

There is considerable activity in shipping at Hantsport and building is brisk, a new store for H. Davison being finished. Parker's rink is nearing completion, and the Hantsport P. & M. Co. are erecting buildings 120 feet long by 55 feet wide. Their prospects are good, and they are handling a good deal of machinery now. Mr. Spicer's sash and door factory is about ready, and steam will be started shortly. So, taken all in all, the business outlook for Hantsport is encouraging.

The *Trade Review* announces that Messrs. Hughes Bros., carpet manufacturers of Kidderminster, England, contemplate the establishment of a branch factory in Canada, employing about 200 hands, and using long staple Canadian wool in connection with English and Australian long staple. Hughes Bros' Kidderminster factory employs about 3,000 hands and produces about 1,000 rolls of carpet a week. Last year the total product was 56,000 rolls, or about 2,340,000 yards, the grades produced being of the highest quality—Brussels, Wiltons, velvets, tapestries and rugs. Hughes Bros' trade with Canada amounts to about £30,000 a year, on which they pay 25 per cent. duty. They have warehouses in different parts of the world, including St. Petersburg, Paris, Vienna, Berlin and the leading English towns. It would appear that Toronto has been selected as the site of the new works, and Montrealers are not at all pleased with this decision.

Says the *Kentville Star*, Maitland, Hants County, will have five new ships on the stocks during the coming year, the smallest of which will register 1000 tons.

On St. Mary's Bay, several large vessels are building. W. D. Lovett at Belavins Cove, is building one of 1000 tons, another at Gilberts Cove, and one at Metegan River, beside several small vessels, are all timbered out and men are planking them.

Large quantities of wood and lumber are being shipped to Rockland, Maine, and other places all along the shore from Barton and Meteghan. Five vessels left Weymouth loaded as above, in one day last week.

PLASTER SHIPMENTS.—20,000 tons of plaster were shipped from Hants Co. during the month of August.

CITY CHIMES.

The Saturday afternoon band concerts in the public gardens are over for the season, much to the regret of the frequenters of that charming spot. It is noticeable that few besides nursemaids and their charges attend the gardens when there is no music on the programme. Many people like to take a walk through them and look at the really beautiful and artistic arrangement of flowers and ornamental plants, but unless there is some other attraction, they do not stay there. It is a pity that the band concerts could not be continued until frosts spoil the appearance of the gardens, as these two attractions, music and flowers combined, always draw an appreciative crowd of listeners and beholders. However, all good things come to an end, and the band concerts, following in the wake of many other blessings, have done so too. We must now make up our minds to "go in for" some other sort of pleasure, and as each season brings its own peculiar pleasures there can be no doubt that all tastes will be gratified.

General Sir John Ross, accompanied by a large party, including some Halifax ladies and gentlemen, will shortly leave for a trip to Vancouver.

The Wanderers' Amateur Athletic Club held their Annual Sports on Saturday last. The attendance was not large but the events were all well contested and worth seeing. George Tracey tried to beat Moffatt's record for half a mile, 1 m. 59½ sec., but was unsuccessful. He beat his own record, 2 m. 1 sec., made at the Carnival Sports by one-eighth of a second. He has gone to New York to take part in the half mile Championship Race at Travers Island to-morrow afternoon. Space, or the want of it, prevents our giving details of the several events of the day. The prizes were presented by Mrs. G. Morrow, wife of the Vice-President, in the absence of the President's wife.

A cricket match will be played on the Wanderers' grounds, on Friday (this) and Saturday afternoon, commencing at 2 o'clock each day, between W. A. Henry's eleven and Lieut. Hamilton's eleven, the game being a benefit to J. K. Caesar, the Wanderers' professional. The game will no doubt be interesting, and there should be a large number of spectators.

On Monday morning the annual procession of the Royal British Veterans' Society took place, starting from the Drill Shed about half-past nine. It was headed by the 66th Band, which enlivened the route with excellent music. Red, white and blue sashes were worn by the members, as well as handsome bouquets, and the whole turn out was a particularly fine one. In the evening the annual dinner took place in Mason Hall, where about seventy-five members and guests sat down to a bountiful repast and spent a very pleasant evening.

Trinity Church was consecrated on Thursday by His Lordship Bishop Courtney. Rev. Mr. Sherman, of Jamaica Plains, Boston, Rev. Dr. Partridge, Rev. D. Meaury and the Rector of Trinity, F. H. Almon, took part in the service. The Bishop preached a most impressive sermon from the text, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God."

The Bishop and Mrs. Courtney have gone to attend the Provincial Synod at Montreal.

Messrs. Lawson & Harrington gave a fishing excursion on board the steam tug *Goliath* on Tuesday. They had great sport and made some fine catches. We would particularize, but, as we wish to keep up our reputation for veracity, we are compelled to refrain from indulging in fish stories. Some of the guests, however, made startling statements as to the size and weight of the cod caught, which may be "salted to taste" by the incredulous.

It is rumored that the committees of the Church of England Institute are planning all sorts of pleasant gatherings for the winter evenings. A programme of lectures, concerts and social gatherings is being prepared, and an "Old Folks Concert" is talked of for October.

The services of praise at Grafton Street Church on Sunday last were treats to the lovers of sacred music and reflected great credit on both Mr. Powell, the organist, and on the choir under his directorship. Appropriate sermons were delivered by the Rev. S. R. Ackman and Rev. J. Strothard, morning and evening respectively. The services were of praise almost entirely, and the Rev. Mr. Strothard in his sermon alluded to the fact that praise is a most important part of the worship of God.

COMMERCIAL.

During the past week a fairly average amount of business has been transacted, though the oppressively warm, or rather sultry, weather has had a tendency to retard trade in general.

The want of rain is causing much suffering throughout the Province. In many sections wells have dried up, brooks and rivers have dwindled down, and the ground is parched. Cattle, horses and other beasts have to be in some instances driven for miles to obtain the water needed to sustain their lives. The maturing crops of course are injured, and if rain does not speedily set in, disastrous results may be expected. At the same time an extensive potato rot is reported throughout Ontario and Quebec, and, to some extent, in this Province and Prince Edward Island. This vegetable now commands in this market 80c. per bushel, and dealers confidently predict higher rather than lower figures in the near future. Payments on the whole have been satisfactory, and obligations are fairly well met.

Bradstreet's reports of the week's failures:—

	Week ending		Weeks corresponding to		Failures for the year to date.			
	Sept. 6	1889	1888	1887	1889	1888	1887	1886
United States	143	176	157	119	7746	6878	6331	7001
Canada	25	21	22	31	1101	1178	878	811

The following are the Assignments and Business Changes in this Province during the past week:—Jno. McKinnon, Moncton, assigned; Hayward & Kenny, Brewers, Halifax, dissolved, continues under style of C. W. Hayward & Co.; Merchants Manufacturing Co., Yarmouth, trust deed to International Trust Co., Boston.

DRY GOODS.—A rumor that obtained in the wholesale trade last week that a decline had taken place or was imminent in the price of both grey and white cottons has been found on inquiry to be without foundation. In fact the reverse seems likely, as the raw material continues high, being quoted at 11½c. for December delivery. The mills are now working steadily on spring orders, and the same may be said of woollen manufactures. Trade in wholesale dry goods has generally been quiet since our last report, but the first spell of cool weather will, doubtless, revive orders for heavier wear. Travellers are preparing to go out with samples of winter goods. Sorting-up orders have been rather liberal during the past week.

IRON, HARDWARE AND METALS.—The strength of the iron market noted by us last week has experienced no break, the demand for pig iron at figures previously given being good. According to the statement of a well known dealer on the other side, speculation has been busy in Glasgow where profits have lately been made ranging from £1200 to £5,000, and one large operator is reported to have made £7,500 in warrants alone. Wrought iron scraps are firm with an upward tendency. There is a fair enquiry for tin plates. Sheet zinc is firm. The hardware trade is steady with a fair fall trade in progress and a much better one expected as the season advances. The strike on the other side is still interfering with business, and prevents large shipments of heavy goods coming forward. Ingot copper and tin are firm and buoyant.

BREADSTUFFS.—The situation of the flour market is unchanged. The demand has been slow from all sources and business has been dull and of a jobbing character. The feeling in the market is easy, but prices are nominally unchanged. Cable advices show that very little is doing in English grain markets. French country markets are dull. There has been little life in the Chicago wheat market, and business ruled dull. The general tone of the market was weak. Corn was also inactive but weaker, and prices fell off ½c. to ¾c. Last year the traders in wheat in New York found it a profitable operation to buy in Chicago against sales in New York. But the conditions are entirely different this year, and parties who are figuring for a coming together between the New York and Chicago markets again this season are more likely to see the present differences widen to 12c. or 15c. as they did some years ago. At Toledo wheat was weak and declined ¾c. to ½c. At St. Louis wheat was weaker and fell off ¾c. to ½c.

PROVISIONS.—The demand for pork in the local provision markets has been fair from both local and country buyers, and business was reasonably active but of a jobbing character. The demand for lard has continued slow and business in this line was dull, but the feeling is firmer. In smoked meats a fair volume of business was accomplished for the season of the year at steady prices. In Liverpool bacon was strong and advanced 6d. Lard was weaker and declined 3d. Pork and tallow were unchanged. The Chicago provision market has manifested considerably activity and a larger volume of trade was transacted, but the market was weaker and pork declined