

man whose measures are supported by so overwhelming a majority as may be found in both branches of the Legislature on the Telegraph question, viz.: three fourths of the Lower and two thirds of the Upper Houses, may not condescend to notice the attacks of a biased, prejudiced, weak and powerless press. I feel however that a few remarks are necessary. One of the principles recognized by the people of this Province is that the majority shall rule, which implies the acquiescence of the minority, if so, it appears to me that so large a majority of the people being in favour of the transfer of the line, ought to command the respectful submission of the minority to the wishes of the people thus expressed. Again, the people's representatives erected the line and of course had as good a right to transfer it as they had to erect it. It well became a Government to construct from the public funds an experimental line of Telegraph like that between Halifax and Amherst—but, it was not *liberal* or dignified for the met. pledged to act for the best interests of the *whole* people to refuse to erect *all* the lines the people required, or allow a company to erect them *all*. It was not just for such men to see, to hold in their own hands, for the benefit of their own favorites, the best line in the Province, and say to the people not so favorably situated, if you want lines you must make them and support them yourselves; and that too when the construction of such lines would double the receipts upon the line held by men in power, the benefits of which they too well know how to appropriate to their own interests.

But one great and true principle was involved in the question, viz.: *a continuous line of wires spreading over the whole Province should be under one management.* This is necessary to secure the punctual and certain transmission of messages over long distances, and it has been found thus far impossible to unite different lines owned by comparatively small Companies—with local interests to subserve and local prejudices to overcome—in such a manner as to secure the greatest amount of general good, or place Telegraphic communication on so broad a footing and principle as this great and su-