

2°—Heralds-at-arms (1).

These may be described as follows :

MEN OF THE WATCH

A group of men acting as the police of the city, carrying torches and calling out the hours of the night.

HERALDS-AT-ARMS.

A group of Heralds-at-arms preceded by men of the watch proclaiming in a loud voice and at the sound of the trumpet the announcements and the programme for each day. At night they would have torches, stop at all public places and squares to cry the programme for the following day.

These two groups would also escort official personages on their arrival, take part in all the ceremonies, precede all parades, processions, etc.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS. In chronological order, the first figure that presents itself to the

(1) *Heralds-at-arms.* — In olden times these were officers who proclaimed public announcements and performed various duties in connection with public ceremonies. In the middle ages, they were officers who delivered various proclamations and messages. Under the old monarchy, they were officers employed at marriage ceremonies, at the coronation of kings, in peace proclamations etc. They were 28 in number, the first being king-at-arms and called Montjoie St. Denis, from the old war-cry of the French.