

Births, Marriages, Deaths

DIED.
BURRIDGE—In this city, on Jan. 3, 1897, John Burrige, killed at the City Hall accident, aged 14 years 11 months.
Funeral notice later.
HEAMAN—Killed in the city hall accident, Jan. 3, 1897, Frederick Heaman, youngest son of Wm. Heaman, aged 17 years 10 months.
Funeral notice later.
BRUCE—Killed at the city hall, Jan. 3, 1897, Oswald Bruce, aged 10 years.
Funeral notice later.
NASH—In this city on Monday, Jan. 3, 1898, Benjamin J. Nash, of 34 Stanley street.
Funeral notice later.
TURNER—On Jan. 3, 1898, John Turner, in his 84th year.
Funeral from the family residence, 567 Marlborough street, tomorrow (Wednesday), at 2 p.m., service at 2:30. Friends will kindly accept this intimation.
M'CALLUM—At Stronach, Ont., on Friday, Dec. 31, Josie, beloved daughter of Senator McCallum, aged 23 years.
NEELON—In Toronto, on Friday, Dec. 31, Sylvester Neelon, in his 74th year.

For Latest Funeral Notices See 6th Page.

Amusements and Lectures

Advertisements under this heading, two cents per word, or ten cents per line each insertion.
PRIVATE LESSONS IN DANCING BY Mrs. B. B. Millard, at his residence, 345 Princess avenue. Special attention given to teaching the waltz and two step. Lessons any hour.
THE PRINCESS—MUSICAL SOCIETY band tonight.
COMING—FLORIDA ON WHEELS—An official extra fair at 10 p.m. a night. "Bear in mind that the alligators are chained." Watch this intimation.
DALACE DANCING ACADEMY—New terms for beginners will commence following date: Ladies, Tuesday evening, Jan. 5; ladies and children, Saturday afternoon, Jan. 8; gentlemen, Monday evening, Jan. 10. Circulars mailed on application. DAYTON & McCORMICK.

Meetings.

1c per word each insertion. No ad. less than ten words.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF PINE Grove Camp, No. 2, Woodmen of the World, will be held in their hall, East London, tonight at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of making arrangements to attend funeral of our late Sovereign James Harris, who was killed in the City Hall disaster. All members requested to attend. W. A. Hall, Sec.
A SPECIAL MEETING OF FOREST CITY L. O. L. No. 752 will be held this (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock in the hall, Edge Block, to make arrangements for the funeral of our late brother James Harris. Members of sister lodges requested to attend. THOS. PARKINSON, Rec. Sec. 752.

MACCABEES—LONDON TENT II WILL meet tonight (Tuesday), 8 o'clock, in Edge Block, Richmond street.

CONDENSED ADVERTISEMENTS cost 1 cent per word for first insertion and one-half cent per word for each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than 10 words.

Domestics Wanted.

WANTED—YOUNG GIRL TO HELP at light housework. A. B. C. Ad. 19c.

GOOD GENERAL SERVANT WANTED by Mrs. Fred W. Matthews, 611 Colborne street.

EXPERIENCED HOUSEMAID WANTED at once; \$8 per month to good girl. Apply at Colborne Intelligence Agency, 16 Dundas street. Phone 386.

HEADQUARTERS FOR RELIABLE help. We have them: Man and wife as cook and housekeeper, housekeeper, nurse, dining-room girls, kitchen girls, to suit all. We want them! Write to City of Home Employment Agency, 611 Richmond street. Phone, 1111.

Male Help Wanted.

WANTED—IN THE WHOLESALE produce and commission business, a man that is thoroughly and completely master of his business. Must give undoubted reference as to his ability and honesty. None other need apply. Address by letter or in person, A. B. B., London House.

10 MEN WANTED—HANDY WITH tools. Must have references. Apply AUTOMATIC CARRIER CO., Box 238, London.

Houses, Etc., To Let.

TO LET—THE UPPER FLAT IN THE Canadian College and Loan Company's building. Apply M. H. ROWLAND, manager.

NICELY AND NEWLY FURNISHED rooms, well heated, with bath. 187 Queen's avenue.

TO LET—135 ST. JAMES STREET—NICE 3-story brick; 4 bedrooms, bath, gas; very convenient; choice location. Apply 410 Princess avenue.

Wanted.

WRITERS WANTED TO DO COPYING at home. Law College, Law, Ohio.

WANTED—THREE HUNDRED GO D second-hand overcoats. Highest price paid. A. F. STANBURY, 90 King street. Mail orders attended to.

Religious Services.

WEEK OF PRAYER—UNION SER- vices tonight. Topics: "Salveth and Church Universal." First Methodist, Rev. Dr. Wilbur Crafts, Rev. J. W. Pedley, Knox Presbyterian, Rev. J. Russell, Rev. W. M. Walker, Christian Church, Rev. T. S. Johnston, Rev. W. J. Ford, Christ Church (English), Rev. A. Stewart, Rev. J. G. Fallis, West London Methodist, Rev. E. H. Lane, Rev. Ira Smith. Collection at all the meetings.

Every Graduate

of the Western Ontario Shorthand and Business Academy, 75 Dundas street, London, is placed in a situation when convenient.

During 1897

We have placed every pupil in a good situation. School opens on Monday, Jan. 3, 1898. Last week Mr. Wheeler accepted.

A Situation

with McPherson & Co., Fingert, Ont.

Articles For Sale.

TRIUMPH MEDICAL BATTERY takes the lead. Price only \$1. Equal to batteries for which \$5 and \$10 are asked. F. B. CLARKE, 415 Richmond street.

GOOD COTTAGE FOR SALE ON Queen's avenue, west of Adelaide street. \$1400. Land alone is worth the money. For particulars apply J. W. WISNETT, barrister, 420 Talbot street, London.

THE LOCKED WIRE FENCE CO., LTD. of Ingersoll, whose head office is at 300 Bathurst street, city, have been instructed by the waterworks commissioners to place one of their famous fences round the pond at Byron.

FRESH OYSTERS—EVERY DAY—who come and retail. Any orders received by mail given prompt attention. CAPLANO & SONS, 906 Dundas street.

NEW YEAR CARDS AND CALENDARS UP-TO-DATE—CHEAP, CHEAP. R. V. SAUNDER, 620 Dundas street, East London.

FOR SALE CHEAP—PORTABLE OVEN in first-class condition; capacity 100 loaves. Apply 412 Princess avenue.

STEWART'S STOVES, RANGES, STEEL ovens are perfect workers. We give estimates on iron work, iron castings, hot air furnaces. Jas. THOMPSON, 414 Richmond street.

STOVES—ALL KINDS—REPAIRERS with and without oven, and a large assortment of wood stoves at low prices. G. O. PARISH, 307 Talbot street, south of King.

MINING STOCK—Ruby Reef will be withdrawn from sale in a few days. At the present price it is the best thing in the market. Send your orders at once. J. F. SANGSTER, 402 Richmond street.

GAS CHANDELIERS AND BRACKETS and globes. SMITH BROS., 205 Dundas street.

ENGINE FOR SALE—A BARGAIN—Thirty horse power; can be run at 90 revolutions; is in capital order; can be had at a very low figure. Address Engine, care "Advertiser" Office.

FOR SALE—SKATES AND SKATE parts, used in skating. More skates repairing at lowest prices. D. McKENZIE & Co., 374 Richmond street.

THE DOLLAR ELECTRIC MOTOR—THE greatest novelty of the age. Just the thing for the boys. F. B. CLARKE, 415 Richmond street.

CUSTOMS PAPERS OF ALL KINDS always on hand at Advertiser Job Department. You can have them in large or small quantities.

TIMBERS, TRUSS RODS AND PLATES PA. TERRY & JOLLY.

STOVES AND SECOND-HAND FURNI- TURE for sale cheap on Grey street and in store, Massie Temple, Market square.

PAMPHLET WORK OF EVERY DE- scription, clean and quick, at Advertiser Job Department.

Real Estate.

FOR SALE—TEN FINE BUILDING LOTS on five fronting on Grey street and fronting on Simcoe street, immediately east of the London and Petrolia Barrel Works, East London. Price and particulars given by GEO. PRITCHARD, 2 Market Lane.

Situations Wanted.

SITUATION WANTED—BY A WIDOW as a housekeeper, companion, or to care for invalid. Best of references. Address Box 38 this office.

EXPERIENCED COOKS, DINING-ROOM waitresses, general domestic help, are waiting situations. London Employment Bureau, 372 Richmond.

Board and Lodging.

LARGE FRONT PARLOR AND BED- ROOM to rent. Good board for \$25. 36 Colborne.

GOOD BOARD AND PLEASANT ROOMS in private home. Apply Box 1, Advertiser, or 32 Hope street.

Miscellaneous.

THE PUBLIC WILL TAKE NOTICE that I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by my son, William Henry Bow, (signed) WILLIAM BOW.

JUST RETURNED FROM KIONDIE Full information on country and outfit for the Klondike. H. H. FLEET, 203 Marion street, Seattle, Washington.

Lost and Found.

LOST ON KING STREET—A LADIES silver mounted black leather purse, with monogram B. L., containing sum of money. Finder will be rewarded when leaving at this office.

BYGLASSES—LOST ON WELLINGTON or Dundas street. Reward at this office.

Pawnbrokers.

WANTED—100 GOOD SECOND-HAND overcoats, suits, money, guns, etc. Money advanced on above; also diamonds, watches, jewelry. J. P. PAX, pawnbroker, 209 King street, opposite the bank.

Treat every man as a gentleman and you will be regarded as one yourself. Act as if you thought other men were curs, and some day, you will be treated like a yellow dog.

The great lung healer is found in that excellent medicine sold as Bickie's Anti-Consumptive Syrup. It soothes and diminishes the sensibility of the membranes of the throat and air passages, and is a sovereign remedy for all coughs, colds, hoarseness, pain, or soreness of the chest, bronchitis, etc. It has cured many when supposed to be far advanced in consumption.

Address: 722 York street for Yeomans' Weather Strips.

Those "Triumph" Medical Batteries are selling rapidly. No wonder the price does it. Only one dollar each. They are, in effect, equal to the batteries for which \$5 and \$10 are asked. F. B. CLARKE, 415 Richmond street, has them for sale.

He who wears his heart on his sleeve will often have to lament that daws peck at it.

How To Be Beautiful. To be beautiful we must have pure blood and a clear skin. Burdock Blood Purifiers purifies the blood and makes the skin bright and clear. It cures all skin and blood diseases. Witness the following: "I had scrofula on my face for some time, and could get no relief until I tried B. B. B. One bottle healed me and left no scars. It is the greatest blood purifier in existence." Mary C. Berry, Toronto, Ont.

AWFUL DISASTER!

Dreadful Calamity in London Last Night.

The City Hall Floor Gives Way, Carrying Many Citizens Down With It.

Twenty-Two Persons Killed and a Large Number Seriously Injured.

A Scene of Indescribable Horror Enacted As a Close to Election Day.

Two Advertiser Reporters Go Down In the Crash and Graphically Describe Their Experiences.

Scenes, Incidents and Touching Interviews With Survivors of the Shocking Catastrophe.

The deadliest calamity that has occurred in the city of London since the memorable Victoria disaster on the Thames on May 24, 1881, came a pall over the city, occurred about 9:30 o'clock last night.

A large portion of the floor of the City Hall, which was crowded almost to suffocation on the occasion of the mass meeting following the municipal election, gave way without a moment's warning, and hundreds of men and boys fell to the floor below.

The people were piled up in seven or eight tiers. Most of the number were wedged in by the falling beams, steam heating pipes, tables, benches and chairs, and were unable to extricate themselves.

The portion of the floor which sank was a space in the northeast corner of the hall about 25 feet by 40 feet, and formed the whole ceiling of the city engineer's office beneath.

It was on this part a temporary platform had been erected, from which the speeches were delivered. The press table was immediately in front of the platform, and about ten feet back was the first row of the few benches which were in the hall. A few feet east of the platform was a large iron safe, which has been in the hall for a number of years.

The crowd, which came in when the result of the election was definitely known, pressed close up to the press table, and stood between the portion of the audience which was seated and the speakers. There was hardly breathing space, and the place could not possibly have been more crowded.

All went well until about 9:30 o'clock, at which time all the speakers who had been able to reach the platform, and find seats there, had addressed the meeting. Mr. R. M. C. Toote stood near the platform, and a number of his friends called for a speech from him. Others thought it was about time to close, and said so. However, the demand for Mr. Toote continued. He responded, and was in the act of mounting to the platform, and stood with one foot raised ready to jump up—a distance of about two feet and a half—when a creaking sound alarmed everyone. The floor gradually sank for a second or two, and ear-splitting cries from the horror-stricken crowd pierced the air. It was a moment of agony.

People were appalled by the hopelessness of the situation and uttered terrible cries of despair. The point at which the beam below had broken, a few feet in front and east of the platform, was the vortex, and towards this point the people were irresistibly drawn. When the floor broke a cloud of plaster dust from the ceiling below and from the walls enveloped the fall-

ing mass and made all dark for a brief space of time.

The writer was hurled backwards into the pit, and underneath the falling timbers. When the air cleared of the dust, and the bright chandelier immediately overhead shone into the death-pit, a ghastly sight met the eye. Faces gashed and covered with blood were everywhere to be seen. The drawn countenances of those who suffered internally, and were in the throes of death were also among the number. Old men with gray hair and beards matted with blood lay pinned in the heap, along with small boys distorted with pain. The clothes and faces of all were ashy with the dust of the plaster, and added to the horror of the scene.

The greatest number of fatalities happened where the iron safe crashed through the floor.

P. C. Macdonald, who was on that beat, heard the crash, and ran to the C. P. R. telegraph office and telephoned for the fire brigade. The firemen were quickly on hand, and rendered great service in an organized manner. There were many willing hands besides, and all worked with might and main. The wounded were extricated, and the debris cleared away as quickly as possible. A chain and a rope were fastened around the iron safe, and it was hoisted in the air, so that the beams under it could be shifted and the people under them moved.

When removed, the wounded and the dead were carried to the vacant store opposite the arcade, and which had been used as Ald. Parnell's committee rooms. Mr. Callard's drug store and some of the others across Richmond street. These places were soon filled with the injured, the dying, and the bodies of the dead.

Great heroism was displayed by the injured. One middle-aged man, unable to stand alone, refused to be carried away because he would not leave his boy, who had fallen with him.

The news of the disaster spread rapidly, and the few hundreds who had been in the galleries and the secure portion of the floor of the hall were quickly swelled to thousands from all portions of the city.

Identifying the Dead.

The dead and wounded were conveyed by willing hands to the premises opposite, most of them being taken into Ald. Parnell's committee rooms. The thousands who blocked the roadway made it difficult to force a passage through for the dead and dying. It was fortunate that a large squad of police was on hand to check the wild rush of alarmed and excited people, fearful of the fate of relatives or friends, who sought a glimpse of

The Dead.

W. T. SMITH, ex-street car conductor, and a market gardener opposite Wonderland.

L. W. BURKE, insurance agent, ex-president of the Young Liberal Club.

NOBLE CARROTHERS, nephew of Ald. Carrothers.

CRAWFORD BECKETT, contractor.

EX-ALD. JOHN TURNER, carriage manufacturer.

EDWARD LUXTON, Centralia, a youth, identified by letters in his pockets.

FRED HEAMAN, son of ex-Ald. Wm. Heaman.

WM. H. DELL, baker, West London.

R. S. LEIGH, plumber, Richmond street.

A. E. PHILLIPS, flour store, opposite the market.

B. J. NASH, carriage manufacturer, Stanley street.

WM. EDWARD TALBOT, 33 Hamilton road, 13 years old.

BEN JACQUES, cabman, 755 York street.

JOHN FELLOWS, Depper's Corners.

W. J. BORLAND, 165 Tecumseh avenue, wood worker at John Campbell & Son's.

JAMES HARRIS, employed at McClary's.

OSWALD BRUCE, 156 Wharncliffe road, aged 12.

JOHN BURRIDGE, shoemaker, corner Talbot and King streets.

FRANK ROBINSON plasterer, 347 Horton street.

A boy named McLEAN, son of James McLean, Clarence street.

STEWART HARRIS, 71 Fullarton street, produce merchant, Covent Garden Market.

STEVEN WILLIAMS, an aged man.

JOHN H. FORTNER, Bathurst street, laborer, 26 years old; married; no family. He recently moved in from West London. His mother lives in London township, opposite Springbank. Mr. Fortner was a member of Court Excelsior, A. O. F., and was insured for funeral benefits, \$100.

The Wounded.

The following is a list of the wounded, as far as could be gathered by The Advertiser reporters:

WM. ELLWOOD, 742 Richmond street—chest hurt.

CHARLES KIDNER, Morkin House—right leg sprained and back hurt.

WM. GRAY, president Conservative Club—hurt about nose and head.

D. SWENEY, 233 South street—left arm and ribs broken.

G. W. YATES, Ontario street—arm broken.

ALD. CARROTHERS—slightly hurt.

ALD. TAYLOR—badly cut in face.

GEORGE McNEILL, jun.—slightly scratched.

GEORGE BRETT, Colborne street—severely cut in wrist and head.

EDMUND GRANT, son of Assessment Commissioner Grant—knee hurt.

FRED. MOUNTJOY, lives over Clark's bridge—badly bruised; not serious.

RICHARD GRAHAM, 242 Burwell street—bruised leg.

HAZELINE

No other preparation has ever been discovered that equals the wonderful skin food, HAZELINE. This article is a concentrated combination of Witch-Hazel and Almond Cream, with other valuable and healing substances. New remedies come, live their little day and die, but Hazeline every day adds to its fame as being the most perfect and reliable lotion for the skin. It removes instantly all inflammation, curing blotches, pimples, roughness, redness, etc. There is nothing so good for promoting a clear and brilliant complexion or as an aid to beauty.

For sale by CHASEBROS & LAWRENCE, Druggists, etc., 310 Dundas street, Branch, Corner Richmond and Fleetville.

D. C. McNAUGHTON, 258 Dufferin avenue—left leg broken.

WM. FOX, teamster, Hamilton road—hurt internally.

JOSEPH MURRAY, 72 Mount Pleasant street—badly bruised; hurt internally.

SIDNEY GLENDENNING, 143 Oxford street—left leg broken.

ED. MARSHALL, 323 Queen's avenue—right arm broken; head cut.

WM. MACKENZIE—one bone broken in the left arm.

JOHN THOMPSON, 943 Colborne street—head cut and other injuries.

LEIGH MORRIS, 167 Hamilton road, aged 17—head cut.

THOMAS ROBINSON, Hill street—head cut and bruised.

ALBERT JOYCE, 316 Grey street—chest smashed in.

WM. STONE, St. James street—badly injured internally.

GORDON MCKAY, son of the late Hugh McKay—slightly injured.

A son of Mr. John Mattinson, of the London Drug Company—broken arm.

S. S. CASEY, St. James street—legs bruised.

WALTER ELLIS, Alexander street, West London—hurt in back and joints.

W. BLAKE Horton street—badly bruised.

JACOB HARRIS, Horton street—slightly injured.

JOHN WHITTAKER, 551 King street—slightly cut.

HENRY WHITTAKER, of the New York Mail and Express—slightly injured. Mr. Whittaker was visiting the city, and went to the hall with his brother John. He fell with the rest but was only scratched.

HENRY BRANN, English street—eye badly cut.

JAMES HERRIOTT, G. T. R. car shops office—injuries slight.

A. E. BURWELL, Oxford street—legs bruised.

WATER BECHER—face cut.

THOMAS LANG, 737 King street—face cut and teeth knocked out.

JOHN MACPHERSON, 673 Marlborough street—scalp wounds.

W. TAYLOR, Queen's avenue—scalp wound.

ALLEN TOWNE, son of Edward Towne, insurance agent—badly hurt.

A 15-year-old son of Mr. John Sussex, blacksmith—head crushed.

INJURED AT CITY HOSPITAL. An Advertiser reporter visited the city hospital at 1 o'clock this morning, and secured the following list of names of injured people:

THOS. SCOPEL, Salvation Army Barracks—internal injuries below the ribs.

STEPHEN WILLIAMS, brought to hospital unconscious and died at 11:30.

MOSES MINER, 355 Hill street—spine hurt, possibly seriously hurt.

EDWARD A. MARSHALL—right arm fractured in two places.

SIDNEY GLENDENNING, 143 Oxford street—fracture of left leg.

REGINALD JOHNSON, 23 Palace street—internal injuries.

WESLEY BAKER, lives near waterworks—legs broken above knee.

THOMAS BARTHAM, 14 Horton street—injuries to back.

JAMES DEAN, weigh scales clerk—hurt on side and cut under chin.

WM. JOYCE—general shaking up.

AT ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL.

JOHN ARBUCKLE, Quebec street—shaken up and badly bruised.

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and Trouserings

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