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**The Morning Star.**  
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**"Privilege."**

What in the name of common sense does this privilege mean? The word itself is rather an equivocal term. Does it imply the right to talk nonsense, without the privilege of anyone daring to gainsay it? In no legislative body in the world of which we have any knowledge, has this question of privilege been more frequently appealed to than in New Brunswick.

Small minds arrive betimes at a position in the body politic through some unaccountable means, for which they were not destined, either by nature or acquired qualifications. They are always fidgety and nervous, and foolishly imagine that every little badinage is a personal insult. We once heard of an old lady who thought that everything the minister said in church was intended for her. She died, sad to say, in our Insane Asylum, a few years ago.

The members of our Assembly are, if we understand it right, simply the servants of the people,—they are delegated to represent their wants and their wishes. The people have therefore a right to know what they say and what they do. Whatever a member expects, be it wise or unwise, becomes public property and consequently promulgated for the public good.

If those Hon. gentlemen are gods living on ambrosia and not on our hard earnings, if their persons and sayings are sacred, and not subject to human inspection and criticism, we better know it. A cat can, it is said, look at a king, but no one can, it appears, look at one of those august personages and live. All their speeches are, it must be, copyrighted and intended for future publication, as an addition to the literature of New Brunswick. The liberty of the press is the palladium of the peoples' rights. To gag the press has ever been the resource of tyrants and fools. Had the press been free in the days of the first Charles, there would be no necessity for a Star chamber, and had there been no Star chamber there would have been no rebellion, and consequently the blood of a king would not have deluged the throne. We had better go back to the days of Nero. He had a snuff box of which he invited all to partake. For those who partook of it, it was certain death, being composed of the most deadly poison. Those who did not appreciate snuff (and especially his) were his enemies, and must necessarily die.

Some of the legislative savans remind us much of a certain profession of which, it is said, that the members thereof will abuse each other through all the moods and tenses, fight and quarrel to their hearts content; as soon, however, as any one outside their charmed circle, interlopers, appear, they all pounce upon him like so many hyenas, and devour him holus bolus.

Patience gentlemen, patience. You told the people, not a thousand years ago, that the only wish of your heart was to die for them and your country. A little probing of the spleen will do you good and prepare you for the great sacrifice. Let us hear no more question of privilege. It is the refuge of a fool and a hypocrite. The man of mind and grandeur of soul, who feels and knows his own magnitude and weight, will never descend to so mean a subterfuge to protect him from himself—the most dangerous of all enemies.

**A New Theory.**

In the midst of one of Mr. Blair's most stern and savage denunciations he will of a sudden fling out a line or two of polished rhetoric. On Tuesday he was trying to make the House believe that it was the duty of the legislature on hearing Government break faith. The rumors affecting the country to put

itself in motion on the track of fact. In enunciating this very doubtful theory he pleases the ear better than the judgment:  
 When rumors are afloat, and in every ones mouth, touching a public matter, then the time is, when the machinery of the legislature should be put in motion, and move beyond the realm of fancy to the realm of fact.

Supposing some knave were to get hold of Mr. Blair's me day and say: "Look you here, the Government are in league with the tribes of the Sahara to flood our country with camels;" of course it would be Mr. Blair's duty, as an honest politician, to get the wheels in motion and move at once from the realm of fancy to the region of fact. And if another, knowing Mr. Blair's weakness for moving from one region to the other, were to say: Mr. Blair, do you know what Mr. Adams is going to do with the Crown Lands Grant next year? He is going to import a thousand tons of Dead Sea fruit and an army of negroes to plant them all over our Crown Lands;" it would be of course Mr. Blair's duty to move swiftly from the realm of fancy to the region of fact. It is the duty of every intelligent politician to enquire of every Tom, Dick and Harry he meets on the street, What news? and no matter how unreasonable it might be,—even though said street arab told him that with the \$450 granted to repair Macknaquack Bridge, said Macknaquacks had jointly and severally conspired, contrary to Gods will and the wish of their neighbours to build a tower which might reach heaven or upon which they might climb in time of freshet—we say it would be the duty of such politician to get the legislative wheels in motion and move promptly from the realms of fancy to the region of fact. And then according to the wisdom of Mr. Blair, it would be the Government's duty to subpoena every cow boy and milk maid the country round to know if deacon Gudspeed had told Isayre Crimms that those ere Dead Sea fruit were to be planted, or that the second edition of Babel's tower was to be reared. No less than a week should be spent *en transi* from the realm of fancy to the region of fact.

There is a certain old lady in town, well known in all the law offices, who is ever asking about a "claim" against the Government. This claim is, of course, chimerical. She has of late been down about parliament buildings, and the loafers say she is going to get her claim from the Government. Mr. Blair should not lose a moment in drawing up a resolution of enquiry to know if this be true: he should get the legislation wheels in motion and move quickly from the realm of fancy to the region of fact.

It will take the country some time to find out the merit of Mr. Blair's theory.

**Misreported.**

It is hardly fair for a newspaper to take advantage of a misreported speech of an Hon. gentleman, especially if said gentleman be the leader of a party. The *Globe*, a newspaper which if it has revolutionary tendencies is at any rate caudal and outspoken while giving an independent support to the Local Government quotes a portion of a speech said to have been delivered by Mr. Fraser in reply to Mr. Blair.

"Mr. Blair had said that the Government should inquire into the company's ability to complete the contract. It was not the Government's business to be prying into the company's affairs all the time."

This fragmentary utterance, the *Globe* takes to be the attorney general's justification for granting the subsidy to the company. But it was in answer to a number of frivolous accusations by Mr. Blair against the Government the answer was given: that it was not while the company was performing its contract, the Government's business to pry into the company's affairs. But before the subsidy was granted, the Government did make searching enquiry, and such information was laid before the house, and considered satisfactory by those who are now the most blatant oppositonsists.

And Mr. Fraser replying, held that every company finds difficulty in fulfilling its contracts, but he asks, because of this, should the duty of the legislature on hearing Government break faith. The rumors affecting the country to put

correct report of his speech, as

found in the *Star*, on this matter is as follows:—

Would it be a fair position of this legislature before the country for the Government to break faith with the company? It was the common fate of railroad enterprises to have to meet hardships and involve large expenses; but were these reasons why the Province should break faith with these companies? This was not how national progress was ever attained.

This ground is broad and strong rather than "weak," as the *Globe* puts it. But the *Globe* is not to be blamed: It gets its information from the wishy-washy reports published in the St. John papers; but it should be cautious in laying before its "forty thousand readers" statements that are not wilfully but stupidly untrue.

**Hurrah for Blair!**

Mr. Blair, yesterday, got the fag-end of his Grand Southern resolution through the House. It passed without a nay. It is to be hoped this will prove a sugar treat for Mr. Blair and keep him from whining and fretting for a while.

We do much think the action of the Speaker and the Government was misunderstood on the matter. The Government had nothing to fear from the investigation, and is only reasonable to infer that the objection was purely on a point of order. Notwithstanding the very excellent review of the question by Mr. Elder it is our belief that the motion was very justly challenged before passage. To allow such a motion to slide through is to open a road by which the business of private concerns may be invaded. The discussion was, therefore, in order, and good must have come from it. It was not, however, fair to compare the Grand Southern with the Chatham Branch question. In the latter case some of the company had been openly charged with corruption, and the Government itself had stock invested. In the case before the House Tuesday Mr. Blair denied having so much as by innuendo charged the company with wrong doing, and the Government had no stock invested. We were pleased to see the promptitude with which Mr. Secretary brought down the papers on the matter; we were amused to see the *sang froid* with which he did it. The Government have reason to be thankful that the papers are brought down. Ere long Mr. Blair will have the pleasure of discovering a whopping mare's nest.

How dare Mr. Willis call any respectable paper a "hack"? Thus he designates the Local Government organs, which by the way include every respectable paper in the Province. Hack ay! the unprincipled *News* that blackguarded Sir John when McKenzie was in power, that now steps in and tells the people that the tariff is an excellent one. That after being, so to speak, kicked out of the Government porch with its tail under its legs wormed in, in spite of blows and taunts. It is bad enough to desert one's colors when the party to whom you go invite you; but to go over to a party that does not want you, that despises you, and tells you so, is something incredible but that the jumping-jack of the *News* has done it openly.

It seems to be more difficult to legislate for the city and county of St. John than for all the rest of the province. It is a pity they have not a house of representatives of their own.

Bunting flew from the public buildings, stores, &c., in Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec, to celebrate the birth day of Princess Alice.

There was as usual some rioting and bloodshed in Belfast, the 17th, growing out of a procession by the Nationalists.

Our Fredericton people have received the National Policy with much grace.

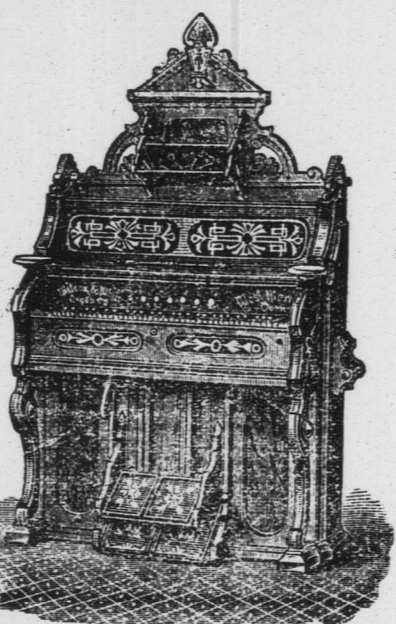
If Mr. Nannary could bring a part of his company here next week he would likely do pretty well.

Several members are beginning to take interest in the erection of parliament buildings.

We are pleased to learn that Mrs. Chandler's health is improving.

Business is beginning to revive; and prices, as a rule, are unchanged.

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