



WHOA !!

for passage by the Local Legislature. This clause simply secures to the city the *option* of applying the principle of the single tax. It is, of course, a matter to be decided by the citizens after due discussion. The Ratepayers' Association raved and stormed to such an extent that the committee caved in and erased the clause from the bill.

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NOW, we condemn this surrender of the committee as cowardly, and because it was done as a consequence of pressure at the hands of men, not one of whom (to judge by the report of their speeches) has an intelligent conception of the single tax idea. The expressions used by the members of the deputation were such as could only be fitting in the mouths of land speculators, and yet few, if any, of them are interested in that line of "business." They are tradesmen and workers, and if they understood the question they would not object to a system which would tend to relieve producers by putting a fairer share of the taxation on those who hold valuable land out of use. We may next expect to hear of unemployed workmen holding an indignation meeting to protest against cheap bread!

It seems hardly necessary to remark that the new M.P.P. for Kingston will be a Harty supporter of the Mowat Government.

A CURIOUS OCCULT PHENOMENON.

DEAR GRIP,—I have been studying Theosophy lately, and have been much impressed with some of its teachings, particularly with the idea that all Nature is pervaded by consciousness—even those substances we call inanimate being governed by some intelligent force. There is a soul in all things. The material earth is instinct with life. Do you not think that a striking confirmation of this theory is afforded by the fact, well known to all geologists and practical miners, that no gold can be got out of a mine unless it is in the vein? I think this point is worthy the attention of the Society for Psychical Research.

NEOPHYTE.

THE DIFFERENCE IN THE MORNING.

THE day was fair and clear,
And no sign that rain was near
Of a sudden change of weather gave us warning;
But the skies began to frown,
And the rain all night came down,
And oh! what difference in the morning!

ASTRONOMICAL.

BOOZER—"Any man (*hic*) shays world doesn't revolve 's liar."

BUDGER—"Thasho! An' any feller 'at shays shun don't move 'sanother."