

CITY CHIMES.

We have certainly struck a hot wave, or rather it has struck us, this past week, and the general feeling appears to be that one week of this weather is quite enough. The air has been oppressive and damp, even the wind has been unbearably warm, and keeping cool appeared to be an utter impossibility. The suburban train, which runs to Bedford, as well as the later trains on Saturday afternoon, were crowded, and the main idea of hundreds of people seemed to be to get out of the city and thus escape the intense heat. The number of citizens who take advantage of the Saturday excursion tickets of the Intercolonial and Windsor and Annapolis Railways is simply wonderful, and the out-going trains on Saturdays and in coming trains on Mondays carry larger loads of pleasure-seekers than in any previous season. There seem to be millions on the move this month, and all the numerous routes of travel to and from our city are well patronized, large numbers of strangers making Halifax their destination. We are always delighted to welcome new faces in our midst, and trust when our visitors leave us they may carry away favorable impressions of our city and our people, resolving to come again next season.

The smoking concert given by the non-commissioned officers of the Royal Engineers was very much enjoyed, and as the guests numbered about sixty, we imagine the affair ended in smoke, of course only in one sense of the term.

Notwithstanding the intense heat of Saturday last, all the numerous amusements provided were very well attended. A wonderfully large crowd numbering somewhere near three thousand people gathered at the Wanderers' grounds to witness the base ball game played between the Mutual-Social nine and "the ladies." We say a wonderfully large crowd, but after all it was only what might have been expected, for curiosity draws magnetically where novelty reigns, and this event was certainly a novel one. The game resulted in victory for the visitors, score being 20 to 19, but the Mutual-Social team did not feel at all crushed by their defeat, the whole game being a farce as far as actual play was concerned. The picnic at McNab's Island in honor of these "ladies" on Monday afternoon was largely attended.

Immense crowds of Halifaxians and their guests continue to enjoy the Park and Gardens on these warm afternoons. If a cool spot is to be found in the city while the thermometer is aiming as high as it has been this week, it certainly will be among the cool, dark pines of the ever lovely Point Pleasant Park, or in the shady nooks of the gardens, and thither all who have leisure gladly go. The Leicestershire band gave a most delightful concert in the gardens on Saturday afternoon, which was much enjoyed and highly appreciated by all who were there. These charming afternoon promenades form a very notable feature in the programme of Halifax entertainments during the summer season.

The dinner given by the Wanderers at the Queen Hotel on Monday evening, in honor of their Massachusetts friends, was a great success, about fifty being present. The toasts proposed were numerous and heartily responded to, and the evening passed very swiftly and pleasantly. The visiting party originally expected to number about thirty, but when time for leaving home arrived, only eleven players and two ladies found it possible to come. However, we hope these guests will be so well pleased with our city by the sea, that they will not rest until another trip is arranged for the near future.

Tuesday marked a most auspicious event in the history of the Oddfellows of Halifax and the Province. The excursion trains brought large numbers of the order and their friends to the city, and the streets were thronged with strangers. At about 2.30 the procession, numbering about 400 Oddfellows, started from the drill shed and marched through the principal streets, accompanied by the 63rd and H. G. A. Bands, to the site of the new building, where the corner stone, a block of polished red granite, was laid with becoming ceremony by Grand Master J. P. Edwards, assisted by the other grand officers. An exceedingly eloquent and patriotic address was delivered by Rev. Anderson Rogers of Windsor. The new "Halifax Oddfellows' Temple," which is to occupy the site of the old Globe Hotel on Buckingham Street, will be indeed an ornament to the city, and a great credit to the order that owns it. It is expected that the edifice will cost nearly \$11,000, which does not include furnishing or hot water heating apparatus.

The yacht race on Saturday afternoon was very satisfactory, although early in the race a squall struck the *Lenore*, carrying away her shrouds and making it necessary for her to retire. The *Calypso* also gave up when the race was about half over, and the day was won by the *Youla*, the prize being the Ruth cup and \$10. The *Etienné* took the second prize, \$10, and the *Psyche* came in for third, \$5. During the afternoon a large number of spectators gathered at the Club House, and the grounds looked very gay. The Royal Artillery Band furnished the music, which was excellent, and a very pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by all present.

Halifax cricketers have been entertaining a visiting team from Massachusetts this week, and all interested in this good old game have much enjoyed the capital play between the Wanderers and the visitors. The games on Monday and Tuesday were largely attended, and excellent playing was witnessed, as the teams are fairly well matched and all are enthusiastic players. The strangers came off victorious, though when the home team began their second inning on Tuesday afternoon they had only to make 56 runs to secure victory, and their expectations were sanguine indeed. But one cannot always sometimes tell, as the small boy remarks, and the

reds and blacks soon discovered that the palm was not to be worn by them this time. Chambers, the Nottingham professional, proved an excellent bowler, and the Massachusetts team are to be congratulated. The game on Wednesday between the Garrison and the Massachusetts men was not concluded, but the Garrison then had the advantage. The Americans go home well pleased with their reception and success in Halifax.

The most successful promenade concert of the season was that held in the Public Gardens on Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the I. O. O. F. of this city. The evening was just a little damp, the fog coming in before dark, but the Gardens were well lighted, and looked exceedingly pretty. A large platform had been erected on the old tennis grounds, and here many merry ones tripped the light fantastic, evidently enjoying themselves immensely and adding much to the entertainment and amusement of the spectators. The fireworks displayed during the evening were good, though the aforesaid fog detracted not a little from their success. Two bands of the Leicestershire Regiment and the 63rd Rifles furnished, as usual, splendid programmes of music, and the harpers played for the dancers. There were hundreds of strangers present, there having been several large excursions to the city, and one and all were enthusiastic in their praises of the Gardens, music, etc. We hope to have more of these open air entertainments next month, as the evenings of September are always delightful for promenades.


The concerts given by the Lorne Club at their boat house at Richmond this season have been very highly appreciated by large numbers who never fail to take advantage of these opportunities. The Club have a very fine building, nicely fitted up, and the balconies are always well filled with invited guests on the occasion of these free concerts, while the harbor in the vicinity of the pier where the band is stationed, is covered with craft of all description. The light small row boats with their jovial crews are here in great profusion, and when they contribute their share of illumination by carrying colored torches, the scene is very attractive. The last of these boating concerts is advertised to come off this evening, but as we have oft remarked, if people will have their choice entertainments on Friday evening, we can only mention and not elaborate the facts thereof. If fine it will certainly be an excellent opportunity for visitors to the city to enjoy the beauties of Halifax harbor.

The Gymkhana to be held at the Riding Ground to-morrow afternoon, beginning at 2.30, promises to be a grand success. The programme consists of pony and foot races, a tug of war, etc., and will doubtless be successfully carried out, though considering the temperature of the atmosphere, we would venture to suggest that fun which does not require quite so much energy would appear to us to be more acceptable. However, each to his own taste.

Halifaxians are supposed to take a natural pride in the fact that some genuine Scotch heather grows in Point Pleasant Park, and when they hear of this cherished possession being destroyed by ruthless hands plucking it up roots and all, no wonder just indignation burns in their breasts. The Superintendent of the Park cannot at all times be on guard over the heather, and it is lamentable that such protection should be required. In a case like this we think trespassers should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. A very conspicuous notice to this effect, pointing out the dire consequences which will follow to anyone discovered laying sacrilegious hands upon this little reminder of Old Scotia, might have a salutary effect.

Nothing seems to daunt Cow Bay picnickers. Notwithstanding the fog the beach has been thronged with pleasure-seekers every day during the week. One of the pleasantest parties was that given by the superintendent, captain, officers and engineers of the cable steamer "Mackay-Bennett" on Tuesday. The genial hosts were assiduous in their attention to their guests, and the mist was evidently not much of a spoil sport, for all seemed to be enjoying the outing most thoroughly.

Halifax society has a new acquisition. The two daughters of Mr. J. Y. Payzant, who have been at school in England for the past four years, have returned home finished. Their many friends are charmed to welcome them.

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