

## London Advertiser.

(Established by JOHN CAMERON, in 1853.)

THE LEADING DAILY IN WESTERN ONTARIO

SWORN CIRCULATION.

MONTREAL AGENTS: A. McKim & Co.  
LONDON (ENG.) AGENTS: H. F. FARMAN,  
50 FLEET STREET, LONDON, E.C.4.Advertising and subscription rates furnished  
on application.Address all communications—  
THE LONDON ADVERTISER COMPANY  
(Limited),  
LONDON, ONTARIO.

London, Friday, Dec. 21.

## "Lest We Forget!"

We are among those who hold to the principle that faithful service by our leading men, oftenest to the pecuniary disadvantage of those who give it, ought, when opportunity occurs, be rewarded by those holding the reins of power. This view, we have held, should apply to both of the two great political parties, and we have never condemned in the Conservative party leaders what we were not prepared to oppose when undertaken by the Liberals. It has always appeared to us reasonable that service for the state, in the arena of the House of Commons, or in the Legislature, should not stand as a barrier in the way of members of these legislative bodies when appointments or honors came to be considered. Dangling an office before the representatives of the people, keeping it long vacant to aid political scheming, we have never approved of; but that is a different matter, which need not now be discussed, though our convictions have always been opposed to it.

What we desire, at the moment, is to put in a plea for consideration for the distinguished Liberal M. P. S. who, from one cause or another, fell by the way in the late contest. There were a number of them in Ontario, who, unless an early opportunity presents itself for their re-entering Parliament, might well have their ability as public men and as faithful party friends borne in mind, as opportunity is opened up, by the powers that be.

Most of them were the victims of the gerrymander—that infamous device to aid one party at the expense of the other in a manner that has never been successfully defended—but there were one or two who fell through lack of effective organization. That, however, is beside our argument that no matter to what cause these faithful public servants owe their defeat, their services ought not to be forgotten by their associates. There is genial Dr. Landerkin, who sacrificed a lucrative practice to enter public life, and who all these years until now has carried South Grey for the Liberal party, though it was gerrymandered to give a Conservative majority of at least 150. Then we have his neighbor, James McMullen, whose strength as a fearless representative of popular interests, enabled him to hold until the late election a constituency similarly gerrymandered, with the intention of making it a safe Conservative constituency. It may be that the protest entered against Mr. McMullen's opponent will secure his unseating, in which case, the semi-secret race and religious cries worked so assiduously, with the object of defeating the veteran financial critic, could not again be used with impunity, and the seat could easily be recaptured by Mr. McMullen, were he to consent to again be a candidate. But this is a consideration apart from that which we desire to emphasize. We doubt if there is a more deserving public man in Canada than Mr. McMullen, or one who in the days of Opposition rendered greater service. Mr. William Gibson, the defeated Lincoln representative, can better afford to go into private life for a time than the constituency can afford to lose the services of a faithful supporter of the Government, and an indefatigable public servant. Mr. Gibson's defeat was one of the freaks of the campaign. His time will come without a doubt. Mr. V. Ratz was defeated in North Middlesex. He was the only Liberal candidate who carried it since it was purposely gerrymandered to make it a safe Conservative seat, and it was only by virtue of the personal popularity of Mr. Ratz that he was even temporarily successful, for he had in the neighborhood of two hundred Conservative votes against him from the start. Another stalwart westerner who was defeated in the late election was John McMillan, whose absence from the House will be not only a loss to the effective debating talent in Parliament, but to the agricultural interests of the Dominion. No member was better informed on affairs relating to the farming industry than Mr. McMillan, and no man made a better advocate of the interests of the farmer. A love for change on the part of a section of the Liberal party, supported, of course, by their political opponents, enabled another Liberal to take the position Mr. McMillan had filled with so much credit to himself and benefit to the country. Mr. Archie Campbell, who in 1887 captured from the Conservatives the gerrymandered riding of Kent, and held it till the recent dissolution, could have again had nomination and election in that constituency, but he preferred to try a fall with Hon. Clarke Wallace in West York, and it is confessed that he gave the ex-Minister of Customs a worse scare than he ever got in his life. Mr. Campbell has done effective service for the people in Parliament, and there are very many in the west who hope to see him in public life again at an early date. It is to be hoped that the report that he is to be offered the

seat for Maisonneuve (Montreal) will be found to be correct. Then in the east, we had as good a representative Canadian as has ever sat in Parliament defeated. We refer to Mr. F. T. Frost, the enterprising Smith's Falls manufacturer, who carried the gerrymandered constituency of South Leeds and Grenville by a small majority in 1896, after repeated failures to capture the riding. Only a man of great popularity and ability could have done so, and no one was astonished when in the recent contest it was found that the race and religious appeals of the Opposition canvassers, so craftily made, resulted in the defeat of Mr. Frost. Coming closer home, one of the most useful men in the last House was John Fraser, of East Lambton.

Who will say that men with the clean parliamentary records of the gentlemen we have mentioned shall have their patriotic services, and oftentimes sacrifices, forgotten? Let it not be forgotten when honors or offices are to be filled that there are among the men who failed of election, through no fault of their own, those able to still further serve their country, and deserving of recognition of past services.

## Only a Small Popular Majority.

Leaving out Toronto, the popular majority of the Conservative party in Ontario, in the late general Dominion election, was after all only 105 votes. Yet they have sixteen majority of members, so well did the gerrymander get in its work. However, there is a good time coming, and not far ahead, either.

## Mr. Sifton.

An eastern contemporary seems to think it was a little invidious to single Mr. Sifton out for banqueting. But we do not think anything invidious was intended.

In the recent general contest which resulted in victory for the Dominion Government, a great deal of attention naturally concentrated on Mr. Sifton. Although encumbered with what seemed at the time to be a very dubious struggle for his own seat, he did not hesitate to take his political life in his hand, leave his own constituency, and go forth to lend a helping hand to his brother-Liberals wherever one was found in need of his assistance. The victories won in the Northwest are largely owing to his indefatigable energy.

Then again, Mr. Sifton is the recent victor in perhaps the most notable individual contest that was fought during the recent election—that at Brandon, where he vanquished the much-vaunted Hugh John Macdonald. We say perhaps the most notable contest, because we should like to except that waged in our own good city.

Nor does it end there. Mr. Sifton achieved a double victory in the Brandon contest, when it will be remembered he signally defeated the Hon. Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper in a set platform duel. Hon. Mr. Sifton's honors were, therefore, thick upon him when he came to Toronto to meet his Liberal friends.

But undoubtedly the most significant feature of the great demonstration was its character as a vindication of the course and conduct of the guest of the evening. Of all the prominent men in the Liberal party, probably none, with the single exception of Hon. J. Israel Tarte, had been so singled out by the Conservatives for abuse and vilification as Mr. Sifton. So persistent and unscrupulous were the attacks that it seemed clear they could only be the outcome of a concerted determination on the part of his enemies to drive him from public life.

His own constituency of Brandon, where he is best known, showed by its vote on the 7th of November what it thought of the charges. And now by the recent demonstrations the whole Liberal party of the Dominion have declared in no dubious manner what their opinion of those charges is. Hon. Mr. Sifton may well be proud of such testimonials to his sterling worth.

## Mistaken Tactics.

Have not the British military commanders made a mistake in sending home so many of the troops, including the Canadian contingents, at so early a stage in the winding up of the operations in South Africa?

Better far would it have been to have kept a very large force in the field for the last two months, and thereby have thoroughly controlled the veldt, than to have let the Boers, very ill-informed as many of them are, to believe the stories told by their leaders that the British were withdrawing because they were afraid.

A thorough-going surrender of every Boer commander in the field and a complete covering of the territory with well-drilled mounted police will alone show the Boers how hopeless is their struggle against destiny.

Everything comes to him who waits; only to some of us it comes all at once in the neck—Sir Charles.

Ex-President Kruger has been getting new glory for stopping a runaway horse at The Hague. Oom Paul is somewhat of a runaway himself, but nowhere is it recorded that he has made any effort to stop himself since he started to run in the neighborhood of Pretoria.

A novel proposition is made by Mr. T. C. Larney in the Vancouver World. He advocates the putting of a special tax of \$100 a year on all citizens who employ either Chinamen or Japs. It might considerably fatten the civic exchequer until such time as domestic help could be obtained from other sources.

Fine Sweet Oranges,  
2 Dozen, 25c.A Money-Saving List of Useful Articles  
For Friday and Friday Night.

## Staple Department.

12 1/2c Gingham,  
Friday, 6c Yard17 pieces assorted Scotch Gingham, plaids and checks; 12 1/2c quality.  
Friday, 6c YardWrapperettes,  
7 1/2c Yard.20 pieces of our best 10c and 12 1/2c Wrapperettes.  
Friday, 7 1/2c Yard

## Apron Muslins, 8 1/2c.

40-inch White Apron Muslin, drawn and hemmed, 12 1/2c yard.  
Friday, 8 1/2c

## \$2 75 Shirt Waists, \$1 75

Fine French Flannel, plain spots and stripes, about 17 in this lot.  
Friday, \$1 75 Each

## 75c and \$1 Waists, 45c

5 dozen Flannel and Flannelette Waists, were 75c and \$1.  
Friday, to Clear, 45c Each

## \$1 25 Gowns, 98c

Ladies' Flannelette Gowns, plain blue and pink only, lace insertion trimmed; \$1 25.  
Friday, 98c Each

## 50c Gowns, 25c

Girls' Wool Tams, white, brown, fawn; 40c and 50c.  
Friday, 25c Each

## A Word in Season.

[Quebec Telegraph.]

It is for Liberalism itself to decide how long it will rule this country. A new opposition has to be evolved from its own ranks, and the evolution can be postponed indefinitely, provided that the party be true to itself and prove worthy of the trust the people have reposed in it from one end of the Dominion to the other.

## Beer for the Boys.

[Woodstock Sentinel-Review.]

A reception to our returning soldiers could have been given without a feature offensive to anyone. And it might have occurred to those in favor of such mistaken hospitality that the great field marshal himself, Lord Roberts, specially requested his countrymen not to give liquor to returning soldiers. In the Sudan, Lord Roberts ever made it quite clear that the men who did not use liquor were more healthy and fit for service than those who did. The same has been made absolutely clear in the South African war.

With such an opinion and facts before the country, and with the sentiment well known to prevail among Canadians, it was not necessary to introduce an element of discord and offense in welcoming our troops from the seat of war. The boys have had plenty of time to rest on board ship. It cannot be pleaded that they were not sober, even if it is used on the field under some circumstances were conceded. Many of them are no doubt teetotalers, to whom the offer of beer is no courtesy. Thus a pint provided for each will mean a loss of some \$20,000.

There is danger in neglecting a cold. Many who have died of consumption dated their troubles from exposure, followed by a cold which settled on their lungs, and in a short time they were beyond the skill of the best physician. Had they used Bickel's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, before it was too late, their lives would have been spared. This medicine has no equal for curing coughs, colds and all affections of the throat and lungs.

MASS TO BEGIN  
THE CENTURY.

Midnight Celebration in St. Peter's Cathedral Will Usher in New Cycle—Bishop McEvay Will Pontificate.

In every see of the Catholic church throughout the world elaborate ceremonies will mark the close of the nineteenth century and the end of the jubilee year of the church. At the express desire of Pope Leo the bishop of every diocese, where the conditions make it possible, will pontificate at midnight mass in the cathedral of the diocese. The communication of the Pope has been delivered to the archbishops, and according to custom, will be transmitted by them to the bishops. The midnight masses will be celebrated in almost every Catholic church in Canada, and special plenary indulgences will be granted the communicants at the mass.

The jubilee year ends at midnight on Dec. 31 in Europe, but it has been the custom of the Pope to extend the decree in foreign countries, and the time may be lengthened in this country. In Rome the event will be observed with great solemnity, and in the basilica of St. John Lateran the Pope will pontificate at a requiem mass for the dead of the nineteenth century. It is possible that a similar service may be held in this city, but the decree of the pope has not yet been received. The midnight mass will be signalled by many uncommon

observances, and the communion services attendant may not be repeated for another century. The pope has decreed also that in addition to the indulgences granted the blessed sacrament may be exposed from midnight until midnight at the discretion of the pastor.

In this city Bishop McEvay will pontificate at high mass in St. Peter's Cathedral, at midnight, on Dec. 31. Rev. Father Aylward, rector of the cathedral will act as high priest; Rev. Father McKee, as deacon; Rev. Father Hanlan, as sub-deacon, and Rev. Father Egan, as master of ceremonies. The high mass will be followed by the benediction of the blessed sacrament. From 6 a.m. to noon on New Year's Day the blessed sacrament will be exposed in the cathedral, and at noon the benediction of the blessed sacrament will again be performed.

## Your Best Work

Cannot be undone unless you have good health. You cannot have good health without pure blood. You may have pure blood by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla now. You cannot realize the good it will do you until you try it. Begin taking it today and see how quickly it will give you an appetite, strength and vigor and cure your rheumatism, catarrh or scrofula.

All liver ills are cured by Hood's Pills. 25c.

The exports of coal continue to grow monthly, and in ten months this year the United States has shipped abroad coal and coke to the value of almost \$20,000,000.

There is danger in neglecting a cold. Many who have died of consumption dated their troubles from exposure, followed by a cold which settled on their lungs, and in a short time they were beyond the skill of the best physician. Had they used Bickel's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, before it was too late, their lives would have been spared. This medicine has no equal for curing coughs, colds and all affections of the throat and lungs.

Plans are on foot to do away with the danger of coasting vessels around Cape Hatteras, by entering an inside passage from Chesapeake Bay to Beaufort Inlet.

ONE TABLET AFTER EATING, and what a world of distress would be saved. Dr. Stan's Pineapple Tablets cure sour stomach, distress after eating, weight in the stomach, wind on the stomach, loss of appetite, dizziness, nausea and a dozen other troubles traceable to bad digestion. One Tablet gives instant relief. A positive and pleasant cure that nature has provided. 35 cents. For sale by C. McCallum & Co.—128

Christmas in this country gives work for months before the holiday to a vast army of people, and in this way the festival confers widespread benefits. Immense sums of money are expended on the celebration.

A Woman's Awful Peril.

"There is only one chance to save your life, and that is through an operation," were the startling words heard by Mrs. I. B. Hunt, of Lime Ridge, Wis., from her doctor after he had vainly tried to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. Gall stones had formed, and they constantly grew worse. Then she began to use Electric Bitters, which wholly cured her. It's a wonderful Stomach, Liver and Kidney remedy. Cures Dyspepsia. Loss of Appetite. Try it. Only 50c. Guaranteed. For sale by W. T. Strong & Co.

The Runians, Gray, Carrie Co.

Open Till

9:30 P.M.

## Handkerchief Specials.

20c and 25c White Embroidered Handkerchiefs.

Friday and Friday Night, 2 for 25c

## All-Linen Hemstitch, 3 for 25c.

Five dozen only, wide and narrow hem, regular 15c and 20c.

Friday and Friday Night, 3 for 25c

## 50 Dozen Handkerchiefs, 5c Each.

Lace corners, fine drawn work Handkerchiefs, were 7c, 8c and 10c.

Friday, 5c Each

## Taffeta Ribbons, 19c Yard.

Three inches wide, pure Silk Taffeta Ribbons; light blue, pink, cardinal and green. 25c Ribbon.

Friday, 19c Per Yard

## Kid Glove Christmas Specials

Another consignment of those celebrated 75c Gloves. Every pair warranted, Black, Brown, Tans, Reds, White.

75c Gloves, 59c

## \$1 00 French Kid Gloves, 79c

Shades—Brown, Tan, Mode, Black, every size, all warranted.

\$1 00 Gloves, Per Pair 79c

## A Bargain in Fine Table Linen

Just when you want it, 3 pieces Fine Double Damask, full bleached; our \$1 50 quality.

Friday, Per Yard \$1 00

## Napkins \$1 75 Dozen

12 dozen Pure Linen, 3/4x3/4 Napkins, 3 ranges of patterns, \$2 50 quality.

Friday, Per Dozen \$1 75

## Hosiery

## Department.

Ladies' fine 60c and 65c Ribbed Black Cashmere Hose, sizes 9 and 9 1/2.

Friday, 50c Pair

Boys' Heavy Ribbed Hose, double heels and knees, 40c quality.

Friday, 30c Pair

## Linen Aprons, 15c.

Best 25c and 30c Butchers' Linen Aprons.

Friday, 15c

Handkerchief and  
Glove Sets, 25c

About 30 sets left, nicely decorated Glove and Handkerchief Boxes; 50c.

Friday, 25c Set

## Purses, 25c

Solid Leather Purses, oxydized clasps and trimmings.

Special, 25c Each

Black Seal Purses.

Special, 50c Each

## Placques Special

Chippendale Placques, Wedgwood style, poets and classic figures, a nice gift; 50c.

Friday, 39c Each

NO WONDER  
SHE  
LOOKS  
HAPPY.

She has saved her energies and preserved her health by using the Bissell sweeper for the past twenty-four years. They save a great many hours of domestic duties and what a relief from the old worrisome broom. No mother can afford to be without a BISSELL. ONE WILL OUTLAST FORTY BROOMS.

## Did You See Our Unique Window Display?

Do not miss this chance. You will be sure to see something you would like.

## The Gurney-Oxford Stove Store,

382 RICHMOND ST. A. J. Brenton, Manager.

## HOCKEY SKATES

GREAT VARIETY.

## SEE THE MIC-MAC.

HOCKEY STICKS.

SKATE STRAPS.

Hand Sleighs, Coasters, and Cutters.

Bissell Carpet Sweepers, with Cyco Bearings,

Table and Pocket Cutlery.

## REID'S HARDWARE,

118 Dundas St.,  
North Side.

## WASHING HAIR BRUSHES.

Hair brushes should be washed in hot or tepid water to which soda or ammonia has been added. The brushes should be dipped in and out of the water till clean, taking care that the backs and handles do not get wet. After rinsing in cold water, put them

in the air to dry. They should never be dried close to the fire, or the bristles will become discolored.

HOLLOWAY'S CORN CURE is the medicine to remove all kinds of corns and warts, and only costs the small sum of 25 cents.