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Births, Marriages, Deaths

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths which are inserted in The Daily Advertiser also appear in The Western Advertiser. Births 25c, Marriages and Deaths 50c.

DIED.

TANNER—In this city, on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 1898, William J. Tanner, in his 61st year. Funeral from his late residence, 17 Pipe Line road, South London, on Friday, at 3 p.m.; service at 2:30.

Amusements and Lectures

Advertisements under this heading, two cents per word, or ten cents per line, each insertion.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE

Thursday, Dec. 8

The big farce-comedy hit for the past five seasons, and still we are happy. The big show.

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Nothing but fun. Prices, 25c, 50c, 75c. Seats now on sale. 9u

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

Matinee and night, Saturday, Dec. 10. Klaw & Erlanger's superb production of Barnet & Sloane's fairy extravaganza,

"JACK AND THE BEANSTALK."

Prices—Matinee, $1, 75c, 50c, 25c, children, 50c; night, $1 50, $1, 75c, 50c, 25c. Seats on sale Thursday. 9k

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Two nights, FRIDAY and SATURDAY, December 9th and 10th,

DEAN'S BOSTON UNCLE TOM'S CABIN CO.

Prices—10 cents and 20 cents. 9c

STARLIGHT RINK, YORK STREET, opposite G. T. R. station. Good ice tonight. b

AUDITORIUM—TONIGHT—TONIGHT—A few seats left for the Schubert Glee Club Concert. Tickets 50c and 75c. b

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GRAND CONCERT—DUNDAS CENTER Methodist Church, next Tuesday evening, Dec. 13, by the choir, assisted by the Sherlock Male Quartet, of Toronto, under the leadership of Mr. J. M. Sherlock, tenor soloist. Admission 25c. 9u

PRINCESS—SEVENTH BAND TONIGHT—Ice superb. Music Saturday afternoon and evening. Season books at office. b

WEDNESDAY EVENING, DEC. 7—Opening date for advanced class for ladies and gentlemen. Special season tickets from December to May, at reduced rates. Dayton & McCormick.

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Meetings.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, ATTENTION—ANNUAL assembly of Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory, No. 4, Friday evening, Dec. 9, for election of officers and general business. A large attendance desired. A. A. Campbell, Presiding Preceptor; J. S. Dewar, Registrar. b

Male Help Wanted.

WANTED—FIRST-CLASS FARM HAND; one used to feeding cattle and milking. Address Box 94, Advertiser. b

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WANTED—AN EXPERIENCED PARLOR maid. Apply Mrs. V. Cronyn, 591 Dundas street. 10c

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SITUATION WANTED — BY LADY AS housekeeper, or any position of trust. Apply box 93, Advertiser. 8c

SITUATION WANTED—BY YOUNG MAN, in office or store or any useful employment, at moderate remuneration. Is willing to work, and can bring good recommendations. Address, Ernest Atkins, 265 Clarence street, London. 7n

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TO LET—BRICK COTTAGE, SIX ROOMS, pantry and cellar. 737 Waterloo street. Apply S. L. Bissell, 369 St. James. 10u

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. Winnett, Barrister, etc., 420 Talbot street. ywt

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MISS MILLAR, 359 PRINCESS AVENUE Swedish therapeutic massage, graduate of the Hugo Oldenourg Institute, Chicago.

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were secured by pupils of Coo's Shorthand and Business Academy during the present week, as follows: Miss Bennet, with T. B. Escott & Co.; Miss Rumball, with L. A. Morrison, Esq.; Miss Kenny, with Stuart, Stuart & Ross; and three young ladies temporarily with D. S. Perrin & Co., Meredith & Fisher and Pocock Bros. We secure a situation for every graduate. Join our classes at once and qualify. For terms apply

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The kinds most desirable for holiday gifts. These are worthy representatives from the best assorted stock in London.

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SKATING AND HOCKEY SHOES. Men's, $1.90. Girls' and boys', $1 and $1.25.

Come early and secure first choice.

Pocock Bros., 140 DUNDAS STREET.

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LOST—GOLD WATCH, INITIALS "J. A." engraved on case. Liberal reward for return to this office. 10c

Articles For Sale.

BEFORE BUYING YOUR XMAS CAKE get a sample of ours, or you will be sorry. Best materials used. Fruit carefully cleaned, skillfully made, and sold at bargain prices. GEORGE PETERS.

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We are giving special attention to Xmas goods. 3½ lbs. raisins, 25c; 3½ lbs. currants, 25c; peels, 20c lb. Ask for trading stamps. ywt

$8.50 WILL BUY $10 MAHOGANY Bedroom Suites, for this week only. Keene Bros.' Cash Bargain Furniture Store, 127 King street.

HORSE FOR SALE—LIGHT DRIVER—Bargain. Apply 258 Dundas street.

FIRST-CLASS WOOD—HARD AND SOFT—stove lengths or cordwood. Prompt delivery to any part of the city. Prices reasonable. Phone 1,312. S. Gilles & Son, Sawmill, East London.

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PAMPHLET WORK OF EVERY DESCRIPTION, clean and quick, at Advertiser Job Department.

PORK SAUSAGE AND BOLOGNA, FOUR pounds 25c; smoked ham and bacon, 10c; pickled bacon, 9c; shoulders, 6c; long clears, 8c, at Park's, corner Market Lane.

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BEST HARD COAL AND WOOD DELIVERED in all parts of the city. W. G. Kadey, 771 Dundas street. Phone 1,134.

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PRIVATE BOARDING—LARGE PLEASANT rooms; all modern conveniences. Mrs. Collett, 228 Oxford street, corner Richmond. 100n tyw

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WANTED—PAIR OF BOBSLEIGHS—Apply 545 Ontario street. b

HIGHEST PRICE PAID FOR GENTLEMEN'S cast-off clothing. A. P. Sainsbury, 90 King street. Mail orders attended to

Miscellaneous.

NEW PATENT — ANYONE WISHING sashes adjusted cheap, equal to pullies and weights, drop a card or call on J. L. White, sen., Pottersburg. Territory for sale. 10n

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF London South Council, No. 19, C. O. C. F. I beg to acknowledge receipt of check for $2,000, being the full amount of beneficiary certificate held by my late husband. I also ask the officers of the Grand Council to accept my thanks for the prompt payment of the same. May your order prosper in the future as it has in the past. I am sincerely yours, Alice Lucas. b

W. H. BROWNING, THE CELEBRATED clairvoyant who tells the past and the future, is in the city for one week and can be consulted at 262 Horton street, or will call if addressed. 9c

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TENDERS FOR SEWER —AND— TENDERS FOR STORM DRAIN.

SEPARATE tenders will be received at this office, up to 4 o'clock, on Thursday, 15th December, for the construction of a TILE SEWER on Waterloo street, also for a TILE STORM DRAIN on same street.

A. O. GRAYDON, City Engineer.

ALD. H. M. DOUGLASS, Chairman No. 2 Committee. 10c eod

The ONTARIO MUTUAL LIFE.

SECURITY—Our Reserve is the highest held by any Canadian Company on all of its policies, and our surplus is $400,000 more than the Government standard.

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C. E. German, General Agent, London, - Ont.

FIGHTING IN THE SWAT VALLEY

Between the Forces of the Mad Mullah and Mawb of Dir.

British Rights Under the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty Will Be Respected.

The Tide of Emigration to Canada—Growth of Anglo-Canadian Trade.

London, Dec. 8.—Fighting has been renewed in the Swat Valley between the mad mullah and the forces of the Mawb of Dir. Forty men were killed on each side.

BRITISH RIGHTS TO BE UPHELD.

The Washington correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says: "I have ascertained from the highest source that President McKinley has no thought of ignoring or violating British rights under the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. On the contrary, when the proper time arrives, England will be invited to co-operate regarding the Nicaragua Canal." The Washington correspondent of the Times makes a similar statement. The Daily Chronicle says, editorially: "The assurance given by our Washington correspondent cannot but cause great satisfaction here. Yet there will probably be some division of opinion in England on the question of making the canal with public money. There is no reason why the work should not be done by private enterprise under a government guarantee by both nations. Our interest in the matter is only that the canal should be free, neutral and open to all the world on equal terms."

An official denial has been issued of the report from New York saying that the Prince of Wales contemplates attending the centennial celebration of the city of Washington as capital of the United States.

EMIGRATION FIGURES.

Emigration returns, just published, show that the number of emigrants from British ports to Canada for the month of November last was as follows: English, 561; Irish, 35; Scotch, 24; and foreign, 677. Total for the eleven months ended Nov. 30: English, 14,861; Irish, 853; Scotch, 1,687; and foreign, 9,465. There were more emigrants to Canada during that period than to the Cape; and compared with those having Australia for their destination, the number was double that. The number of emigrants to the United States for the eleven months was 118,810.

BRITISH-CANADIAN TRADE

Imports from Canada for the month of November, as per statistics issued today, were: Cattle, 10,690; value, £172,059; sheep and lambs, 6,626—£9,834; wheat, 814,200 cwts—£228,717; meal and flour, 253,700 cwts—£130,029; peas, 151,890 cwts—£51,468; bacon, 51,467 cwts—£95,576; hams, 7,352 cwts—£14,242; butter, 27,265 cwts—£115,129; cheese, 190,200 cwts—£400,328; eggs, hundreds, 260,495—£87,988; copper, 2,173 tons—£5,100; wood (hewn) 3,115 loads—£11,342; wood (dressed), 82,477 loads—£193,618; horses, 438—£11,892. The total value of exports to Canada for the same period was £278,211.

A PROTEST.

London, Dec. 8.—The Times this morning, protesting editorially against Secretary Gages' "Exclusive maritime policy," and expressing a hope that congress will not indorse it, says: We regard with the heartiest feelings of sympathy and without a tinge of jealousy the development of the imperial spirit in the United States, but it must not be supposed that we are prepared to approve the adoption of an exclusive policy in regions in whose destinies we might have claimed a voice.

FROM THE FAR EAST.

Shanghai, Dec. 8. — Rear Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, M. P., who has been in China for some time, on behalf of the British Associated Chamber of Commerce, will start on his home voyage early next month, going by way of Japan and the United States.

Pekin, Dec. 8.—The dowager empress' anger at Kang Yu Wei, the Cantonese reformer, is said to have culminated in a secret order, sent to the Chinese minister at Tokio, Japan, instructing the latter to capture Kang Yu Wei at all costs.

The German minister here, Baron Von Heyking, has demanded of the Chinese foreign office that a German missionary, lately maltreated in the province of Shan Tung, shall be escorted through the district by Chinese officials, and be shown special honors, and that the mandarin responsible for the outrage be degraded.

The members of the Tsung Li Yamen are greatly perturbed at the French ultimatum regarding the missionary held prisoner by the Szchuan rebels. They declare it is impossible to comply with the demand of France for his release, as the Szchuanese rebels are beyond control.

POPE OPPOSED TO CARLISM

Special Message Sent by His Eminence to Madrid.

The German Army Bill Doesn't Look Toward Disarmament.

A Cabinet Crisis Imminent in Hungary—Row in a Parisian Theater—French Officials in a Fever.

London, Dec. 8.—The Rome correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says: In response to appeals from the Spanish Government, the pope has sent to the papal nuncio at Madrid instructions to remind the Spanish clergy that it is their duty to oppose Carlism.

PEACE COMMISSION.

There was no joint session of the peace commission yesterday in Paris, as the Spaniards are still occupied in translating the Americans' answer to their proposals in regard to the status of Spanish subjects in the annexed territories. All that remains for the commissions to attend to is the settlement of the minor points of the treaty, which will probably be signed on Saturday next.

THE KAISER AND THE ARMY BILL.

Berlin, Dec. 8.—Considerable surprise is expressed at the omission from Emperor William's unusually long speech opening the reichstag of any reference to the agreement with Bavaria about military judicial proceedings with Great Britain. The evening papers note that the emperor spoke of the czar as his "dear friend," and of Emperor Frances Joseph as his "faithful ally." They argue, therefore, that the trend of foreign policy is unchanged, and that the triple alliance is still in existence.

The preamble of the army bill says that "Germany is still menaced in consequence of her geographical position, while neighboring states do not cease their systematic warlike preparations. There is no doubt that the czar's manifesto furnishes a pledge that at present attack from that side is not contemplated, but disarmament has nowhere occurred, and in present circumstances it can scarcely be anticipated. Special attention is drawn to the military preparations of France and Russia, and the preamble concludes by declaring that "a strong and well-organized army is the surest pledge of peace."

CABINET CRISIS IN HUNGARY.

Vienna, Dec. 8.—A cabinet crisis is imminent in Hungary. Dr. D. le Szilagyi, president of the Chamber of Deputies, and Dr. Lang, one of the vice-presidents, have resigned. Dr. E. de Josepocos explains that he cannot remain in a ministry which would be compelled to employ unconstitutional means to retain office.

In the lower house of the Hungarian Diet yesterday some noisy scenes occurred.

FRENCH OFFICIALS IN A FEVER.

Paris, Dec. 8.—The Paris newspapers vigorously denounce the speech delivered by the British ambassador, Sir Edmund J. Monson, at the annual meeting of the British Chamber of Commerce here, as being a commentary and warning in the most offensive form. They say the French ambassador at London, M. Paul Cambon, will certainly be instructed to ask the Marquis of Salisbury whether it was by his orders that Sir Edmund undertakes to direct France's foreign policy. The ambassador's speech has caused a sensation in official and diplomatic circles.

ROW IN A THEATER.

An exciting incident took place last night at the opening of the new Opera Comique. The performance was inaugurated with a performance of "Dame Blanche," in the presence of a brilliant audience, including M. Faure, members of the cabinet, senators, deputies, Russian grand dukes, and all the leading diplomatic, artistic and literary notabilities in Paris. President Faure's arrival was signalized by shouts of "Vive l'Armee!" which were answered by shouts of "Vive Picquart!" The rival crowds came into collision, and there was some fighting.

IN EGYPT.

London, Dec. 8.—Advices from Cairo say that a British gunboat reports that no trace has been found of any French post beyond Fashoda for 270 miles. It is believed the French have withdrawn.

A Brussels dispatch says, in response to a suggestion of King Leopold to the British Government that the Bahr-el-Ghazal be included in the Congo Free States, that Lord Salisbury says the Anglo-Congo convention must be revised so as to secure British occupation from Uganda northward. This involves the revocation of the Congo States' lease of the Emin Pasha province.

FIFTEEN KILLED, FIFTY WOUNDED.

Berlin, Dec. 8.—Fifteen women and girls were killed and 50 dangerously injured by jumping from the windows of a burning hosiery-kcilB.El J—J— —— a burning hosiery factory in Vilna, Russia.

CABLE NOTES.

The Daily News' dispatch from Odessa says: "It is reported here that the Turkish cavalry will be increased by 25,000 troopers on the advice of Emperor William."

Much amusement and some indignation has been caused in Canadian circles today by a New York message in the Morning Post, alleging that well informed circles in Quebec believe that Mr. Chamberlain's inquiry respecting Anticosti foreshadows the intention of the British Government to seize the island in the event of war with France.

The Austrian steamer Istria was sunk on Wednesday in a collision with the Italian steamer Capria from Brindisi for Trieste. No lives were lost.

Experience is a teacher of mankind, and some men will learn of no other.

The law's delay doesn't apply to the presentation of the lawyer's bills.

CITY SHOULD OWN THEM

Mr. Martin, of the Fabian Society, on Municipal Monopolies.

Results of Good Government in England, Contrasted With America.

Prospective Mayoralty Candidates on the Platform.

The Mayor Defends the City Council—Mr. Martin Not Impressed With Local Government in America—Lively Discussion.

Not a very large audience greeted the first appearance of J. W. Martin, of the Fabian Society, London, Eng., at the city hall last night, although the speaker was announced to deal with subjects of vital importance to every ratepayer and citizen. Mr. Martin was introduced by Mayor Wilson as one well qualified to handle the questions upon which he would speak, viz., "Franchises and Monopolies," he having been a member of the county council of Old London.

MR. MARTIN.

Mr. Martin first spoke of municipal government, which he said was a constant cause of complaint in the majority of cities. The people required that the city should be improved, made more cleanly, and beautiful, and this under the existing condition of things was becoming more costly, and local taxation increased. This was purely and simply because citizens consented to enfranchise monopolies. "Is there no way in which the citizens can recompense themselves?" asked Mr. Martin. "Are there no enterprises into which the city can embark?" This objectionable condition at one time existed in England, but now the municipalities owned every valuable franchise, consisting of waterworks, gas and street railway, and electric light plants, which only a few years ago were under the control of monopolies; high taxation was disappearing, and through the municipalization of these industries they were being worked for the good of the community. "London the New," he said, "should be able to judge, as they, having municipalized the waterworks system, know what benefits are to be derived. This same system, controlled by a private concern, would be a constant trouble, and give nothing but dissatisfaction."

In referring to Glasgow, he pointed out how the private companies which had previously held this franchise had broken down in their attempt to meet the constantly increasing requirements. The city had then taken the matter into its own hands and now obtained from Loch Katrine a supply which was abundant, cheap and pure, and for which to the poor there was absolutely no charge. The supply had been increased 139 per cent. Birmingham had a similar experience. That city was now bringing its water supply from a great distance at a cost of $30,000,000, for its rapidly increasing population, sufficient for a hundred years to come, and providing it at a greatly reduced rate. Liverpool was now bringing its pure and cheap water 77 miles. With Manchester it was the same way — better water, more of it and cheaper rates.

THE GAS MONOPOLY.

What was true of the water question was true of gas. The old idea, which was entertained in Great Britain, that competition would remedy all abuses, had broken down, and as a result, 203 cities in Great Britain now manufactured and supplied their own gas. The tendency in this direction, too, had increased as its wisdom became more and more apparent—in fact, it might be said generally that the tendency there was for the municipalities to extend their control over their franchises. Birmingham reduced the rate per 1,000 feet from 3s 6d to 2s 3d. It was able to improve the quality, shorten the hours of labor, and increase the wages of the workmen in some sections. Glasgow, by manufacturing its own gas, reduced the rate from 4s 7d to 2s 2d. Last year, Manchester, after having reduced the rate to 2s 3d, was able to hand over to the reduction of other rates $250,000 from this source alone. Lincoln had reduced the price of gas there to 2s 3d. "Here," he said, "you apply your efforts to secure $1 gas. In England, this would soon lead to municipal revolution." Lincoln last year, after paying interest, sinking fund, etc., had secured enough money to hand over $7,500 toward the reduction of municipal rates."

CIVIC CONTROL OF ELECTRIC LIGHT.

In England there is no system so thoroughly municipal as that of electric lighting, not only for streets, but for every house, if need be, where these plants exist. Brighton, that beautiful spot so well known to all travers, and one of the best towns in England, last year, after paying expenses of the municipal plants, handed over $10,000 to the relief of the district rates. The plant at Bradford had earned 12 per cent on the capital invested. Liverpool, after purchasing the gas plant from the private corporation at market value, was able, after six months, to contribute $55,000 to rate reduction after paying expenses. Manchester, last year, handed over $50,000, and preferred that it should go to the benefit of the community in reduction of taxation, instead of going into the pockets of benevolent gentlemen, as dividends. (Applause.) Only two cities in Great Britain over 100,000 population—Newcastle and Norwich, were supplied with light by private companies. Hampstead last year accrued $12,000, to be applied to the reduction of the rate of taxation from this source, and out of 41 installations of lighting plants in England last year, only four were by private corporations. For every town supplied by private companies, two were supplying their own light. To show that this was possible not only in the larger places, where fine economics could be practiced, but also in the smaller places, he illustrated the case of Tunbridge Wells, where the municipal plant gave a return of 11 per cent on the investment.

STREET RAILWAY FRANCHISES.

It was generally understood that in the matter of street railway systems the English were miles behind the United States and Canada. Wherever this was the case, however, it was because the franchise was in the hands of monopolies. When a municipality took hold itself, it adopted the latest innovations. Previous to 1896 English municipalities could own only the tracks, but when fuller powers were given 40 municipalities at once made use of their privileges. The commons 25 years ago refused to allow municipalities to operate their own street railways, but in 1896 a law was passed which gave full powers to municipalities to control their own roads, and during the last two years many roads had been taken over, the number last year being 42. In 1870 Glasgow gave a franchise to a street railway company, and 28 years ago had received much better concessions than most places in America receive from the private corporations. The city laid the lines, and the company paid the interest on all money borrowed to do it. A sinking fund had to be kept up sufficient to repay the capital at the expiration of the time of lease. They had to keep the road in repair, with the city engineer as the judge, and a rental of $750 per mile per annum was paid, with a provision that the fare was not to exceed 2 cents. Glasgow took over the system after a fight with the company, and now had better cars, better service, better everything, and a 1 cent fare for short distances. The people here who paid a 5 cent fare did not know what they were about. The first year that Glasgow conducted its own street railway, after all expenses were paid, the city made $200,000. In Sheffield, in one year, $12,000 extra wages had been paid, and hours of labor lessened. In Blackpool, in five years, the street railway accommodation was doubled, and in 1897, $8,000 was the net profit to the town. Liverpool, Leeds and London had similar experiences. The House of Commons, by an act passed, allowed the corporations to municipalize these systems at the expiration of 21 years. Municipalities had been taking advantage of this throughout the country as fast as the 21 years expired. Next year South London would own its service, and materially better it. Extensions would be made and a cheaper fare charged.

THE TELEPHONE.

Inquiry into this matter had been made in Old London, as the service given there by a private company was of a most unsatisfactory character. The official report of the committee appointed to look into the matter was that the only way to receive a satisfactory telephone service was for the people to install their own.

NATIONAL POLITICS IN MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

Municipal matters should be kept as free from national politics as possible. There should be no "party" feeling about it. In England the imperial representation was 7 to 1 Conservatives against other parties. In the county councils and municipal boards the majority of the members were "Progressives," and thought more of securing a bettered condition of the municipality they represented than of catering for political popularity. It certainly would be a disaster if politics were to be one of the qualifications of a seat on the council boards. Politicians should not be placed at the heads of departments. That was dangerous. In England it was the best man for the vacant place, and his politics were never known. In most English and Scotch cities the council displayed remarkable acumen in choosing their officers. For the past seven weeks traveling in America, the speaker had heard nothing but complaints about the municipal government. There were "ward factions," "ward bosses," and "political bosses" at the heads of departments, creating great dissatisfaction. This was not the democratic country he had heard so much about. Nothing was democratic which was run by "rings" and "cliques." These were the causes of despair. (Applause.) The council was just what the people made it. If the representatives gave away the valuable franchises the ratepayers were to blame. Why should it be different in Canada and the United States from what it was in England? If they replied that they could not trust to the honesty of their councils, then he must tell them that if the councils were dishonest it was the people who were responsible. The city which winked at or condoned or jested at dishonesty and embezzlement on the part of its representatives must pay the penalty.

"If you are dissatisfied with your municipal board," concluded the speaker, "there are enough men present here to go out and make an impression that will secure you a board of representatives you will be proud of." Mr. Martin resumed his seat amid deafening applause.

MAYOR WILSON THINKS THE COUNCIL ALL RIGHT.

As the applause died away, Mayor Wilson rose to make an explanation. He informed Mr. Martin that "conditions were not the same here as in England." Money to municipalize these systems could not be had here for 2½ per cent. He could say for the council that if the speaker would ask most people, they would say "The council is all right." Conditions differed here, because the street railway fran-

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POLITICAL

Nominations in West Lambton and Other Constituencies on Wednesday.

West Lambton—For Dominion House—Dr. T. G. Johnston (Lib.); John Farrell, of Forest (Con.).

East Prince—Dominion House—John Bell (Lib.); E. A. Lafurgey (con.).

Montmagny, Que.—Dominion House—P. R. Martineau (Lib.); A. W. Blouin (Con.).

Bagot—Brodeur (Con.); Marcile (Lib.). The late member, Mr. Dupont (Con.), was elected in 1896 by acclamation.

The probodilities are that the nominations in the West Elgin (Provincial) election will be held on Thursday, Jan. 5, and the voting on Thursday, Jan. 12.

Mr. F. G. Macdiarmid will be nominated at Dutton on Friday, Dec. 16, by West Elgin Conservatives.

A Dainty and Acceptable Gift.

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FELL 40 FEET TO THE GROUND

Robert Jones Instantly Killed at St. Thomas.

Sudden Death of a Grand Trunk Car Inspector Who Went From London to Windsor in 1866.

St. Thomas, Dec. 8.—Robert Jones, 23 years old, son of Mr. Robert Jones, Second avenue, was the victim of a fatal accident yesterday morning. Jones, who is a laborer, was working on new county building, on the floor over the old court room ceiling. The brick of the arch over the window in the top had been taken away, leaving only laths and plaster. The deceased stepped back on this lath and plaster, and it giving way, he fell backwards and head downwards into the cellar of the new east wing, a distance of over 40 feet. In falling his head struck a two-inch plank. Death was instantaneous.

E. J. MARTIN DIES SUDDENLY.

Windsor, Dec. 8.—Edward J. Marshall, of 57 Goyeau street, for many years an employe of the G. T. R., died suddenly in the baggage room of the station last night. He was a car inspector, and had just finished his work in connection with the outgoing midnight express, when he complained of a suffocating feeling, sat down to rest, and suddenly fell back dead.

Marshall came to Windsor with the London volunteers during the Fenian troubles of 1866, and afterward found work with the G. T. R., where he has remained ever since. He was a widower with six children, the youngest 14 years of age. He was over 50 years old, and carried some life insurance.

ILL BUT TWO HOURS.

Dresden, Dec. 8.—On Sunday night, after a brief illness of two hours, there passed away one of Dresden's most popular and highly respected citizens, in the person of Alexander McVean. Mr. McVean was in the best of health and spirits on Saturday, and attended divine service in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning. He came to Dresden from Kingston about 26 years ago. He was 69 years of age, and leaves a wife, one daughter and five sons.

R. A. ALGER, JUN., HURT.

Grand Mere, Que., Dec. 8.—Russell A. Alger, jun., son of the American secretary of war and manager of his father's pulp company here, was badly injured by being thrown from his toboggan.

HER FIRST OFFENSE AS BIGAMIST

Montreal, Dec. 8.—Mary Hughes was sentenced to 23 months in jail for bigamy. An amusing feature of the case was that she pleaded for a light sentence on the ground of its being her first offense.

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