuses have existed without your knowledge? A. Certainly not; because I have lived here since the penitentiary was opened; if any such existed I would have either seen them or heard of them.

"Q. Can you assign any reason for Dr. McInnes making such a statement? A. I have reason to believe I offended him, at the beginning of my administration, because I did not appoint persons on the staff, on his application, who were unfit for the position.

"Q. Had he opportunities of seeing how the affairs of the institution are conducted? A. He was employed as substitute for the Surgeon, several times."

Those are the four questions in an examination which covers more than a page of close print that are put to the Warden about Dr. McInnes. This is what my hon. friend calls devoting every question in the examination to fastening an imputation on him.

HON. MR. MCINNES—Special pleading!

HON. MR. ABBOTT—That is an expression the hon. gentleman is fond of using.

HON. MR. MCINNES—That is a sort of argument the hon. gentleman often resorts to.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—It is a favorite statement for gentlemen to make who are not perfectly accurate in their statements sometimes—not intentionally, of course—and it is applied generally to those who are more accurate, and that is the case in the present instance. The Deputy-Warden is the next witness sworn. He was examined right along, and his testimony, according to my hon. friend, ought to be found entirely devoted to showing that he was the man that was guilty of all these false imputations. This man's deposition extends through two pages of close print, and from the beginning of it down to the foot of the second page every word of it is devoted to the management of the penitentiary. No allusion is made to Dr. Mc-