

CITY CHIMES.

We expected this week to have lots to tell of the gayeties of Tuesday. Much was planned for this holiday, but as the gentle rain, which began at daybreak, poured incessantly till well into the afternoon, simply nipping in the bud all the Labor day festivities, it brought to mind the oft-quoted lines of Burns: "The best laid plans of mice and men gang aft a-gley." The business portion of the city presented a most melancholy appearance, for many of the stores being closed while others went on as usual made the effect neither holiday or business-like. Crowds of men roamed about, hands in pockets, not knowing how to fill in the time; while others strove to drown their disappointment in the jovial glass, and evidently many succeeded in so doing. Nearly all the arrangements for celebrating were postponed. The trotting races at the Riding Grounds took place and were well attended. About five hundred took advantage of the Oddfellows' excursion on the S. S. *Halifax* in the evening, and those who were proof against the playful motions of the waves, doubtless enjoyed a very pleasant evening. The 63rd band and a vocal quartette furnished music and the whole affair was pronounced a success. On Wednesday the weather was all that could be desired, and all went merry as a marriage bell. About 8.30 the grand procession left the north common and proceeded through the principal streets, where all available windows, doorways, etc., were blocked with eager spectators. *A la* Newspaper reports generally, we might say, "where all looked so well, it would be invidious to particularize," and truly it was a creditable demonstration. The mounted truckmen deserve special notice, almost all their horses appearing to be in splendid condition. McDougall's Distillery had two well-gotten-up waggons, and the N. S. Telephone Company with their practical demonstration of their wonderful working gear attracted much attention. The Halifax Illuminating and Motor Company's display was excellent, their waggon containing an engine, dynamo, switchboards, etc., all running; in fact a miniature station on wheels. The march, which was enlivened by good music from St. Patrick's, the Fife and Drum, the 66th and 63rd bands, was about two miles long and was very representative of the numerous flourishing industries of the city.

The Tennis tournament which was to have taken place on Tuesday last, is now announced for to-morrow afternoon, when we trust the elements may be propitious, and the pretty grounds of the South End Lawn Tennis Club in good condition for a first class contest. It will be an exceedingly interesting affair, and we can safely prophesy a large crowd of spectators. We note that in addition to the club prizes, Lieutenant-Governor Daly has kindly presented one to be contested for to-morrow.

Our popular musical friends, Herr Dœring and Mrs. Dœring, are winning laurels in the Western States, the Chicago papers speaking very highly of their performances in that city.

"Bradley's Players" have been drawing fair-sized audiences at the Academy this week. Monday and Tuesday they appeared in "My Partner," but to speak mildly, the play did not take well. There is really nothing in it to commend, and the actors have no opportunities whatever to show any ability. Edmund Collier as Joe Saunders, and F. W. Kendrick as Wing Lee, a Chinese servant, acted their parts well, and Miss Grace Huntingdon almost overdid her part as Mary Brandon. The rest of the company did what they had to do very well, but as we before stated, the play itself gives little opportunity for good acting. As a striking instance of a smiling face oft covering an aching heart, we must mention the case of Mr. Kendrick, who kept the audience convulsed with laughter all Tuesday evening, though two hours before going on the stage a telegram reached him announcing the death of his wife. Wednesday and Thursday evenings "Aunt Jack" was on, and to-morrow evening they will give "Mr. Barnes of New York."

The concert in the Gardens, announced for Labor Day, was postponed until this evening, on account of the wet weather.

This evening the Academy of Music will in all probability be the attraction for a fashionable and brilliant audience, the Carl Peirce Concert Company being booked for one evening only, and all musical members of our community being anxious to hear this famous combination. Miss M. Josephine Gaul, who is a Halifax lady, and who a few years ago distinguished herself in her musical studies at the New England Conservatory, graduating at an early age, is with the Company, and will doubtless receive a hearty reception in her native city. The performance will be under the distinguished patronage of Admiral Watson and the officers of the army and navy.

Halifax has been favored (?) with a queer travelling musical combination parading the streets for the past week or two. Truly, a good deal of ingenuity has been exercised in this strange monstrosity, and though the music is doubtful, the noise is unmistakable. However, we did recognize, after quite a while, the soothingly dulcet strains of "Annie Rooney," and of course felt well repaid for the time we had spent in gazing upon this fascinating trio. The chief minstrel seems to be almost laden down, as he carries the huge drum on his back, which he beats with a stick fastened to his elbow, and on top of this a smaller drum which he manipulates by a strap fastened to his right heel, the drumsticks being inside the drum and fastened to the other end of the strap. Another strap from his right toe connects with a cymbal, or something of like nature, on top of the drums, while across his chest he bears the good old bagpipes, so dear to our hearts. Each of the other of these wandering minstrels toots a bugle, and they form a grotesque picture, with their odd uniforms surmounted by hats covered

with feathers. Doubtless they pick up a good many stray coppers, but we fear there are not millions in this business.

The trotting races at the Riding Ground on Tuesday afternoon were well attended, considering the uncertainty of the weather, but the track was heavy and slippery from the rain, rendering fast time almost an impossibility. There were a large number of entries in the 2.40 class, and it proved a very exciting contest, Nolly Bashaw winning the first two heats, Gladstone the third and fourth. The fifth heat was a tie between the above two horses, while Gladstone won the sixth and the race. The two other races on the programme were very closely contested, but the sport was marred somewhat by the number of false starts, and in one instance the judges acted wisely in fining three of the drivers.

We are glad to hear that Halifax is to be again favored with a season of opera. The Adelaide Randall Opera Company opens at the Academy of Music on Monday evening, and our music lovers are looking anxiously forward to next week, expecting a genuine treat. This company has been delighting St. John audiences, and the press of that city speaks very highly of their performances there. They intend giving us *The Princess of Trobriande* and *The Grand Duchesse*, both of which are new to Halifax theatre-goers.

The Halifax Garrison Artillery made a very creditable parade on Sunday morning last, the Protestants attending St. George's Church, and the Catholics St. Patrick's. Notwithstanding the dull weather, many visitors in our city were out to view the march, and their remarks were highly complimentary.

A large and very fashionable gathering of the youth and beauty of our city witnessed the Ladies' Rowing Races on the North West Arm last Friday afternoon. The General's and Admiral's steam launches were present, and two from the French ship, besides several yachts and small boats in abundance. The day was a glorious one, and the fair competitors looked exceedingly jaunty in their sailor costumes. The victors well deserved the applause which greeted them at the conclusion, the race throughout being a well-contested one and speaking volumes in favor of the Rowing Club, which is certainly providing a tonic for our Halifax ladies, making their cheeks glow with health, not to mention the genuine pleasure to be derived from their merry meetings.

The Board of Managers of the Halifax Industrial School entertained their friends on the occasion of their annual meeting last Friday. Refreshments were served and the yearly report read by Mr. Maynell. Speeches were made by Rev. Dyson Hague, Ald. Sweet, J. C. Mackintosh, Rev. H. F. Adams and Rev. E. B. Moore, and all present spent a very pleasant afternoon. Not nearly enough interest is taken by our citizens in this estimable institution, which is really doing good work. Visitors to the home are always welcome, and all who can do so should find time for a call to see for themselves what is being done.

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