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SATUFDAY MORNING, JAN 5 1884. The Methodists and the University Ques-

The last number of the Acta Victoriana published at Cobourg in the interest of the friends and alumni of Victoria college, contains a letter from a correspondent who forcibly that the weak theological hall at Montreal should be closed up, and that the whole of the work of preparing students for the university should be done at Victoria college, which, in the opinion of methodist ministers of Toronto, should be removed to this city.

Very few who read Mr. Burns' arguments will fail to agree with him in his being what it ought to be, as the training school of a large and wealthy denomination. It is in its equipment behind some other theological institutions in this province, and it is not likely to become what it, tors, but he can for his own actions, and should be so long as the resources of the it was Mr. Biggar's brutal conduct in the methodist church are drawn upon for the famous breach of promise suit that brought the internal powers. We call the

We may be permitted to make an extension of Mr. Burns' argument. He contends that the efforts of the church should be concentrated on Victoria college; we believe they should be concentrated on the theological department of that college. If abandoned altogether with the greatest advantage, and all the funds now devoted to both services be devoted entirely to the work of training candidates for the ministry. The theological students could get their literary and scientific training at the provincial college at a small annual expense to them. selves and without adding a cent to the educational burdens of the church.

According to Mr. Burns, the methodis ministers of this city "carefully discussed" at their last fortnightly meeting the expediency of removing Victoria college to Toronto, and generally approved of the suggested change. Whether the secular work of the college is dropped or not this would be a good thing for the college, and we hope that the question will be promptly and vigorously grappled with. There are difficulties in the way, no doubt, but they can be overcome, we believe, much more easily than is generally supposed. The matter is worth an earnest trial.

The Humber Disaster.

The citizens' meeting yesterday came to the following conclusions:

That a joint committee of citizens and of the council receive subscriptions and ad-

That the government ought to make a searching investigation and if necessary introduce such legislation as will the better rescue life and property hereafter. That means be taken to enforce the just

claims of the bereaved families on the company.

That some action ought to be taken by the council to have the esplanade improved and all approaches to the city double

This last is, we have already pointed out, the real lesson of the disaster to the general public. There must be more double tracks in dangerous spots, and the esplanade must be rendered less dangerous to life and property than it now is.

Our Late Governor-General.

Since his return home our late governorgeneral has displayed a good deal of vigor in bringing Canada into notice. He has almost compelled the British public to take more observations of Canada than has been customary; and his recent speeches appear to have set people thinking. He has also touched the fringe of a great subject—the much talked-of federation of the empire Now, we may fairly give Lord Lorne credit for doing a great deal to give old country people better ideas of what Canada really is, and what it wants, even though we may not adopt at sight the hints he may throw out touching imperial federation, dim and shadowy as that scheme still appears to be. He would be doing good service were he merely to disabuse people at home of the many erroneous notions which they entertain about Canada; showing up the most prevailing mistakes regarding this country. At Birmingham he did this with very good effect as regards our national policy, giving real loading its stock on the New York market. sons therefor which John Bull finds it difficult to gainsay. He said in effect, without using the words, that Canada aspired to at least commercial independence, and that This is news of a month or two old put it would be useless for the mother country into such shape as it is hoped may create a

The gigantic problem of the federation or alliance of Britain and all her colonies London, but it was thought a good plan to

document the provisions of which will meet all the conditions. More likely it is that the imperial and colonial constitution of the future will grow up gradually, and by many successive steps in administrative reform, than that a paper constitution, adopted by act of parliament, will do the whole business at once Canada's assertion of her independent commercial position is one of these steps, and the preent agitation in Australia is likely to result in another. In the meantime, without holding ourselves to acceptance of all that the marquis may suggest with respect to done more of this during the last four the future of colonial relations, we may years than in the fourteen years preceding. at least give him credit for saying very effectively a good word or two for the dominion, and doing much to put the old country right on several points, regarding

which they have been very apt to go wrong. French doctors almost invariably prescribe red wine rather than white, and Liebig bears them out, as the following passage, found among his writings, proves The white wines are hurtful to the ner vous system, causing trembling, confusion

of language and convulsions. The stronger wines, such as champagne, rise quickly to the head, but their effects are only of short duration. Sherry and strong cider are more quickly intoxicating than the generality of wines, and they have a peculiar in-

deals vigorously with the question of The intoxication of beer is heavy and dull, fluence on the gastric juices of the stomach. but its use does not hinder the drinker from gaining flesh. The drinkers of whisky and brandy are going to certain death. Red wine is the least hurtful, and in some cases, really beneficial." Mr. Biggar was very severe on the an-

cestors of Earl Spencer at the dinner on Wednesday at Cootehill, county Cavan. but the ladies at the Parnell testimonial contention, unless they happen to be prejudiced by local considera- self and not on his forefathers. According Buffalo, N.Y. tions. The theological department of to the London Whitehall Review there Victoria is much better equipped than were 600 ladies in the gallery on that octhat of Montreal, but it is itself far from casion, all of whom rose when Mr. Biggar began to speak and left the gallery in a body. That being true, we think Earl Spencer has the best of it. A man can scarcely be held responsible for his ances-

The first advices regarding the riots in Newfoundland implied that the aggressors were the Roman catholics. In this case, as in every other, it appears it took two to it were removed to Toronto the work of were by no means behind in taking their share in the transaction. The feeling had been brewing for a long time and originany morning and read that a conflict ha taken place fiercer than that at Belfast in August, 1864, when popular passions were aroused over the foundation of the O'Connell monument at Dublin.

> Clergymen in Canada are by no means well paid, but they are a great deal better off than their brethren in Tennessee, whose average salary is only \$381.

There appears every probability that Mr. J. J. Hawkins has represented Bothwell in the commons, when by the vote of the people he had no right so to do. The final record before Mr. Justice Galt at Chatham on Thursday showed that Mr. Mills had 1574 votes cast for him, while Mr. Hawkins only had 1565. In other words the member declared elected was in a minority of nine. Surely an election law which makes such a thing possible re-

A New York paper is of opinion that there have been worse years than 1883. The new year has already been worse for

New York Truth very sensibly remarks: There was a time when the world had some regard for dignity and decency, but it must have gone by, if men will read Marie Colombier's book, or women go to see Sergt. Mason. Faugh! A French female mud-slinger is a literary celebrity. The would-be assassin of an assassin asks an admission fee to be looked at. Is the world mad?

It would certainly seem that an affirmaive reply was in order to the question, especially when divorced actors and acresses can obtain high salaries greatly on account of the nasty reputations they have made for themselves by infidelity or brutality, or both, and when the wives of murderers can obtain high salaries merely to show themselves.

The census returns of India show an agregate of over 3000 professional acrobats n the northwest provinces and Oudh. There are 1100 actors, 3000 ballad singers, 149 curers by incantations, 33 gamblers, snake charmers, 50 matchmakers, 4 poets, 10,000 singers and dancers, 4 story tellers, 7 thieves (not including persons returned as household servants), and some professionals whose ancestors were probably among the Cantilinarian retinues. Three classes of persons are worth a separate numerical quotation. There are over 7,500,000 cultivators of the soil. The landholders number nearly 10,000. The num-

ber of money lenders is nearly 40,000. The New York Herald has a despatch from Ottawa, saying that the finance minister is having as much difficulty in floating his four million dollar loan in Canada as the Canadian Pacific railway had in unand that American capitalists do not feel disposed to invest in Canadian enterprises. sensation to-day. The Canadian government can get all the money it wants in together is one to be solved by degrees, try to what amount people at home would and tentatively. There are no constitu- be disposed to invest at low interest. The

time did not prove propitious for the ex-periment, but there is no harm done, and before very long the whole of the loan offered here will be taken up. It ought to be good policy to educate our people up to the habit of investing in Canadian government securities, so that as much as possible of the interest shall remain in the country. The dominion has of late been paying off old debts, thanks to the N. P. and the surplus; and can at any time get millions more in London should more be wanted. As for Americans investing in private enterprises in Canada, they have

The Red Sky.

Recent Phenomenal Suns to Observed in the Antipodes.

The late peculiar appearance of the sky after sunset has attracted much attention in the antipodes. The Melbourne Argus mentions a peculiarly rich glow which has appeared in the western sky for a considerable time after sunset, and has been popularly ascribed to the aurora australis. The government astronomer, Mr. Ellery, however, attributes the phenomenon to a different cause. The spectrum, he points out, exhibits great breadth in the telluric or atmospheric lines, and especially of those shown by M. Jannsson to be due to aqueous vapors in certain conditions in the higher strata of the atmosphere. He is satisfied that the cause of the gorgeous sunsets is simply a peculiar hygrometric condition of these regions. He predicted wet and broken weather, and as a matter of fact the peculiar sunsets have been followed by copious rains all over the Australian continent. The season, in fact, in the colony has been almost as remarkable as the sunsets, nothing like it having been markets by Telegraph.

The Local Market. —The receipts of grain on the street to-day were light and prices unchanged. About 200 bushels of wheat, offered and sold at \$1.04 to 200 bushels of wheat, offered and sold at \$21.04 to 200 bushels of wheat, offered and sold at \$21.04 to 200 bushels of wheat, offered and sold at \$21.04 to 200 bushels of wheat, offered and sold at \$21.04 to 200 bushels of wheat, offered and sold at \$21.04 to 200 bushels of wheat, offered and sold at \$21.04 to 200 bushels of two leads at 65c and 45c, the latter for feed. This was all the grain received, and prices of two leads at 65c and 45c, the latter for feed. This was all the grain received, and prices of two leads at 65c and 45c, the latter for feed. This was all the grain received, and prices of two leads at 65c and 45c, the latter for feed. This was all the grain received, and prices of two leads at 65c and 45c, the latter for feed. This was all the grain received. About 200 bushels of sail the grain satisfied that the cause of the gorgeous sunsets is simply a peculiar hygrometric condition of these regions. He predicted wet and broken weather, and as a matter of fact the peculiar sunsets have been followed by copious rains all over the Australian continent. The season, in fact, in the colony has been almost as remarkable as the sunsets, nothing like it having been experienced for many years.

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Flower Legends. Who would understand now-a-days the

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> another of the country, still survive in more or less fragmentary form. -People who reside or sojourn in rereopie who reside or sojourn in re-gions of country where fever and ague and bilious remittent fever are prevalent, should be particularly careful to regulate digestion, the liver and the bowels, before the approach of the season for the periodic malady. The timely use of Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure is a valuable safeguard against the malarial scourge. It is acknowledged to be the best blood purifier in the market.

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past, associations which, in one part or

A Spoken Newspaper.

A curious and novel idea, that of a spoken newspaper, has been carried into practical effect in Paris without, however, meeting with any great encouragement from the public. Properly speaking, the newspaper in question is no newspaper at all, the fact being that a number of journall, the fact being that a number of journalists appeared before an audience at the Athenee theatre, and delivered addresses similar in form to the different articles in a daily journal. One gave an account of the previous day's sitting in the chamber of deputies, another spoke of politics, a third gave the telegraphic news, and so on. The reading of a feuilleton in imitation of the style of Emile Zola caused amusement, and some sketches by M. Le Petit, the well-known caricaturist, which were added, were well received; but the serious article or addresses fell quite flat, and the editor acknowledged that his first essay had not

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from Chicago and Milwaukee. Strong bakers', American, can be laid down per duty paid a Recent advices from England report chees

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Markets by Telegraph.

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