

mersault being performed, they have not been stated in the *Freeman's* apology, so far. The pretext that it was to punish Mr. Brown, personally, is inconsistent with the facts which have come to light. The offences of Mr. Brown were before the Editor's eyes in 1858 and 1859, as fully as in 1861, but then he contended for giving him, in the spirit of conciliation, "a fair trial." It could not be "to punish Mr. Brown," that Dr. Connor, one of the early benefactors of the paper, was malignantly attacked; it need not be to punish Mr. Brown, that the liberal and upright Adam Wilson was opposed; it need not be to punish Mr. Brown, that the "come weal, come woe," Mr. Moylan, of 1859, presented himself side by side with Mr. Allen, the Jailor, to glorify the alliance of "Orange and Green," from the balcony of the veteran head of the family compact, Chief Justice Robinson. Whatever motives have led to this perversion of the paper from the purposes to which its Prospectus, and the resolutions of September, 1859, bound it in honour to adhere, those motives, so far, are of a *private* character, and have never been, as, perhaps, they cannot afford to be, made *public*.

"The guilt of the *Freeman* then, is this: that *publicly* its conductor gave his adhesion to a line of policy, from its inception to the very eve of a general election, which line of policy he suddenly abandoned, without any sufficient *public* justification for so doing. That in order to mislead others to take the same course he returned to old outworn controversies dating so far back as 1851, controversies which had been, in our own interest, decreed to be closed forever, when the policy of conciliation was inaugurated, on the suppression of the *Catholic Citizen*. That being bound to independence as between Canadian partizans, his attacks, public and personal, were all delivered on one side of politics, and his advocacy all on the other side. That he used, in this way, the authority, and abused the confidence placed in him by many zealous friends and supporters, who, he right well knew, utterly disapproved of his making a *Mirror* or *True Witness* of himself and the paper. That, moreover, he concealed his proposed change to so far advanced an hour, that these consistent friends and supporters were unable to counteract the mischief done by his desertion of his independent post, until the contest was past, and the mischief in some instances beyond repair, for the present; in other words, the guilt of ingratitude, deception, and insincerity, are clearly fastened by his own acts upon this gentleman, whom you and I, and many others, have for the past three years exerted every effort to sustain in his position, so abused, and so dishonoured. His new friends may, perhaps, do more for him that way than his old ones, but they cannot do it more freely, or with better hearts.

"These are the facts, my dear sir, which in the interests of public justice, I feel bound to communicate to you, in the present circular. I cannot conclude without the expression of a hope that we shall