

Provincial Notes.

WINDSOR.—We have had some considerable changes lately in the personnel of our local banks. Mr. Harry King has gone to St. John and Mr. Evill has taken his place in the bank of the Halifax Banking Co., and Mr. Reginald Lawson has left the Commercial Bank of Windsor, and gone into the Bank of Nova Scotia at Halifax.

Miss Miller, daughter of the headmaster of the Collegiate School, has returned home from Upper Canada, where she has been residing the last few years, and is, we understand, to be in Windsor sometime.

Miss Forbes of Halifax spent Sunday last in Windsor

The great event of last week was the second concert of our Philo-harmonic Society on Friday evening, April the 17th. All the elite of our town turned out and a good many of the other inhabitants besides.

We presume it was this latter class who were requested to restrain their conversation by the Conductor. It certainly was annoying to hear whispering and chatting, interspersed *gratis* among the songs and musical solos of the programme. The Society was assisted by Messrs. Phillips and W. Butler, both I think from Halifax. The Clarione solos and duets were certainly excellent, but they were a little too long and a duet of these instruments is scarcely the sweetest for a hall like that of our Reform Club. In my judgement, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Emerson sang the best of the evening, both of whom were enthusiastically *encored*. The piano solo—"La Cascade," by Miss Hensley, was beautifully rendered, and she kindly responded to the wishes of the audience by playing another piece equally well. There were about fifty performers on the stage, and the full chorus rendered several pieces in a highly creditable manner. "Good-night, Good-night, Beloved," being especially fine. I thought that some of our old favorites were hardly at their best this evening, but as I am not a musical critic, my lack of appreciation may be entirely due to some defect in my own judgement. On the whole I think the concert may be deemed a decided success, and much credit is due to Mr. W. H. Watts for his painstaking labor as conductor of this Society. On such an occasion as this the want of a suitable hall is much felt in Windsor, and it certainly does seem a shame that we should not have what many towns, of less importance than we are, possess. Won't some public spirited citizen take the matter up and remedy our lamentable deficiency? The beautiful plants on the stage on Friday evening were a pleasing feature, and somewhat to atone for the shabby appearance of the hall.

Several Windsor people went over to the "Olde Folke's Concert" at Hantsport last week, but they brought back very qualified reports of the performance.

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CHARLOTTETOWN.—A few hours after last week's items were posted, news came that Mr. Edward J. Hodgson, Q. C., LL. D., had been appointed master of the Rolls in succession to Mr. J. Peters, lately resigned because of failing health.

In the appointment of Mr. Hodgson, the Dominion Government has recognized the first claims of one of its most influential supporters, and the Supreme Court of Prince Edward Island has secured upon its back the pressure of our most brilliant orator, and a lawyer whose ability is recognized not only here but elsewhere, for Mr. Hodgson's reputation and status are far from being merely provincial.

Mr. Justice Hodgson has the hearty congratulations of his many admirers and friends.

The great event of the week was the political crisis reached last Saturday, when the Lieutenant Governor refused to grant a dissolution of Parliament and the Government resigned, whereupon His Honor called upon Mr. Fred K. Peters to form a government, and the Liberals are in consequence now in council, "Cabinet-making."

Mr. Peters will no doubt be chosen Premier and Attorney General, but the offices and honors in the present "tight" condition of matters political are of such doubtful advantage there will probably not be as much greediness in seeking for office as there usually is under more favourable circumstances.

Under-officials are trembling, for numerous aspirants are demanding recognition, and party merits go a long way to shut politicians' eyes now-a-days against experience and ability. But such is life, and

as opposing political parties are alike bound to Fortune's wheel, one side must go down if the other go up.

Mr. Vinnicombe's Concert was badly attended last Monday, but those who stayed away were losers more than Mr. Vinnicombe, for it was a good concert. Some feared too much "fiddle and the bow" but no monotonous sameness rendered the concert tiresome. Most of the members were admirable, and the audience gave frequent evidences of their favorable estimation of the character of the performances.

The concert was under the patronage of His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Carvell, who sent Col. Irving, A. D. C. after the performance of Mr. Vinnicombe's solo, to present him with her bouquet of flowers, which honour he fittingly acknowledged.

Tickets for the Tennis entertainment have been sold by the members of the Club, and when on Monday morning at 9 o'clock the plan of seats was exposed in one of the drug stores, crowds were waiting to secure seats and have their tickets marked.

The entertainment next Thursday is certain to be the event of the season, and we hear that the several performers are well up in their parts, and as a whole cannot be excelled by amateurs.

Honorable Daniel Davies and Mr. Lewis Davies, M. P., are both out again after their attacks of *la grippe* which is visiting us, and troubling us all more or less severely.

We see Mr. Horace Haszard home again from Halifax, and Mr. F. Parker Carvell returned Saturday night in the "Stanley" whose welcome horn gladdened our ears again, after nearly five months of ice bound isolation.

A correspondent sends us the following: it is the summing up by the ever-popular "Dagonet" of the much-vexed question "Is marriage a failure?" and is nothing if not practical:—

SIR, —Marriage need not be a failure if certain precautions were taken by young couples at the commencement of their married life. The following rules if carried out would, I am sure, go far to make the institution a greater success than it has been:—

RULE 1. —Never under any circumstances let the wife introduce her husband to her mother.

RULE 2. —Never let the wife ask her husband for money, but always pay her bills out of her own private income.

RULE 3. —Never let the wife ask her husband where he is going or where he has been; and, at whatever hour of the night he returns, let him always find his wife waiting up, with his slippers ready and the spirit-stand on the table.

RULE 4. —Never let the wife ask the husband to come home to dinner at any fixed hour; and if he doesn't come at all, take no notice.

RULE 5. —Always have one or two pretty young lady friends staying in the house, in order that your husband may have someone to talk to.

RULE 6. —When the babies begin to come, put them out to nurse until they are of an interesting age, and have left off crying. Then buy all their clothes yourself, and when they go to school get your papa to pay for their education.

RULE 7. —Never ask your husband to take you anywhere unless he offers to. Then be careful not to have a headache or to trouble him to get anything. If, after the play or the opera is over, he wants to go to his club, say "Don't bother to see me to the carriage, dear." Kiss him, and let him go. If he objects to the kissing, omit it.

RULE 8. —When your husband sees you, always wear a smile. Never be ill or out of sorts, and never fail to let your husband know that you consider it a very great honor to have married him, and that you are filled with a sense of your own unworthiness for such an exalted position.

The strict observance of these rules will enable many a wife who is asked "Is Marriage a Failure?" to reply with a large and triumphant "NO."

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