

[Laughter and cheers.] The reporter alluded to evidently mistook the word *adhered*, and thought that he [Mr. B.] said *feared*, he whom all men *feared* having been a liar from the beginning. [Great laughter.]

ENGLISH FREE TRADE SUBVERSIVE OF EMPIRE.

He was anxious to use plain language, as every one else in Canada seemed afraid to do so, regarding the British Government's position towards her colonies. England herself has succumbed to a faction, holding the doctrine of Robespierre—

"Perissent les Colonies,
Plutôt qu'un princepe."

Perish the Colonies rather than our theory. [Hear, hear.] The adoption by England for herself of this transcendental principle has all but lost the Colonies, and her madly attempting to make it the principle of the British Empire would entirely alienate the Colonies. Though pretending to unusual intelligence, the Manchester Schools (like our Clear Grits), are, as a class, as void of knowledge of the world as of patriotic principle. [Cheers.] They do not know that *Free Trade is the contrary principle to that of Empire*, [Mr. Buchanan repeated this again and again,] or that if you take every dirty child off the street and treat him like your own child, your own child will very soon come to see that he is only treated like the dirty child, and very soon be unable to feel differently from the dirty child. Your own child will soon experience that it is a levelling down, not a levelling up. [Cheers.] To take a practical example, vital to ourselves of the result of the Free Trade measure of 1846, to which the Manchester School, through inflaming the minds of the people of England, drove Sir Robert Peel—[Hear, hear.] Take the Niagara River, which is the boundary line between the United States and Canada. The lot of 200 acres at the end of the Suspension Bridge on the American side had the advantages of both the American and British Markets, while the lot of 200 acres on the north side in Canada had only the British Markets; the American farmer, in a word, got a shilling per bushel (from the American's having an immense home demand from their manufacturing popu-