

On Monday last a poor half-witted creature in the House of Assembly stood up in his place in the House and said unblushingly that the STAR had stated he, this half-witted member, offered the editor a private apology. If this poor simpleton knew how to read English, and then had a little sense he would have seen that the STAR made no such statement. What the STAR did say was:

UPLINE JOHNSON.—We can't accept your private apology for that trade, having learnt that he intended making such apology. It is not our intention here to say that we do not blame this poor creature Johnson for what he is reported as having said in the Sun, for the public must know that one might as well expect to hear a gobbler get up on a fence and orate in Greek as for a poor half-wit, who can't say three words in his own language correctly, to "get off" that trade.

But it is with those who gave prominence to a silly affair; one not worth mentioning on a street corner, by bringing it up in the House, we have to deal. The first who played his part in this role was Mr. Ritchie, editor and Fredericton correspondent of a St. John eight-by-ten weekly newspaper—one whose scent and eye are so keen for newspaper "amenities and properties" as when writing his weekly Fredericton letter to put Mr. R. J. Ritchie foremost as a speaker, as a lawyer, &c., and as to comment on the attention paid the honorable gentlemen at whose head he stands in the house. He asked that Johnson be protected, and made a pitiable appeal to the house.

Mr. Elder next stood up, showing himself to have just as much—and no more—sense than Ritchie, and with a long mouth protested against the treatment Mr. Johnson had received. This was the most unkindest out of all, for the rebuked sounded to us as if it were coming from the pulpit. But Mr. Elder should have told why he stood up; he should have said that it was not for this insignificant little paragraph that only an uneducated to some thing just then he would censure the STAR, but for many things which that paper perhaps, a little harshly, said to himself in days gone by. He remembered that the STAR had called him a "faithless apostle," a very harsh but a very true epithet, that it had shown up the inglorious part Mr. Elder played in politics as in other callings. But Mr. Elders insinuations in implication were malicious. The paragraph read or twisted or distorted as it might be by minister or sinner could not be taken as a slur on the French people. This is the meaning Mr. Elder attached to it.

Mr. Hanington followed Mr. Elder and interpreted this insignificant little joke in its true sense. He took the view of it that any man of brains, whose mind is not warped by prejudice, or imbittered with malice would. He said it was written as a joke perhaps heedlessly, and there the Hon. gentleman hit the nail on the head.

Mr. Willis, with whom we cannot see eye to eye politically, stood up next in order, and spoke manly and intelligently on the matter. He said it was the common fate of politicians to occasionally meet with these grievances, and thought they should not be skin skinned. If Mr. Willis had not remembered that a few months ago, he published a lengthy skit on this same half-wit about a railway ticket, he would have had manliness enough in him to take the course he did.

But what if the matter had been black as Mr. Elder painted it? Was it not our own paper, and have we not the right to publish what we please? Think of the Speaker suggesting to the poor simpleton Johnson, after first insulting him as to his "clearness," to refer the matter to a privilege

committee. Upon honor, one would think every Hon. member joining with poor Johnson, speaker and all had come fresh from the bush. What impudence!

LIENS.

For a fair day's work a fair day's pay, is an old adage, yet none the less true. There is no class that now requires to be protected against those sharks and swindlers that infest every country than the laboring. We find every day railroad contractors, building contractors, &c., &c., running away with the wages of poor laborers whom they employed and who, in the simplicity of their heart, trusted in their integrity and honesty.

The whole thing is, to our mind, very simple; all the special pleading of lawyers to the contrary notwithstanding. In fact the whole thing has been practically illustrated on some of our railroads during the past few years. Contractors never paid sub-contractors for the amount of work done until all the bills which they had contracted for the term had been presented, and especially the boarding house bill, all of which they deducted from the gross amount and gave the sub-contractors the balance.

We cannot understand how a simple lien law can lead to litigation. Lawyers hedge betimes laws with so many conditions and quibbles that they make confusion more confounded. O'Connell once said he could drive a coach and four through any law. Why so? because those who live by law leave so many gaps—they want a hole through which to wriggle out when they are nonplussed.

There is no honest man in the House, be he lay or professional, who will, we presume, gainsay the fact that the laborers ought to be paid. What more simple mode of protecting him than by giving him a lien on the labor and structure which he helped to raise and on which he exhausted his strength and sweat?

The more simple the law, the better; so that he who runs may read. It may become obsolete through want of practice. It will however, be a protection to the poor laborer against rogues and swaves, and can do the honest man no harm. It will do more—it will make the dishonest man honest, as far as it is morally and legally possible to do so.

It is the duty of legislators, as we conceive, to enact such laws as will maintain the honesty, honor and integrity of our province, leaving swindlers to protect themselves which they can well do. Did a lien law exist, all would know where they were and govern themselves accordingly.

As things are now, there is no protection for honest labor. A contractor takes a job at an under rate, with the intention of making a grab and running away before half the work is finished. The result is, no man is trusted, confidence is gone, and we gain the unenviable character of being either knaves or fools by those abroad. Let us have a lien law. It is an emanation of eternal justice.

What Next?  
The Fredericton Reporter an authority on no subject but "spiritualism" referring in a windy article to cutting down expenses in the Local Parliament says:—"It seems to be such a delicate subject, that Hon. members dare hardly venture on it. Will not Mr. McManus or some other Hon. member have the courage to bring in a bill to reduce the indemnity to \$4,000 a day, and thus save some \$7000 or \$8000 a year? This will be a good way to commence the reduction of the expenses."

ought to be ashamed of himself to have lived so long and to know so little.

An Object of Pity.

The unfortunate defaulter of the Advance has been writing to the Globe to explain away his knavery. Should the Government institute proceedings against the unfortunate man, we fear such explanation would avail him but little; and if he be brought up before the bar of justice, we shall not be surprised to hear of the unprincipled, poor wretch being sent two or three years to gaol. This unfortunate man should be a warning to all. With an opportunity to make a respectable living for himself, trusted by the Government for the performance of contracts of much magnitude, he basely grasped at the pittance and threw his obligations to the wind. And yet, with a prison looming in the distance before him, with the finger of contempt and scorn pointed at him from all sides, he is the most impotent of sinners. Those whose word could do much to smooth the punishment in store for him, he abuses without measure. In this latter respect he is like the goat that plumed himself on the track, and met fall but the mile-a-minute train: his pluck is superior to his judgment.

Mr. Blair vs Mr. Wedderburn.

We do not think very many admired the insulting language of Opposition leader to Mr. Wedderburn in his frantic speech on that exploded resolution. Anybody who knows Mr. Wedderburn or have ever heard him in debate is aware that on the most trying occasions, when subject to taunts and annoyances, his language is always dignified and gentlemanly. He never descends to such boisterous abuse as he was greeted with from Mr. Blair, and we now state further that a personal acquaintance with the secretary reveals all those finer qualities which men of more brass try to exhibit on the streets and all occasions.

And it ill became Mr. Blair who protested against personalities to ding out his coarse rebuffs in the very next breath. If we are not much mistaken, Mr. Wedderburn can and will, without departing from that dignity which is essential in parliamentary debate, pay back with usury Mr. Blair's short-necked and not gentlemanly assertions.

Destruction by Flood.

We read in late despatches of the city of Szeged in Hungary being inundated and the inhabitants fleeing in every direction from the rushing waters. Towers, Churches, and it is said whole towns were destroyed by the advancing front of waters and hundreds were carried away before it to death. The town is protected by dams, one of which broke in before the rushing torrent of water. Szeged is built on the right bank of the river Theiss, and opposite the Mar's mouth: a bridge of boats crosses the river before the town. It contains 70,500 inhabitants, has six Catholic Churches and one Greek. The town is antique in build and is much devoted to manufactures.

A miracle is performed for the dumb has spoken:— Judging from the division, last evening, Her Majesty's Opposition in the New Brunswick Legislature consists of five officers and four men; a leader, two lieutenants, two whips and four rank and file.—Telegraph.

It exactly. But there is a cold and cruel irony running through this paragraph, which "Her Majesty's Opposition," did not count on. But it were absurd for the Opposition to think Mr. Elder's paper would oppose the Local Government with a following of 30 members! Levity aside: we do think Mr. Elder has made amends for his course the past three months by standing up Wednesday, for that party to which his heart as well as his pocket leans.

NOTWITHSTANDING all the garret meeting of the greenbackers, and the Herculean exertions of the leader of said greenbacker, Mr. White, when the want of confidence vote came up the unfaithful ones fled and left the good shepherd White, alone on the cause of truth. This crest-fallen leader has therefore announced that his party is disbanded, that they may go to the

dogs if they like, that he will in future watch and wait, and strike in with that party to which his pocket leads. We congratulate Carleton on having such a man!

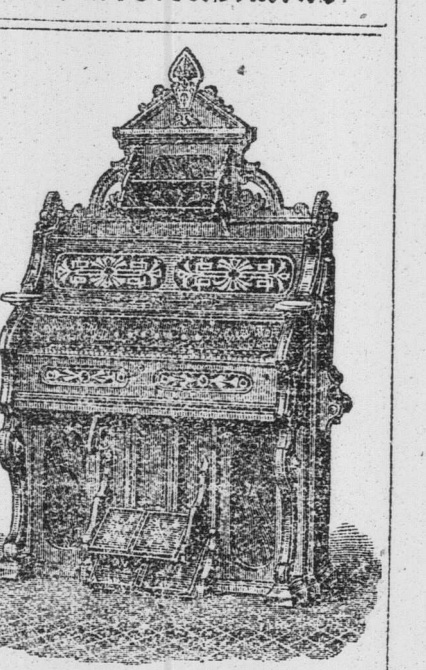
Mr. Speaker delivered the following *ex cathedra* Thursday morning. The 14 days rule on the introduction of Bills is abrogated, and a Bill may be introduced any time within the session. It is held by reliable authorities on Parliamentary etiquette that minority reports are irregular, and British practise does not recognize them.

The Sun says of Mr. Willis: "Few are deceived by him. His loud and tumultuous eloquence sounds brassy, his rapid periods are stuffed with shoddy, his arguments are perflous and nothing connected with the vaporing politician is genuine—except his deities—they are!!"  
Oh! this is too bad!!

We should just remind Dr. Rand to lock away his papers carefully this time and not leave them knocking around, a temptation to student teachers. Dr. Rand's heedlessness has already cost the Province too much.

It is not a little surprising to see the Telegraph—in a letter—denouncing that part of the Grand Southern R. R. policy for which Mr. Elder, its editor, voted. Strange isn't it!

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