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Kingston Men—Who Left Home To Gain Fame

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John Alexander MacDonnell, K.C. Barrister.

Two coincidences are noticeable in connection with this series of articles dealing with famous Kingstonsians. One is that so many famous lawyers appear in the list and another is that so many of the men whose claims to be included are beyond doubt are descended from Scottish ancestors. The name of John Alexander MacDonnell is close enough to that of John A. MacDonnell to create another coincidence, which is further emphasized by the close connection between the two men during the early years of Canadian Confederation.

John Alexander MacDonnell was born in Kingston on June 25th, 1851, so that he is now nearing his sixty-ninth birthday, after a life of activity and usefulness which embraced several different spheres. His father was Archibald John MacDonnell, and his mother, Mary (Long-Imes) MacDonnell, both parents being of Scottish ancestry. He commenced his

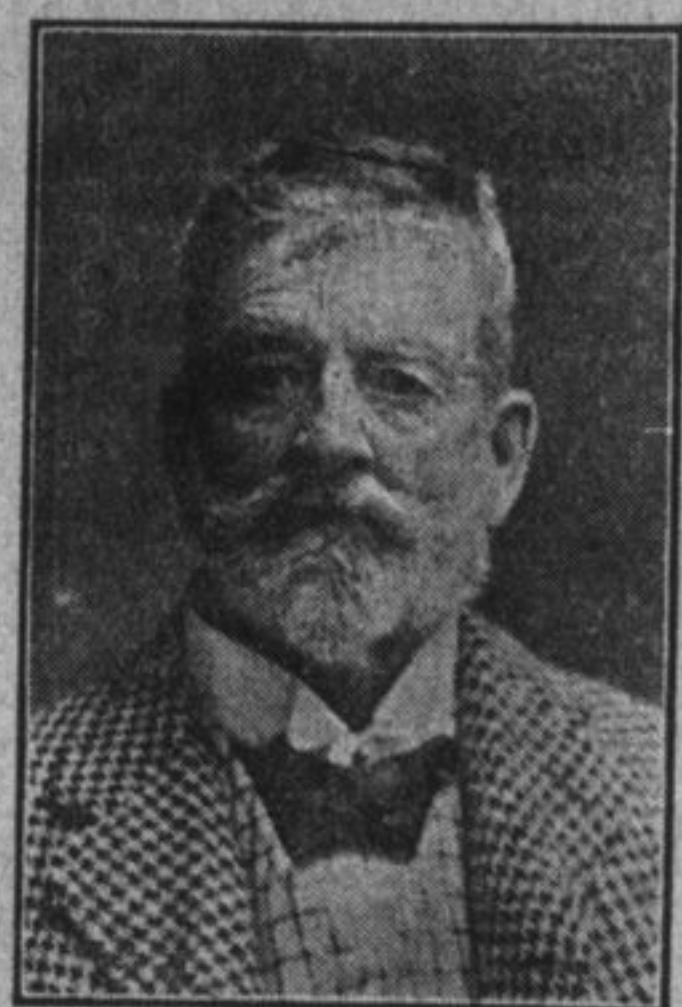
servative Association of Gleanery. For many years he was president of the Conservative Union of Ontario, and is still a member of the executive committee of that organization.

He began his career as a lawyer in 1875, after several years of active political work. In that year he was called on the Ontario Bar and became a partner of the firm of MacDonnell & Costello, barristers and solicitors, with offices at Alexandria, Ontario. In 1890, during the administration of the Earl of Derby, he was created Queens Counsel. He occupied the position of registrar to the Hon. W. H. Draper, C.B., who has a splendid record as a writer, as well as being associated with several other movements of note. For instance, he was one of the founders of the United Empire Club, and was a member of its committees until its close. He was also vice-president of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Ontario, president of the High School Board of the Gleanery district and president of the Separate School Board. He is now president of the Gleanery Newspaper Company, in which he, until leaving for Scotland last August, took an active interest.

But that does not by any means exhaust the list of the activities of Mr. MacDonnell, who has a splendid record as a writer, as well as being associated with several other movements of note. For instance, he was one of the founders of the United Empire Club, and was a member of its committees until its close. He was also vice-president of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Ontario, president of the High School Board of the Gleanery district and president of the Separate School Board. He is now president of the Gleanery Newspaper Company, in which he, until leaving for Scotland last August, took an active interest.

He is the author of several publications. Notable amongst these are the "History of Gleanery in Canada," which was published in 1893 and a sketch of the life of the Right Rev. Alexander MacDonnell, first Roman Catholic Bishop of Upper Canada. For a time he took part in the affairs of the active militia of Canada, and served with the rank of captain in the 29th Regiment. He was put on the retired list in 1897.

As would seem natural for a man so closely in touch with affairs of state and government, John Alexander MacDonnell married the daughter of the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario. His bride was Miss Isabel Sophie Crawford, daughter of the late John Willoughby Crawford, who held the above office at the time of the wedding. The event was a notable one, for Miss Crawford was one of the leading lights of society at the time. MacDonnell now leads a quiet life, owing to his advancing years. He has a rich store of recollections of the early struggles of Confederation, and has vivid reminiscences of his connection with the late John A. MacDonnell, who was in reality his tutor in political matters. He was a tower of strength to the Conservative party for very many years and was the force behind its organization in the province of Ontario. He was one of the founders of the Albany Club, of which he is a life member, and he also belongs to the Lafontaine Club of Montreal. In religion he is a Roman Catholic of the broad-minded type, and is well-known for his acts of philanthropy to his fellow-churchmen. He is one of the few living associates of the "Founder of Confederation" for his political connections with the great leader began at the age of sixteen, and he is one of the oldest of Kingston's famous citizens.



JOHN ALEXANDER MACDONNELL, K.C.

education at the Queen's College School, which he attended in company with the Hon. Sir Hugh MacDonnell, whose career was detailed in a recent article of this series. Leaving school at the age of sixteen, he immediately became involved in the maelstrom of Canadian politics at the time of the Confederation.

In 1867 he entered the Canadian Civil Service as private secretary to the Hon. James Cockburn, solicitor-general of Upper Canada, before the union of the two parts of the Dominion. A few months later he came under the notice of Sir John A. MacDonnell, who was then the first minister of justice of Upper Canada, and entered his service as secretary. In 1873 Sir John A. MacDonnell gave him the task of reorganizing the Conservative party, and he was for many years the accredited agent of the party, acting under the immediate direction of Sir John. He was the originator of the Conservative Association of Toronto, of which he was secretary for several years. In recognition of his services he was elected a life member of all the committees of this association. He was in 1877 originator and the secretary of the first convention ever held in the province of Ontario. He was also the first secretary of the Con-

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KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO.

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At The Synod Service. At the Synod held on Wednesday night, in St. George's cathedral, the service was sung by Canon Smith, of Cataract, the preacher, Rev. A. H. Creighton, of the Mohawk Reserve, read the first lesson and Rev. Dean Smith, of Lyndhurst, read the second lesson. The collection will be devoted to the diocesan mission fund.

Over twelve million pairs of boots and shoes, valued at \$43,332,000, were manufactured in Canada in 1918. The total capital invested in the industry was \$31,493,000. More than 500 cases of "flu" have been reported to the Medical Officer of Health for the border district at Windsor.

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CHRIST'S CLASH WITH PAGANISM

(Continued from Page 1.) points and when they come together there will be war and tragedy. We have got to find some simple postulate or standard as a guide. It is not in the economic structure of the world. We must have a spiritual principle so reduced as to be acceptable to all people on this continent.

Paganism Flourishes Now. It was at this point that the speaker found an illustration in the manner in which Christ met the pagan world, represented by Greece, Rome and Egypt. The sole essence and spirit of Paganism was disrespect of human beings. It absolutely disregarded human rights whatever legal rights existed. Humanity was cheap. The only cure was the heaping of physical oppression upon the bare back of Paganism and it broke. Paganism flourished and the illustration afforded an insight into the hour in which we live. At a time when humanity suffered Christ came and saw through the rottenness, the perjury, injustice, suffering and degradation and by his teaching lifted man to a higher plane. He taught that man was everything and the Pagan holiday in Rome when the populace delighted to see bodies burned and blood flow, ceased.

The world must be regained from present Paganism," declared Mr. Wilson. The idea of being interested in a man's soul and not in the man is played out." He said that upon the death of E. M. Frick, in New York recently it was found that \$5,000,000 worth of bric-a-brac ornamented his residence. The time has come when we cannot estimate the value of a man in cash except at our peril, and we must arrive at a readjustment of the generally accepted standards. Out of the diversity of religious systems must come a simple appeal that will touch all human hearts that will form a spiritual association with the mind of Jesus Christ.

This evening Hon. Mr. Wilson will speak on Christ's clash with the Paganism.

The death occurred in Brockville of a well-known farmer of Beckwith township, Lanark county, in the person of William John McNeely, son of the late Raney McNeely. Deceased was forty-six years of age and unmarried.

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