

Amusements and Lectures
"SCOTTISH HEROES" LECTURE BY Rev. Robt. Johnston, St. Andrew's Church, Friday evening. Collection. 15c
STARLIGHT RINK, YORK STREET, opposite G. T. R. station. Skating every afternoon. Band tonight.
PLAN OPENS TOMORROW AT AUDITORIUM for Miss Ethel Webb and W. Graham Hodson. Secure your seats early. Admission 25c; reserved seats 35c.
PRINCESS - BAND TONIGHT and Saturday afternoon and evening.
CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT in aid of Young Women's Christian Association Library. Tickets 15c.
JUBILEE RINK - BAND TONIGHT - Tomorrow night. Oregon Club carnival. By permission, Seventh Band.
CANTATA "SANTA CLAUS ON TIME," Talbot Street Baptist Sunday School, Friday, 7:30. Music excellent. Every part well taken. Fairies, Santa Claus, City Waifs, Jolly Boys, Tinkers, will all be on hand. Xmas tree for scholars. All welcome. Collection, 10c or over.
P. D. A. NOTICE. MEMBERS OF GENTLEMEN'S primary class will meet Tuesday evening, Dec. 20, instead of Monday. Dayton & McCormick.
1899 - NEW SHIPS AND LUXURIOUS accommodations for your trip to the Old Country next spring and summer. New steamship Castilian will sail in February. Tickets, via the Allan, Beaver, American, Anchor, Cunard, and Red Star Lines, F. B. Clarke, Richmond street, next Advertiser.
PRIVATE LESSONS IN DANCING - Rapid teaching; low rates. All who desire a thorough knowledge of the art of dancing should avail themselves of this opportunity. Lessons any hour. R. B. Millard, teacher of dancing, 345 Princess avenue.

Meetings.
EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE AT COLLEGIATE Institute. Citizens especially parents, cordially invited. Friday, 8 p.m. punctually. The mayor presides. 15c
FOREST CITY CAMP NO. 1, CANADIAN Order Woodmen, meets this (Thursday) evening, in Dundas Block. Election of officers. Visitors welcome. M. E. Brown, Consul Commander; Charles Doe, Clerk.
IRISH BENEVOLENT SOCIETY MEETS Friday evening, 16th inst., in hall, Dundas Block, corner Dundas and Clarence streets. Business: Christmas cheer. All Irishmen welcome. B. C. McCann, Sec.; T. W. Scandrett, Pres.
O. U. W. - WOODBINE LODGE MEETS this evening. Visitors welcome. G. A. Werner, M.W.
KILWINNING LODGE, NO. 64, A. F. AND A. M., meets tonight (Thursday), Masonic Temple, 7:30 sharp. Regular communication. Election of officers. Visiting brethren welcome. John Paul, W. M.; John Overhill, F. M., Sec.

Domestics Wanted.
WANTED - EXPERIENCED GENERAL servant. Apply 435 Victoria street.
WANTED IMMEDIATELY - A GOOD cook. Apply to Mrs. Geo. C. Gibbons, 257 Dufferin avenue.
WANTED - GENERAL SERVANT - where nurse is kept. Apply, after 6 p.m., 888 King street.

Male Help Wanted.
WANTED - TINSMITH TO GO TO MANITOBA; must be qualified in furnace work and possess a general knowledge of plumbing; steady; 50c per week; must be good temperate man. Apply to The McClary Manufacturing Company, city.
WANTED - BOYS - AT GRAFTON'S - To enter the competition as follows: We will give on Xmas eve, a boy's suit or overcoat, valued at \$5, to the boy who writes the best article descriptive of our Boys' Clothing. All articles to be handed into our office with full name and address of the writer. Competition closes on Dec. 24, at 2 p.m. Grafton & Co., Clothing Manufacturers, 158 Dundas street, London, J. M. Hickey, Manager.
YOUNG MEN, WE FURNISH TRANSPORTATION to Chicago or Cincinnati for anyone wanting to learn the barber trade. Also donate complete outfit of tools, and pay wages Saturdays from start. Eight weeks' tuition. Positions guaranteed. Have places for 300 graduates. Send for particulars while offer is good. Moler Barber College Representative, 33 Lafayette avenue, Detroit, Mich.

Female Help Wanted.
WANTED AT ONCE - FIRST-CLASS vestmaker. Apply Slater Bros., tailors, 399 Richmond street.

Houses, Etc., To Let.
TO LET - UNFURNISHED FRONT ROOM, ground floor, Bedford street, near St. Andrew's, on Maidland street, north Dundas. Apply B. B. this office.
HOUSE TO LET - NO. 819 TALBOT STREET - Immediate possession. Alex. Harvey, 15c
TO LET - PARLOR AND BEDROOM, unfurnished, with or without board. Address, 1322 S. Gilles & Son, Sawmill, East London.
TO RENT - HOUSE WITH STABLE ON William street, north of C. P. R.; in good repair; \$8 per month. For particulars apply to J. W. G. Winnet, Barrister, etc., 424 Talbot street.
TO LET - GOOD BRICK AND FRAME stable. Inquire A. N. Udy, over C. P. R. ticket office. Phone 735.
TO LET - NO. 427 KING STREET - APPLY at 383 King street.
TO LET - BRICK HOUSE - FOUR BED. ROOMS, parlor, dining-room, kitchen and basement. Apply 138 Queen's avenue. 9c
TO LET - COVERED MOVING VANS - When moving have your furniture and pianos carefully moved. Address 37 Carling street. Phone 1162 and 1167.

Educational.
THE HARDING H. GIRLS' SCHOOL, LIM'D, will be opened for pupils Jan. 4, 1899. Kindergarten branch was started Dec. 7, at room in Conservatory of Music building, Dundas street. For calendars and other information apply to Mrs. J. E. Wells, 661 Talbot street, London.
A SCHOLARSHIP IN THE LONDON Business University is the best Christmas present parents can make their sons and daughters. Holiday prizes for the next few days. W. N. Yerex, B.C., Principal, Higgins Block, 21 Dundas street.

8 SITS.
Last week we announced six situations secured by our graduates. This week we have placed Miss Noble with Fried, Wright & Co., wholesale furriers, and Miss Thompson with R. Greene & Co., manufacturers, city, making eight situations in two weeks secured by graduates of
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The kinds most desirable for holiday gifts. These are worthy representatives from the best assorted stock in London.

LADIES' FINE SLIPPERS. Special at 75c, 50c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75.
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SKATING AND HOCKEY SHOES. Men's, \$1.50. Girls and boys, \$1 and \$1.25.
Come early and secure first choice.
Pocock Bros.,
140 DUNDAS STREET.
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AGENTS WANTED - TO SELL NURSERY stock for the old reliable Fonthill Nursery, established over 25 years ago. Our acreage today, 700 acres. Newest specialties, largest and best assortment. Permanent place. Good pay. Supplies free. Stone & Wellington, Toronto.

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FOR SALE - SAWMILL MACHINERY, saws and carriage complete. A bargain. Apply J. W. Cairns, 93 York street, London. 140 21c
All furnished rooms, servants wanted, houses to let, for sale, etc., advertisements are inserted in both editions of The Advertiser without extra charge. Get the best results.

Wanted.
WANTED - WORK OF ANY KIND BY unmarried man; good references. Apply Box 97, this office.
WANTED TO RENT - A HOUSE OF about 8 or 10 rooms by the Children's Aid Society. A central locality with some land preferred. Offers in writing, stating terms, are requested on or before the 18th inst. by Mr. Joseph Sanders, Secretary Children's Aid Society, City Hall.
HIGHEST PRICE PAID FOR GENTLE MEN'S cast-off clothing. A. P. Sainsbury, 80 King street. Mail orders attended to.

Real Estate.
FOR SALE - TWO-STORY BRICK DWELLING house, 4 bedrooms, library room, bath (hot and cold water), closet, furnace and modern conveniences. Lot, 44 feet frontage, situated on Queen's avenue. The owner has left city and the property will be sold cheap, part cash, balance at 4 1/2 per cent. Apply Edward Towse & Co., Insurance and Real Estate Agents, Office - Over Bank of Commerce.
FOR SALE - ONE NEW 2-STORY HOUSE and easy terms. Call for particulars.
J. F. SANGSTER,
403 Richmond street.

Articles For Sale.
MEN'S AND BOYS' BLACK AND GRAY Curly Astrachan Cloth Caps 35c, worth 50c. Children's White Wool Mitts, with cord, 10c, worth 15c. Cunningham's, 773 Dundas street.

THE BELL PIANO COMPANY
offer some startling bargains for the holiday trade in slightly-used and second-hand pianos and organs. These goods are put down to such a price that will command the attention of close and shrewd buyers. Terms to suit. Call and examine.
\$8.50 WILL BUY \$10 MAHOGANY upright piano. Bedouin, 127 King street.
HOUSE FOR SALE - LIGHT DRIVE - Bargain. Apply 258 Dundas street.
FIRST-CLASS WOOLLEN HARD AND SOFT - store lengths or cut into suit. Prompt delivery to any part of the city. Prices reasonable. Phone 1,312. S. Gilles & Son, Sawmill, East London.
DIAMONDS REMOUNTED AND OLD jewelry made up to date at small expense. J. T. Westland, 304 Richmond street, up stairs.
FOR SALE - POCKET KNIVES, DOOR keys. Sewing machines repaired at lowest prices. D. McKenzie & Co., 341 Richmond street.
XMAS GOODS A SPECIALITY - DOMINION laundry agency. Trading stamps given on all purchases. T. H. JAMES, 100 South London.
PAMPHLET WORK OF EVERY DESCRIPTION. Clean and quick. At Advertiser Job Department.
ELECTRIC BELLS KEPT IN PERMANENT repair. Only 50c per year. R. M. Millar, 434 Talbot street.
PORK SAUSAGE AND BOLOGNA, FOUR pounds 25c; smoked ham and bacon, 10c; pickled bacon, 8c; shoulders, 6c; long claes, 5c, at Park's, corner Market Lane.
SHIPPING TAGS - AT CLOSE PRICES - Advertiser Job Department.
CUSTOM PAPERS OF ALL KINDS ALREADY on hand at Advertiser Job Department. You can have them in large or small quantities.
A BEAUTIFUL LARGE UPRIGHT PIANO, 7 1/2 octaves, will be sold cheap and on easy terms of payment. Party leaving town and must be sold. Heinzel & Co., 21 Dundas street.
BEST HARD COAL AND WOOD DELIVERED in all parts of the city. W. G. Enley, 771 Dundas street. Phone 1124.
KENT'S MASONIC TEMPLE - IN the cheapest place to buy stoves or furniture. Large stock on hand.

Agricultural Savings & Loan Co
DIVIDEND NO. 53.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a dividend of 3 per cent upon the paid-up capital stock of this company has been declared for the current half year, ending Dec. 31, and that the same will be payable at the company's office, on and after Jan. 3, next. The transfer books will be closed from the 16th to the 31st inst., both days inclusive. By order of the board.
C. P. BUTLER, Manager. bwl10cD15, 22, 31
London, Dec. 12, 1898.

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Can make hay while the sun shines.
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Stores his hay for the stormy days when neither hay grows nor sun shines.
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Attractive Catalogue Sale
by auction, of 29 cases
Japanese Art Productions
Special consignment imported direct from Hogo, Japan, will be sold at Jones' Auction Rooms, 242 Dundas street, commencing on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and 7:30 in the evening, and continuing every afternoon and evening until the whole consignment has been sold. No reserve. Goods on view Wednesday and Thursday mornings previous to sale.
J. W. JONES, Auctioneer

CURRENT NEWS
The American-Canadian commission meets again Friday.
On Dec. 31 the Mergenthaler Linotype Company will pay its regular 2 1/2 per cent quarterly dividend, and an extra 2 1/2 per cent in addition.
The Western Union Telegraph Company's executive committee has recommended declaration of the regular 1 1/4 per cent quarterly dividend.
Reports from nearly all parts of California indicate that the rain which began falling on Tuesday, and still continues, is general throughout the state.
A mob of women at Grenada, considering that the discovery of America was the principal cause of Spanish misfortunes, stoned the statue of Columbus there.
Prices on all grades of black steel and galvanized iron sheet in the United States will be advanced 10 to 12 per cent within a few days, and all quotations have been temporarily withdrawn at Pittsburgh.
Judge Johnston, of Sault Ste. Marie, has been presented with a handsome gold watch, the gift of his brother district judges in recognition of his services as secretary of the board of district judges.
By fire on Tuesday night, in a Brooklyn apartment house, 30 families were driven out into the cold. It is believed George and Edith Griswold, young children of William Henry Griswold, perished in the flames. Loss, \$50,000.
News has been received at Vancouver, B. C., that Foreman Wilkinson, for many years employed by the Tacoma and Roche Harbor Line Company, at Roche Harbor, was instantly killed on Wednesday by an explosion of powder.

The North Star Hotel at Magneta, owned by Adams & Burns, Toronto, was burned to the ground on Wednesday night, with two other smaller buildings. Mr. George Osborne was preparing to move his furniture into the hotel today.
The governor-general and Lady Minto made their first visit to Toronto on Wednesday, in the vice-regal capacity, at least. Many citizens gathered at the Union station to welcome them. Lord Minto was afterwards entertained at the Toronto Club.
The Bank of England rate of discount remains unchanged at 4 per cent.
The man found drowned at Newcastle has been identified as William Duncan, a well-to-do resident of Oshawa.
The Elder-Dempster Company has purchased the entire fleet of the Beaver Line, and a new twin-screw steamer, built on the Tyne, has just been launched for the Elder-Dempster Company, which will make an important addition to their St. Lawrence-Atlantic fleet.

Lost and Found.
LOST - ON WELLINGTON STREET, BETWEEN Dundas and Queen's streets, a black dog, with a collar. Reward this office. 15c
LOST - ON SATURDAY NIGHT - IN South London, a cutter robe. Reward at 249 Dundas street. 10c

THE DOMINION
Savings and Investment Society
Dividend No. 53.
NOTICE is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of 6 per cent per annum upon the paid-up capital stock of this society, has been declared for the current half year, and that the same will be payable at the offices of the society, Masonic Temple Building, Richmond street, London, on and after Tuesday, the 3rd day of January, 1899. The transfer books will be closed from the 15th inst. to Jan. 3, 1899, both days inclusive. London, Dec. 14, 1898.
NATHANIEL MILLS, Manager.

A Cold Day For Conservatives

Bagot Goes Back On Them and Joins the Liberal Ranks.

Farrel Snowed Under in Northumberland. Dr. Willoughby Buried in West Lambton.

East Prince and Montmagny Stand by Their Former Choice - North Simcoe Elects an Independent on a Liberal Platform.

By-elections were held yesterday in Bagot and Montmagny, Que.; West Lambton, East Northumberland, East Prince and North Simcoe, Ont. The result was a Liberal sweep in each constituency except North Simcoe, where the Independent candidate was elected on virtually the Liberal platform. Following are the returns:

BAGOT.
St. Liboire, Que., Dec. 15.-The voting for election of member of parliament for county of Bagot in place of the late Mr. Dupont (Con.) resulted in the election of Marcell (Lib.) by 64 majority over Brodeur (Con.). In the last election the Conservative candidate was elected by acclamation.

MONTMAGNY.
Montreal, Dec. 15.-The by-election in Montmagny to fill the seat in the House of Commons vacated by P. A. Choquette (Lib.) resulted in the return of P. R. Martineau (Lib.) over his opponent, A. W. Blouin (also Liberal) by 500 majority. Two polls are yet to be heard from.

WEST LAMBTON.
Sarnia, Ont., Dec. 15.-The by-election in West Lambton, rendered necessary through the appointment of J. F. Lister to a judgeship, resulted in the return of Dr. Johnston, the Liberal candidate, by over 700, with three places to hear from. Following are the majorities:

Constituency.	Johnston. Farrel. (Lib.) (Con.)
Wyoming village	12
Point Edward village	73
Forest village	12
Moore township	25
No. 1	7
No. 2	81
No. 3	23
No. 4	24
No. 5	5
No. 6	41
No. 7	11
Plympton township	150
Sarnia township	39
Sarnia town	374
Totals	827
Total majority for Johnston, 772.	

EAST NORTHUMBERLAND.
Colborne, Ont., Dec. 15.-Mr. Douglas (Lib.) was re-elected to the Ontario Legislature by 558 majority over Dr. Willoughby (Con.). There are a few polls to hear from.

EAST PRINCE.
Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 15.-The by-election in East Prince for the House of Commons to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Yeo (Lib.) resulted in the election of Mr. Bell (Lib.) over Lefebvre (Con.), by a majority of 55. It was a stirring contest, and a heavy vote was polled.

NORTH SIMCOE.
Toronto, Dec. 15.-In North Simcoe, McCarthy (Ind.) has 218 majority over Martin (Lib.) with five polls to come, which will not materially change the result. The election was caused by the death of Dalton McCarthy (Ind.). The vote polled was small, on account of bad roads.

Revised Returns.
STILL MORE FAVORABLE FOR THE LIBERALS.
East Northumberland, Liberal ... 602
West Lambton, Liberal ... 669
Bagot, Liberal ... 64
Montmagny, Liberal ... 500
North Simcoe, Independent ... 228
East Prince, Liberal ... 55
Six by-elections were held yesterday, five being to fill vacancies in the Dominion House and one for the Ontario Legislature. Of the Federal by-elections, two were held in Ontario, two in Quebec and one in Prince Edward Island. In Ontario, West Lambton returned Dr. Johnston, by the very large majority of 998, and incidentally celebrated the 47th anniversary of the advent of the late Hon. George Brown into political life. North Simcoe remains Independent, returning Mr. Leighton McCarthy, a nephew of the late Dalton McCarthy, who represented that riding for many years, probably the greatest surprise of the day was the return for the first time since confederation of a Liberal in Bagot, Quebec. Mr. Marcell is the successful candidate. In 1896 Mr. Dupont, Conservative, was elected by acclamation.

THEIR SEATS SAFE.
Formal notice has been received by the clerk of the house that the members for the following constituencies have been confirmed in their seats: North Essex, Muskoka, North Toronto, South Toronto, Haldimand, Brockville and London.

DEATH OF SENATOR MACFARLANE.
Halifax, Dec. 15.-The death is announced of Senator Macfarlane at Wallace, Cumberland. Deceased left an estate valued at \$150,000.
Hon. Alex. Macfarlane, Q.C., was a son of the late Hon. Donald Macfarlane, and was born in Wallace, N. S., in 1815. He was one of the delegates from Nova Scotia to the colonial conference in London in 1866 to complete the terms of union. He was called to the senate in 1870. Mr. Macfarlane was also a member of the executive

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council of Nova Scotia from 1856 until the union, and filled other important public positions. His wife was a Miss Seaman. He was a Conservative.

GREAT BRITAIN AND RUSSIA

Said to Have Started to Solve the Chinese Problem.

The Latter Sees the Futility of Resisting the Threatened New Combination.

Britain Decides to Continue the Occupation of Crete—Election of a President by the Swiss Republic.

London, Dec. 15.-The Vienna correspondent of the Standard says: It is asserted here from both St. Petersburg and London sources of information that serious negotiations have been begun between Russia and Great Britain for the solution of the Chinese problem, Russia having arrived at the conclusion that it would be impossible to resist the now threatened co-operation of England, Germany, the United States and Japan.

THE PRINCE OF WALES.
In an interview this morning regarding the statement made in a Montreal telegram of yesterday to the effect that the Prince of Wales had been invited to open the Victoria bridge at Montreal next summer, Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson stated that no such invitation had been issued by the Grand Trunk directors; but, in his opinion, if the prince visits Canada and the United States next year he will doubtless receive a private invitation to be present at the bridge opening. It would be very gratifying if he consented to perform the ceremony.

WILL HOLD CRETE.
The Daily News says this morning: We understand that the British occupation of the island of Crete is to become permanent.

A GREAT SCANDAL.
The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says: The announcement of a meeting of the shareholders of the Prager Eisen Industrie Gesellschaft, one of the most powerful iron concerns on the continent, with a view to the distribution of a reserve fund of \$35,000,000, clandestinely accumulated in the course of years, and never appearing in the balance sheet, had led the government to interfere on the ground that the directors were guilty of stock jobbery. As the result of the order the president of the concern has resigned, and his resignation has been followed by that of two directors of the Credit Anstalt, who have also been directors of the iron company. The scandal has caused an outcry for a reduction in the iron duties which have enabled the company to make these enormous profits.

CABLE NOTES.
A Paris cable says: Antonio Terry, husband of Sibyl Sanderson, the opera singer, died today of liver disease.
The Spanish transport St. Augustin has arrived at Malaga from Cuba with 1,806 repatriated Spanish troops on board. Two died on the voyage and eighteen were sick when they arrived.
Hon. R. S. Dobell has arranged to sail for Canada next week. Sir Charles Tupper will remain in England until after the holidays.
A band of Arnauts, or Albanians, in Old Serbia have carried off from their [Continued on page 5.]

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