CITY CHIMES.

The twenty-seventh annual prize meeting of the Nova Scotia Rifle Association took place at the shooting range at Bedford on Thursday after-Association took place at the shroting range at hedrord on Intriguly afternoon of last week. The rain, which for days before had been falling,
cessed, and perfect weather prevailed. In former years the presentation of
prizes has taken place in the drill shed, but the successful experiment of
holding that interesting proceeding at the range this year ought surely to
be repeated in the future. A special train left North Street at twenty
minutes before three o'clock to convey the visitors to Bedford, and on arriving a rush was at once made for the teams to drive to the range. Those who were wise walked, for the scenery is very beautiful in that vicinity, the state of the roads was better for walking than for driving, and the sort of carriago which is comfortable was not present. The range presented an animated appearance. About five hundred ladies and gentlemen were presen, and the uniforms of the militiamen, the dresses of the ladies, and the bunting flying from the various tents and "huts" made the scene a very bright one. The prizes were displayed on a table where everyone could take a good look at them. The Bankers' cup and the Merchants' of Halifax cup are handsom, pieces of workmanship. There were many other prizes of less worth, such as silver ice pitchers, cake baskets, castors, silver spoons, of less worth, such as silver tee pitchers, cake baskets, castors, silver spools, etc., any of which were well making a try for. A skilmishing match was the only one fired after the arrival of the gueste, but it was considered the most interesting of all that took place. After it was over photographs of the different corps, and of the gathering of ladies and gentlemen, were taken by Mr. Kelly, of Kelly & Co. This important proceeding over, the presentation of prizes took place. His Honor Lieut. Governor Daly was asked to perform the task of presenting the prizes, which he did, after a short but pleasing speech, in which he expressed his gratification that his first rubble official set should be so agreeable a task, which was a pleasure to first public official act should be so agreeable a task, which was a pleasure to him, particularly when in the distinguished company of His Royal Highness Prince George of Wales, and His Excellency Sir John Ross. He culogized the militia and congratulated the marksmen present on the successful result of the practise of a most necessary part of their training. Rousing cheers were given for the Queen, Sir John Ross, Prince George, the Lieut.-Governor, and Colonels Murray and Curren, three each with a tiger. His Royal Highness Prince George sat between Miss Daly and Sir John Ross, in close proximity to the centre of attraction—the prizes. A very pretty sight it was, so many bright, fair faces looking on while the marksmen in whom they were interested received their rewards. While this was going on Capt. Hechler with an amateur apparatus took the photograph of the Prince and those near to him. There was no chance for him to escape even bad he wished to, for he was surrounded on all sides. The chief event of the day over, an adjournment was made to a spacious tent, where ices, cake, delicious bread and butter and tea were served to the guests. After that the officers and men took their friends off to show them their own particular dons, and the time passed pleasantly until about half-past six o'clock, when a start was made for the train at Bedford, which brought the people to North Street at twenty-five minutes after soven.

The concert in the gardens on Tucsday evening last attracted a large number of people, and it is now quite evident that the popular admission price, 10 cts., is a move in the right direction. The band of the West Riding Regiment played some very choice music, and a noteworthy feature of the occasion was the hearty applause which the band received. The Garden Commissioners deserve credit for having taken this progressive step, but they should not stop here. A weekly band concert during the three months of the summer would no doubt be well patronised. An occasional display of fireworks would also be an attractive feature. It may be too late this season to arrange for weekly concerts, but the Commissioners should bear it in mind for next year. While speaking of the Gardens we beg to repeat our suggestion—that the Gardens be opened and lighted each evening of the week until 10 p.m., and that the closing hour should be signalled by horn or bell, instead of, as now, by the whistle or shout of a Policeman. Boys use whistles and drunken men shout, so that these sounds are unheeded by most people.

Among the social events of the week was the dinner given by Archbishop O'Brien at his residence, Dresden Row, on Tuesday evening. The guest of the evening was Prince George of Wales.

Granville street is quite brilliant at night owing to the row of electric lights hanging over the middle of the street. Articles displayed in the shop windows can be inspected better than by day light.

The Catholic temperance societies of Halifax and Dartmouth walked in procession and attended St. Mary's Cathedral on Friday last. They made a most creditable appearance in spite of the disagreeable weather.

The yacht race last Saturday was a very interesting one, the new departure in the starting of the yachts making the finish decidedly more satisfactory to those looking on. That is, the time allowance, instead of being deducted at the close of the race, was taken off at the beginning. The race was for a private sweepstakes, the competing yachts being the Calypso, Psyche, Etienne, Mentor, Daphne, Hildred, and Minnehaha. There was a large attendance at the Squadron's Club House, and much interest was manifested in the race. To-morrow the Lansdowne Cup will be sailed for, and in all probability Saturday, the 30th inst., will be decided on for the Banker's Cup, recently presented. A more beautiful day for out-of-door enjoyment on land or water than last Saturday could scarcely be imagined, the rain during the week seemed to have left the air very pure and exhilarating, and it made sailing, driving, or whatever, doubly pleasurable.

The concert in the Academy of Music last Friday evening, for the benefit of the Sailor's Home drew one of the most brilliant audiences that ever graced the Academy. The concert was thoroughly popular and nearly all the numbers were encored. The most pleasing songs were Miss Laine's "Tell me my Heart" and Mrs George Campbell's encore, "Whistle and I'll come to ye my lad." The piano duet by Misses Burns and Morrow was also much admired. The choruses by the sailors of the fleet were much enjoyed, as was also the music by the band of the Bellerophon. The distinguished patrons of the concert, from Prince George down, were all present. Lieut. Stairs was greeted with applause when he entered. From such an overflowing audience as was present, a large sum of money should be realized for the Home. Every seat was occupied and many people stood throughout the entire evening. The house itself was worth going to see. The majority of those in the orchestra chairs and parquette were in full dress, and many of those in the gallery were also in evening toilette, which added much to the brilliancy of the spectacle. The patronage, of course, had much to do with making the affair such a success.

Apropos of the brilliant audience at the concert, does anyone remember a time when hair was so charmingly dressed as at present? No ridiculous erections of puffs and rolls enlarge the head beyond its proportions, nor yet is the other extreme of plainness in vegue. Beautiful hair, which we have scripture authority for considering a woman's glory, was very noticeable at the concert. All shades, from flaxen up through golden, brown, and red to black, seemed to be represented. Hats in a theatre are a nuisance, and if the ladies would only consider hew much better they look without them they would not often cover up their beautiful hair.

Reproduction of falsehoods from American papers, with flaming head lines and no word of condemnation accompaning them, seems almost like an endorsement of the insults hurled by the Nowport correspondent of the New York World at the officers of the fleet which recently visited Newport. We are reluctant to think that any Halifax paper would intentionally convey the idea that it took any stock in the sensational trash which appeared in the N. Y. World, but it is a fact that considerable feeling is manifested against an evening paper on this account. That it is utterly false that the English officers behaved in a manner unbecoming gentlemen goes without saying, and the only supposable reason why the people of Newport gave currency to such reports is that they were disappointed at the non-appearance of the Prince, and perhaps chagrined that he showed so little inclination to avail himself of their lavish hospitality, hence these jeers. It is true that an officer visited a house where he was not invited, in order to communicate with a friend, and falling a victim to the overwhelming attentions of his friend's host, was induced to remain. The statement that English officers treated a party of young ladies, who visited the ships without the protection of a matron or escort, with too much liberty is infameus. English officers are gentlemen, and we venture to say that should a number of Halifax girls try the experiment of going on board the flag ship, or any other man-of-war in the harbor, without a chaperon, they would be treated with respect; naturally they would "catch it" on shore afterwards. There should certainly be semething done to put a stop to these libels on our navy. Snobnishness may sometimes invade the ranks of the military, but if there is one branch of the service free from it, it is the navy. Navy men are always good fellows, and we are quite sure that they did not deserve one word of the going over which the New York World gave them-certainly not its reproduction in Halifax

Principal Grant of Queen's University, Kingston, preached at both services in St. Matthew's Church on Sunday last. Large congregations were present. As St. Matthew's is at present without a pastor Dr. Grant feels especially at home with his former people.

COMMERCIAL.

Since the steady rain of last weak the weather has settled down to fine, and as the temperature has become cooler, giving the first premonition of winter, trade has been somewhat stimulated. In most sections of the Province the crops are turning out better than was at one time anticipated.

In many lines of business retailers have been compelled to ask for renewals on account of having been unable to sell their stocks, and because they could not collect their accounts. Still, as the crops are harvested and realized upon, the general state of trade will doubtless improve. We look forward confidently to a large and profitable business being done.

One of the greatest mistakes and the most frequently made is the rushing into new enterprises without sufficient capital to carry them out successfully, notwithstanding the fact that splendid profits may be attached to the manufacture of the new staples. Consequently people who go into these ventures, while they do so with the best intentions, discover before they are long in the business that miscalculations have been made in regard to the amount of capital necessarily required to establish these new indus ries. Every one conversant with the facts can cite numbers of instances wherein valuable machinery and other plant has been procured and erected, and by the time that all preliminaries had been duly looked after, it has been found that the capital was used up, and that the enterprise had either to be abandoned, sold out, or more capital borrowed at a ruinous disadvantage.

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

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