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THIRD, YEER.

to-day is not so bright as could be wished it is not far to seek the cause. Capital that was urgently wanted for the develop-ment of eastern Canada has been foolishly poured into Northwest schemes, land and otherwise. From the advent of the paper towns about one year ago, and to which frauda. The World devoted considerable that was urgently wanted for the develop-ment of eastern Canada has been foolishly

into American railway securities. Canadian money is carrying the St. Paul Minne apolis and Manitoba railway : Canadians have been investing in Western Union preferred and common, in Dakota tember assizes of deserting and refusing t lands to a very large extent, support his wife and children, Mrs Bisthe Comstock lode, in Mexican silver mines, time of the conviction sentence was reserin Wyoming and Kansas cattle ranches, and | ved on the strength of an objection raised by

Eastern Canada wishes well to the great
Northwest, but if the development of the
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The larceny of a clock from the latter was not ready to go on he was remanded until the 15th. Ann
latter is to be forced, is to be shoved ahead at the expense of the former, then we are acting anyway but wisely. There must be

which rose from £17 a share to £42, is now down to £31, with the prospect of a furdown to £31, with the prospect of a further decline; and the Northwest Land company shares (duke of M.), to get stock in which Toronto people tumbled over one another, are to be had at 45s, for which 60s were paid. The town lots in Winnipeg have shrunk in value; Brandon and Portage lots will not begin to fetch prices paid for them eight mon hs ago; foreclosures are in the results of the houses of the houses of ill-repute who were remanded from last week were next arraigned. Allie Miller, with her inmates Ida Walford, Nellie Smith, Georgie Lister, Gussie Thompson and Nellie Mason were further remanded until Monday next to allow a material witness to appear, as Stock, the informer, has not yet been found. Annie Lincoln. charged with "eing a keeper of a house of ill repute on Elizabeth street was discharged. for them eight months ago : foreclosures are cases, and so on it goes to the end.

Lend me your thermometer. Skaters are jubilant, ditto owners of

Waiting for the January thaw-the street railway company.

The latest contribution received at this

A local paper recently published a list of the "biggest things on earth." The next of the series will be the "biggest thing on

The poor Canadians who were lured to Manitoba by the bright pictures which land speculators painted must be cursing their hard fac. The thermometer at Winnipeg indicated on Thursday, 67 degrees below tere.—Buffalo News.

CANADA AND ANNEXATION.

From the Bufalo Telegraph An editorial appeared in yesterday's Centier commenting on the statement of the London Economist that the success of the democratio party at the late election annexation of Canada to the United States. and endorsing the opinion that "many poured into Northwest schemes, land and otherwise. From the sdwent of the paper towns about one year \$\phi_0\$, and to which frauds. The World, devoted considerable attenties a the time, capital that we alight he canadian would join the party became in colonization companies, in farming fands and in such title. For years we in Ontarie and Quebec hise, exert person borrowing money in England and France in order to develop these casard provinces; for this money we are paying big interest; we have mortgaged our mitmorphisms and towns therefor; and yet just when we wanted it most, the Northwest where it was on more appealed to the constitution of the cighteenth century. A great quantity of this capital that was intended for eastern Canada, that had only been got into this country after much troile was suddenly deflected into the Northwest where it was of no more direct use too. Acrio and Quebec thun if it had been so as to Sheria. Had it been med in productive employment jit would soon have found its swy back to the east; but it was put into swam, lots, is bogus thown, in colonization schemes that a based on insufficient data, and in farm lands that will not be settled for many a day. Conseque ally it was locked up. That capital is dead. We in the east are paying interest on it to the Europeans who advanced it to us; and the people of the Northwest are trying vainly in many cases to pay us who were the original borrowers. The consequence is a stringency.

But not only did we in the east find the capital for the land speculations; we don't be advanced by either the Dominion government. A majority of conservative work of the shade of the syndicate and give money therefor; it sold what bonds it could be loan companies and investors, but the huyers in either consideration, but did be considered before that of the stand they cannot prevent a servicity of money.

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Mer Musband not Admissable, Joshua P Bissell was convicted at the Sepworn out mines of sell being a witness for the crown. At the in a hundred and one other directions
Canadian capital has been invested which
was badly needed at home.

And then there is the enormous home inflation. Our bank and other stocks have
been "puffed up" to an inordinate degree.

The case then became what is known
as a grown case reserved, and the objection raised by

R S Neville, prisoner's counsel, against the
revidence of his wife. Mr Neville argued
that she was not a competent witness, inasmuch as a woman could not give evidence
against her husband in a criminal case, unless he had used personal violence, towards
her. The case then became what is known
as a grown case reserved and the objection where he would come out—in St Andrew's or St George's ward In so far as St. George's in concerned it appears bench, which delivered judgment on Saturday, holding that the wife evidence was milling to allow David Walker, a conservation, and as a consequence warehouses from Halifax to Winnipeg are packed from garret to cellar with foreign goods.

These then are some of the reasons why wise men are uttering words of warning, why bank managers are cautioned to be careful and above all things not to encourage the speculating mania, whether in withwest lands or inflated stock in banks.

Tastern Canada wishes well to the store of the consequence warehouses houses, but if the store of the prolice course and the store of the prolice course of the course of the canada wishes well to the same of the canada wishes what is known or St. And the word and as reformers have a majority in this ward the present ward as reformers have a majority in this ward the prisoner of the the wisher leaders as the theory of the same of the present of the present of the same of the same of the same of the present of

acting anyway but wisely. There must be moderation in all things, and we who wish the Northwest well can best advance the same by guarding our own interests first.

TUMBLING STOCKS.

The stock of the Hudson Pay company, which rose from £17 a share to £42, is now a company with the charge of stealing a pair of gloves from James Hamilton and was remanded until and the charge of stealing a pair of gloves from James Hamilton and was remanded until and the charge of stealing a pair of gloves from James Hamilton and was remanded until and the charge of stealing a pair of gloves from James Hamilton and was remanded until and the charge of stealing a pair of gloves from James Hamilton and was remanded until and the charge of stealing a pair of gloves from James Hamilton and was remanded until and the charge of stealing a pair of gloves from James Hamilton and was remanded until and the charge of stealing a pair of gloves from James Hamilton and was remanded until and the charge of stealing a pair of gloves from James Hamilton and was remanded until and the charge of stealing a pair of gloves from James Hamilton and was remanded until and the charge of stealing a pair of gloves from James Hamilton and was remanded until and the charge of stealing a pair of gloves from James Hamilton and was remanded until and the charge of stealing a pair of gloves from James Hamilton and was remanded until and the charge of stealing and the charge of st

the 13th for sertence.

The keepers and inmates of the houses of

Cable via Hudson's Bay.

Application is to be made, at the next seesion of the Parliament of Canada, for an act to incorporate a company for the purpose of laying a cable and building a telegraph line from some point on the west coast of Ireland or Scotland, by way of Greenland, Hudson's Straits, Hudson's Bay, Fort Churchill, Abbasea Lake and the Peace River, to some point on the exast of the Pacific Ocean, in the Value of Paci

Winnipeg Excited-One Real Estate Dec The World annuunced yesterday that it was reported in bank circles on Saturday paper of a large, if not the largest, speculator in Winnipeg in real estate had gone to protest. That announcement was partially onfirmed vesterday in circles that were

WHO WAS PROTESTED

adependent of the statement in The World. But the name of the operator could not be earned. It appears that the item in The reated no little commotion there yesterday afternoon. Last night a personal message was received by the editor of this paper the effect that he was the party evidently meant, and that there was no truth in the statement. Other despatches from Winnipeg received in the city said it was

ing that he is the biggest operator in Winnipeg. There are others who on their own count are carrying more Northwest property than he. From diligent enquiry in several quarters yesterday it was learned that certain big real estate men were "in trouble"; that their paper was coming due and had come due ; that the banks did not | vent the Great Western railway company wish to renew it; and that the operators in from blocking the entrance to those lots. question were moving heaven and earth to pull through. In some cases the banks others for relief from their present dis granted a short renewal. It is also a fact abilities, caused by the Grand Trunk's new granted a short renewal. It is also a fact that the banks are in the greatest trepidahough The World neither expressly nor by implication referred to him as the dealer i

A \$10,000 LIBEL ACTION. the Confederation Life sucing the Officials

served on Wm. Metcalf, managing director of the North American Mutual life insursame company, and on George C. McLaugh lin an agent of the Etna life of Hartford,

lin an agent of the Etna life of Hartford, and all three of Toronto, claiming \$10,000 damages for libel on the Confederation life association of this city.

It is understood that the alleged libel is connected with an article attacking the Confederation which appeared in the Insurance Times of New York, and portions of which were published in the Toronto World, as well as a reference thereto from the Shareholder of Montreal. Somebody has been actively engaged in circulating the article in question through the post among the patrons of the Confederation. The charges in the article in the Insurance Times were that the Confederation was attempting to avoid payment of a policy on the death of the insured. As the whole controversy will be ventilated in the courts we forbear further comment for the

MUNICIPAL ELECTION GOSSIP.

the Mayeralty-Where Will John Mr Withrow for mayor last night; for some reasen or other a perceptible Withron boom has set in. The canvass of both can didates is being pushed with vigor. LOOKING FOR A SEAT.

January. If it is finished then and nothing unlooked for happens, 'the elections will mest likely be held in March, The convention will meet in

A dinner will be given Mr. Mowat before the session is over, not during the convenvery little can be learned of the policy

of the opposition.

A dozen rumors are on the street in regard to the changes in the cabinet on Mr. Wood's retirement There is also all sorts of stories going about the sheriffs to be retired but they can not be traced to any reliable

"Age and Want. Oh. Ill-Matched Pair On Friday last a friendless old woman named Alice Cody, deaf and dumb, was sent charged with "eing a keeper of a house of ill repute on Elizabeth street was discharged.

Mary Ann Trebilcock, charged with being a keeper on Albert street was slso discharged as there was not sufficient evidence to secure a conviction. So also was Fanny Dunn, charged with being a keeper of a disreputable house at 23 Centre street.

Mary Callighan was charged with being of un sound mind and was remanded until the 18th to allow the holding of a medical examination.

Cable via Hudsen's Bay.

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BUDGET OF BUSINESS REFORM

The city council met last night, the mayo

in the chair. Present; Ald. Taylor, Blevins Adamson, Hallam, Clark, Love, Booth Davies, Sheppard, Irwin, Defoe, Carlyle, World was telegraphed to Winnipeg and Maughan, Geo Evans, Love, Scarth, Kent, Downey and Geo MoEvans. Communications were read from S. Cowan, of Harriston, respecting the application of the Torom M A W Ross, a well-known operator, ronto, Grey & Bruce railway company for certain amendments to their charter ; from the bursar of University college regarding the repairing of the fences on Yonge and Queen street avenues; from the treasurer of the newsboy lodging, returning thanks for the city donations to that institution from Walter Gillespie, manager of the Building and Loan association, asking payment of a portion of the sidewalk opposit Fuller & Nesbit, solicitors on behalf of the

> station, asking the city to take steps to pre-Petitions were read from A & S Nairn and railway track; from George R Cockburn and others, on behalf of an extension of the present fire limits on Queen street; from George Cole, against the construction of a

present fire limits on Queen street; from George Cole, against the construction of a block pavement and sidewalk on Queen street, between Parliament street and the Don; from Lieut-Cols Denison, Otter, Grasett and other officers of the volunteer force, saking permission to extend the drill-shed eighteen feet north on city property, and for the use of the yard in rear of the city hall for drilling purposes.

Mr Biggar was heard on behalf of the lessees on the south side of the Esplanade. He said that the object for which the Esplanade was originally made was to form a public walk all along the front of the city After a short time it was found that the lessees could not fix the Esplanade properly and the city took the matter in hand and fitted it up at a cost of \$259,000. After the Esplanais was constructed it was given over to the Grand Trunk railway company. He did not say that this was not prudent, since railways have done so much for increasing the city. But the result of having two or three tracks running in front of the doors of the residents on the south side of that street has rendered property on that side of it unterly valueless. As owners of that property, or rather as trustees of the owners, it devolved upon the council to make it valuable before re-legaing it.

Ald Boswell moved in reference to the matter that a special committee be appointed to consider the condition of property holders on the south side of that street and to decide whether it would be well to make a new street. He said the Grand Frunk railway company intend extending their platform to York street, which would prove a great advantage to the travelling public, and he moved that

courts we forbear further comment for the courts we forbear further comment for the present. A card from the Confederation in regard to the matter is published in our advertising columns.

the travelling public, and ne moved that they be granted according to their request, privilege to erect a temporary baggage and express room along the line of this platform, these rooms to be subject to removal

on three months' notice.

Ald. Kent said it was not right to mak Ald. Kent said it was not right to make such a motion before the council. The Grand Trunk company was wealthy corporation and quite able to erect a temporary brick building. If a poor man desired to increase the dimensions of his dwelling by even a ten foot aquare addition he must build it with brick.

The mayor declared Ald. Boswell's motion to be out of order.

The council went into committee of the whole, Ald Love in the chair, to consider the reports of the several committees.

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Ald. Kent, in regard to the clause of the executive committee which recommended the council to accept the offer of Messrs. Tinning Bros. to pay \$2000 eash for \$2900 arrears of payment for E-planade improvements, asked for more information on the

Ald. Boswell said that Messrs. Tinning had paid 16 per cent compound interest on the arrears, and therefore the committee recommended that the council accept their offer to pay \$2000 for a remittance of the Ald. Ryan asked what the amount of the

original claim was, and how long Messrs Tinning Bros. had owed the amount. Ald Boswell answered that the original amount which Messrs. Tinning Bros. owed was \$2,342, and that they had paid a more than the original amount.

Ald. Ryan said he heard that Messrs.

Tinning Bros. had sold the same property at a good profit, and that in order to give the matter a thorough sifting it ought to be referred back to the committee on

property.

The matter was referred back.

Ald. Clarke, in speaking on the stand taken by the university in relation to the construction of a track on Yonge and Queen

construction of a track on Yonge and Queen street avenues and the necessary changes on those avenues, said that the university might hold this property untaxable.

Ald Turner said that while it was desirable that the city should have the whole right to use the Yonge street avenue, the board of works wanted to do what was fair between the rights of the university on one side, and the comforts of the city on the other.

Among the accounts which were recom-

Among the accounts which were recommended for payment by the committee on fire and gas was that of Mr. T McIlroy's, ir. of \$392 for hose.

Ald Maughan moved in reference to this that it be held over unt. I a letter should be received from the chief of the fire brigade explaining the whole matter, and at the same time asked the chairman of the fire and gas committee if there was any mention made in the chief's report as to the hose which Mr McIlroy furnished being inferior to his sample.

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Mr. Mollroy's account until the committee again considered it.

When the bill to provide for afternoon sessions of the council was brought up for a third reading. Ald Kent moved that the bill be read a third time six months hence. This was lost and the bill carried.

Ald Scarth moved that when the city offices close on the Friday evening previous to Christmas and New Year's days, they remain closed until the Tuesday following seach holiday. Carried.

ach holiday. Carried.

Ald Kent moved that the board of work be instructed to report to the council as to whether the principle of flank exempture can be applied in connection with ceda block or other road constructions under the

local improvement act. Carried.

Ald Geo Evans introduced a bill to the effect that the proprietors of billiard tables should be charged \$10 license for each table.

At an auction sale in Winnipeg on the 5th inst. Regina lots sold at from \$275 to The rapidly growing methodism of Winnipeg demands the building of two new

The Evening Sun made its appearance Brandon last week, and the Daily Mail expected to follow soon. At Brandon wood has taken a fall to \$6 per cord, on account of the market being over-crowded. Wheat has improved somewhat in price and now brings 630.; oats 500. retail; coal, \$19: potatoes, \$1.25.

Business good.

Winnipeg Times: One of the biggest transactions, as far as prices go, that has been made in real estate for some time past, was effected vesterday by Messrs. Rutherford & Co. They sold the lot, No. 5, on the corner of Main and Logan streets, for the sum of \$65,000 to Mr. A. McArthur, of the Manitoba Loan and Investment company. The lot, which is about 66x132 feet has several wooden buildings on it, erected by Mr. A. McDonald, who bought the lot about three months ago, and has now sold it at a large advance on the original purchase price. Business good.

Mr. E. J. Parke has been appointed police magistrate of London.

A Base-burner stove exploded last week

The Canada West Land Agency company has settled eleven farm pupils around Meaford. It is expected that the Toronto Paper company's mill in Cornwall will be in operation about February 1. A son of Michael Loport, of Garrick, was

struck by the limb of a tree yesterday and killed. He was twenty years of age. E. Jones Park, the oldest lawyer of London, was appointed police magistrate of London on Saturday by the Outario gov

One hundred dollars per acre was par the other day for the farm of Mr. Josep Doyle, consisting of 100 acres, one mi The question of constructing a loop line from Kingston to Gananoque along the shore of the St. Lawrence is being discussed at these places.

Hon. David Laird, ex-governor of the Northwest territories, has resumed editor-ship and proprietorship of the Charlotte-town (P E I) Patriot.

Fuller, of Kincardine, was entered by burge lars on Sunday night, and \$50 and a quan-At the instance of the Waterous company Brantford, an order has been granted for the winding up of the St Martin's, N B, bobbin and spool manufacturing company.

Lister, who is confined in the Wellan jail, attempted to commit suicide on Friday by cutting his throat with a portion of a bottle, which he broke The superintendent of the Dominion sal

vage and wrecking company says he knows of lifty accidents which have occurred on the Prince Edward county shore during the The American Angler, of New York,

speaks of Muskoka as an especially fine place for fishing, and advises those who are

A resident of Maitland street, London, named Marshall, turned a young woman in his employ out of his home on Friday night because she had joined the salvation army. The police took charge of her. Elizabeth Warren, the American girl who robbed her master of \$3,000 in Montreal re-

Plante) to five years in the same prison. (Plante) to hive years in the same prison.

The death of Sir Hugh Allan causes much comment in Montreal, and is regarded as a calamity to the city. Flags fly at half mast everywhere, and the tributes of respect to his memory are general and widespread.

A gang of burglars are operating in the vestern part of the penissua with a fair

from the Grand Trunk railway workshops in London on Saturday. They will go to Brantford, Hamilton and Windsor where they will be re-employed in the shops these places.

Nearly all the servant girls conne with the salvation army in London have lost their situations through late hours. One girl made several attempts to commit suicide because the captain told her that she was on the high road to hell. At a party held at the house of a colored man named Robertson at Halifax on Frida night a drunken row took place, in which Le-lie Jordan fired two shots from a re

driving a hay presser exploded on the farm killing a man named Morton and injuring
Joseph Keene, so that he died in a few
hours. A. McMullen and John Gown
were also severely injured. The cause of
the explosion was low water in the boiler.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Hong Ah Duck, Chinaman, executed at San Francisco for murder last Friday, was given an imposing burial on Sunday by the Chinese society. Chinese society.

Although the raids on Chicago gamblin houses of the better class continue, there is no cessation of the vice and new dens are replacing those closed.

Lord Houghton has had two strokes paralysis during the past few days.

Mr. Gladstone had an audience with

DUBLIN, Dec 11-It is understood that the uror who refused to concur in the returning of a verdict of guilty in the case of Higgins is the man who disagreed with the Higgins is the man who disagreed with the other jurors in the arson case on Thursday, in which the prisoner was clearly guilty. The counsel for Higgins elicited on the trial the fact that the ladies' land league supplied money weekly to the informer Kerrigan, whom the counsel claimed was the real murderer. The second trial of Higgins began to-day.

The Lacrosse Competition MONTREAL, Dec. 11-The dismond ring at the Temple of Emmanuel fair on Satur-

French Attack on Bugland's Egyptian Paris. Dec. 11.—The Republique Franaise again violently attacks the policy of the British government in Egypt. Its ardicle concludes: "Egypt is too big a morsel to be swallowed even by England, and this she will find out."

Sale of Parnell's Property DUBLIN, Dec 11-Parnell has lodged a petition in the Land Court for the sale of his property in the county of Wicklow. A conditional order for the sale was entered November 29th. The extent of the property is 5,000 acres, and the total encumbrances £13,000.

RHYMES OF THE DAY.

By our own Corps de Ballad. AT THE PLAY.

She always takes a good front seat, At concert and theayter; At every high-tened show you meet From one side to the other; To lover or to brother. Chatter, chatter, "Is that so? Good gracious! well I nevah!" The scenes may come And scenes may go, But she talks on for ev-ah, She goes on for ever!

Whichwill.

good one-Peter and John.

I hope my new court dress with its feathers and frilled macearoni will be out in time for to-night's split the balance. Ergo I ought to get in—John E.

RPIGRAM ON LE GRAND SHERIPP. Sheriff Merrick, He'd wanta derrick To raise him higher than he stands Of the population

Who inhabit Elky L'Original. -What I said when I saw Jerry - Nick Murphy THE NEWMARK TS.

In the coat editor's letters of yesterday was one Graham & Co's window, where the great senator's picture stood, in order that the ladies might see what a Newmarket really was, and especially one

noon arrayed in an clive green, Toronto make, and lined with satin. It is equal to the London build, and fits like a glove. He has received several invi-

ing one for himself, but says he will not finish it on decount of the notoriety the coats have obtained.

I have a nobby one—Ed. Parquhar.

D. Walker.

Why shouldn't a retired merchant wear one-Win.

Mine is real seal-brown — James Thompson, of ress - Darling Andrew.
I must get one for the baby -T. McIlhose, jr.

THE PAPER FOR THE FARMER. Find enclosed \$1 for four months of The Daily

days. I should have sent or renewed before now. a grand little paper for the farmer. I take four other papers, weeklies, but don't read much of them

Waverley, Dec. 7, 1882. NO, WE DO NOT STEAL.

From the St. Thomas Journal.

solicy as worthy of more general imitation. From the Alcinston Fair Play.

BETTING ON THE BIBLE

THE SECULAR SOCIETYS CHAL-LENGE TO DR. WILD.

BDR. WILD-Dear Sir: To-day's World reports that you gave utterance to the fol lowing in your last night's sermon : "I will give \$25 to the St. George's society if any man in Toronto will give me a fact that is

that is opposed by the bible." If the treasury of the St. George's society could be replenished by such giftsgifts given upon such conditions that the donor knows or thinks he knows he will never be called upon for the money-the society's treasury could soou be filled-in tions. No doubt you are certain you will never have to part with your money. Then why stop at \$25? Why not make it \$100 or \$1000 ? It will not cost you any more It appears to us that you unconscio harbor fears that possibly your conditi might avail you nothing.

might avail you nothing.

There is not a body of men anywhere who would like to see the charitable objects of the St. George's society substantially encouraged more than our own members. Without consulting with its (the St. George's) officers, we will presume to constitute ourselves their champions, while at the same time we are championing our own cause. We believe that we can show up not only one but many contradictions between the bible and science; and hence, doctor, we propose that you shall fight for the possession of your \$25.

Now, doctor, we give you fair warning that we shall enter into this contest with you, with all the earnestness that a sincere conviction of the possession of truth can give. We presume that yourself and ourselves have equal rights in the settlement of the terms that shall regulate the discussion. That you will not claim as a right the combined functions of defendant, sole witness, judge, jury and stakeholder.

We suggest that you deposit the money with the editor of The World, as a preliminary condition to further arrangements. We also perminate him as judge.

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The next point, doctor, is—what particular book do you refer to by the word bible? There is the King James bible; the Douay, that contains fourteen more books than the King James; the American society's bible, founded on the King James, though differing from it in numerous instances; the Lutheran, that contains eleven less books than the King James; the Campbellite, the Greek catholic; the Swedenborg, and several others that are more or less in use. No two of these bibles contain the same number of books, and where the same books are in more than one the translations differ.

When you have signified your choice of bibles, you must adhere to it. You must not go back from it to the Hebrew or the Greek to show false translations. For then you would show that we English speaking people have no bible that can be relied on. If the bible by which your congregation is to be saved or damned is not good enough for this discussion, then neither can it be good enough for them to trust implicitly for

by you is the same that you refused to dis-cuss with us in your letter of Oct 5th last. There is no reason why we cannot afford We have deposited with the editor of World \$25, which we will forfeit to the World \$25, which we will forfeit to the St. George's society if we do not show up a fact in nature or science that is opposed to any christian bible you may name. We will leave our money in the editor's possession till 6 o'clock next Saturday evening, when if your money is not there, and you fail to reply to this letter, we will consider that you have withdrawn your proposition.

Yours truly,

J. A. RISSER,
Sec. Toronto Secular society.
Toronto, Dec. 11, 1882.
[The above supports of the control of the c [The above sum of \$25 has been deposited

Minstrelsy at the Grand Opera House. The Grand opera house was crowded last night, the attraction being Sam Hague's occupied a box. Since the last appearance n Toronto of this company many changes n Toronto of this company many changes in the personel have taken place, and while one branch of the program is probably better than formerly, the "operatic" portion cannot be compared with the old troupe. Still the singing is of a far superior order to what is to be heard in acknewledged first-class ministrel shows. W. C. Hawkins possesses a fine soprano voice, and charmed the audience with his rendering of Teressa. The second part was fresh, crisp, bright and varied. Many of the features were fresh and sparkling. Fred Dart "introduced something new in the terpsichorean art. Mesers Callen, Haley, Callen, and the Girard bisothers were very funny in their peculiar business, and received plenty of Prof Chas Wallace (warbler) were deservedly

orrow afternoon. Last performance a A detachment of the governor-general's body guard band plays every night at the Moss park skating rink. They wear the undress uniform of the corps, but what is most disgraceful, with civilian great coats. most disgraceful, with civilian great coats. A stranger in the city would, no doubt, take them for American soldiers instead of being the band of the finest cavalry troops in Canada. This and similar cases of contempt of the regulations does much to bring disgrace on our Canadian corps. The commanding officer, who, no doubt, knows nothing of it, should at once see that they either wear all uniform or none at all. At present it is difficult to tell whether they are civilians or military. If they are perpresent it is difficult to tell whether they are civilians or military. If they are per-mitted to play in uniform they should be ordered to appear as if for a parade, with buttons and instruments bright and clothes