

over his former rate was deemed reasonable, and he thought that his making it would cause no employer to raise any formidable objections. He was so far right, that all the respectable proprietors of Printing offices complied with his request, and in the absence of Mr. George Brown at Quebec, his brother Gordon—who had managed the affairs of the establishment up to this time—also complied with his demand. But Mr. George Brown now made his appearance upon the troubled stage; he determined to check this new conspiracy at once—the Printers must give in. He had been curbing, frustrating and obstructing the members of the House of Assembly while conducting the business of the country for months past, and it was not to be supposed that the Printers could or would resist him. The arrangement of Mr. Gordon Brown was annulled, and the men were notified that they would not be paid more than the old rate by Mr. George Brown, notwithstanding all the employers were then paying the additional five shillings per week. Finding that the men were not more disposed in 1853 to come to his conditions than they had been to his father's in 1845, he immediately flew round to some of the employers and requested them to assist in checking this insubordination; and having secured the co-operation of a few such men as himself, he called a meeting of the Master Printers. At this meeting a committee, consisting of Alderman Thompson, Mr. Jas. Lovell, and Mr. T. H. Bentley (*foreman of the Christian Guardian*), was appointed to draw up a scale of prices to be paid by the employers. This Committee having made out their scale, a general meeting of Master Printers was called to receive their report. Most of the proprietors of Printing offices attended this meeting—the Report and Tariff were submitted and adopted—and the Masters came to the conclusion to notify the men that they would not give more than the old rate after the ensuing Saturday. When Saturday night came, Mr. Brown—having expelled the men from his office on the previous Monday—was particularly delighted at the idea of all the Printers being turned adrift;