

"A PLAIN STATEMENT OF FACTS.

"The JOURNEYMEN PRINTERS of the City of Toronto, in consequence of recent proceedings in a certain quarter seriously affecting their interests, feel it their duty thus publicly to state the following facts and circumstances, in order to refute several misstatements, industriously circulated, calculated greatly to injure them. And while they disclaim all intention of assuming a position dictatorial to any Employer, they are resolved, firmly but respectfully, to maintain, by all legitimate means in their power, their just rights and privileges, as one of the most important and useful, though perhaps inadequately rewarded, class in the industrious community.

"For a number of years a certain "*Scale of Prices*" had prevailed in this City, which was considered perfectly fair and reasonable by all the employers—as evidenced in the fact that not the slightest objection to it was ever offered by any of them—and which continued in operation, *without exception*, until about two years ago, when a person from the neighbouring Republic commenced business here, who has ever since been unremitting in his "*liberal*" endeavours to *reduce as low as possible* the hitherto considered fair and equitable rate of remuneration due to the humble operative.

"The first effort of this "*patriotic*" individual, shortly after his arrival, in furtherance of his object, was to call together, by circular, the Master Printers of Toronto, for the professed purpose of *regulating* the wages of the Journeymen, when very few, or none, attended, and no steps were taken by them either to regulate or *reduce* the fair and long-established rate of wages. On the part of the Journeymen, it was thought prudent by them to re-organize their Society, the objects of which should be—

"To promote, by every lawful means, the interests of the Employers and the Employed—to uphold the respectability of the Members of the Printing Profession in the City of Toronto—to preserve from encroachment the present established *Rate of Prices*—and to afford pecuniary assistance to those of the Profession who might require it." With these objects, together with the '*Scale of Prices*' subjoined, as set forth in their printed Constitution, the Journeymen are not aware that any objection was expressed by the Master Printers—on the contrary, by most they were cordially approved of.

"This individual, though foiled in his first attempt, did not relinquish his design, but has continually endeavoured, by various