nent of adulteration, in which course of proceedings they, would have an over-whelming majority of drinkers and ab-tainers on their side. Lessening the number of licenses will notabase the evils of intemperance, as such a course will mable the favored few to make their es-ablishments more luxurious and attrac-ive to all comers—and nearly all men enow how fascinating a place is a well-whered hole. Fanny Fern once said, "there was nothing so good for dinner as postion of her writings, where I mentally bat her on the back, and say: "O. K., Panny you have a level head." Respectfully yours, Enows Strout. nt of a

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#### WEDNESDAY EV'G, DEC. 9, 1874.

### Ontario Legislature.

Ontario Legislature. After some routine business in the Assembly on Tuesday, the Bill to immed the Election Law was passed through Committee. A provision is made in it that the trial of the péti-tion against the defeated candidate, and that against the sitting member, can take place at the same time. The Bill for voting by ballot at mu-nicipal felections was also passed through committee, and in answer to a question, Mr. Mowat said its would be impossible to bring it into opera-tion at the next election. The Supplementary Estimates were brought down. These amount to only \$36,081 15, and are made up of unimportant items.

BRIBING THE PRESS.—More than one dirty transaction has been brought to light by the Rykert investigation. One of the latest and worst is the confession made by Mr. John Car. ling that while a Director of the Great Western Railway he had paid out \$2,000 to two editors in Toronto for their support in trying to defeat the Southern Railway Bill. Of this sum \$1,000 went to the editor of the *Tielgraph*—now dead, and as regards FOR the Southern Railway Bill. Of this sum \$1,000 went to the editor of the *Telegraph*—now dead, and as regards the other \$1,000, he refused to say to whom it was paid. In consequence of this refusal the Committee de-cided to report the facts to the House, so that it might take acton. Later in the day Mr. Charles Belford, now of the *Mail*, but formerly of the *Leader*, was examined as to this money, and he also refused to give any reply till the House had decided whether Mr. Carling would be com-pelled to answer. Mr. Jas, Beaty, of the *Leader*, has issued a card under his own signature, denying any knowledge of this nefarious trans-action, so that the blame rests with those who were writing for the *Leader* at the time. We hope both *Leader* and Belford will be com-pelled to answer the questions put to them, that the guilt may be brought home to the right parties. REGUERCENTE

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Several other members having spoken, it was agreed to hold the next meening of the club at Arkle's School House, when the subject for discussion will be the "Breeding of Agricultural Horse," and the advisibility of the Club purchas-ing a stallion.

and the advisibility of the Club purchas-ing a stallion. The meeting will be held on Saturday the 26th inst., at 6 p.m. Mr. C. J. Cockburn to lead. There were over twenty of the leading farmers present, and all seemed to take a deep interest in the success of the club. Some fifteen new members joined.

Mr. John Anderson has sent us a copy of *The Highlander*, -- a weekly paper pub-lished in Inverness. It gives a large amount of Highland and Scottish news, besides a column of Gaelie every week. Copies for sale at Anderson's.

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