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CITY CHIMES.

A farewell meeting to Rev. Mr. & Mrs. Morton and other missionaries took place in St. Matthew's Church on Tuesday. There was a large gathering of their friends, and a pleasant evening was spent. Mr. and Mrs. Morton will shortly leave for Trinidad.

Notice was given in Grafton Street Church on Sunday that a special Thanksgiving service would be given by the choir next Sunday evening. After what we have heard from Professor Powell and his choir a musical treat may be expected.

Admiralty House was again the scene of a most enjoyable dance on Monday night. The elite of the city were present in force, and dancing was kept up with spirit till a late hour. The Bellerophon sailed for Bermuda yesterday, so the festivities at Admiralty House are over for the season much to the regret of many Halifaxians, who have enjoyed the pleasant entertainments there.

The marriage of Miss Ella Shoff to William C. Haskett of Toronto, took place in St. Stephen's Chapel, at a quarter before six on Thursday morning of last week. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. G. Lancaster. The bride was attended by her sister Miss Josie Shoff, and Mr. Oscar Newman was best man. Mr. and Mrs. Haskett will spend a short time in Montreal before they proceed to their home in Toronto.

The principal event of interest in fashionable circles last week was the marriage on Wednesday of Miss Susan Morrow, second daughter of the late Robert Morrow, to Dr. Carleton Jones, son of Hon. A. G. Jones, M. P. The wedding took place in St. Stephen's Chapel, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. H. G. Lancaster. The service was full choral and the chancel of the chapel was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and plants. The bride wore a magnificent gown of white Indian silk, empire style, with veil. The chief bridesmaid, Miss K. Morrow, sister of the bride, was attired in an old rose and sage green satin dress with hat to correspond, while the other two assistants, Misses Anna and Hilda Stairs, cousins of the bride, wore dresses of white silk with sashes of old rose. The bride and bridesmaids carried bouquets of Chrysanthemums. The groom was assisted by his brother Mr. Harry Jones. After the ceremony afternoon tea was partaken of at the residence of the bride's mother, North-west Arm. The presents were numerous and many of them costly and magnificent. Dr. and Mrs. Jones have gone for a honeymoon trip through the provinces and will visit the principal cities.

If the City Council succeed in obtaining a site for a green market, and provide a building, what a change there will be in the Wednesday and Saturday morning aspect of Bedford Row and the sidewalks, which are now the only places for the market people to sell their goods. That the change will be for the better there is no doubt, though it is probable that many of those who have so long made free use of the pavements will object to paying for stalls in a building. "The old order changeth," and Halifax, if it ever means to come up to the times, must change the order of the green market without delay.

Mrs. and the Misses Keith gave an "At Home" on Wednesday, Nov. 6th, which was largely attended.

The Academy of Music has at length thrown open its doors, and Mr. McDowell's company have taken possession of the stage, and judging from the performance of "May Blossom" are prepared to give the public thirty-six evenings of solid enjoyment. The play of "May Blossom" is bright and attractive, full of interest all through, although rather lacking in special scenes. Miss Arthur as "May Blossom" carried out the part well, a gentle timid girl, yet brave and womanly when occasion required. Mr. McDowell himself needs no words of praise, his personation of "Uncle Bartlett" was capital, and it is safe to say that every character he takes will be as well sustained. Miss Vincent as "Deborah" produced much laughter, as did also those humorous characters "Tom Blossom" and "Owen Hatheway." Mr. Campbell Gollan as "Steve Harland" had a very difficult part to perform, but he managed to represent the despairing lover, the remorseful man, and the forgiving husband, in a masterly manner. Little May Durgan was sweet, so graceful and childish, she won all hearts. We are looking forward to future plays with pleasurable anticipation. This and to-morrow evenings "Gwynn's Oath" is being produced, while on Monday evening "Hoop-o'-Gold" will be put on and run for three nights.

The various associations and societies in the city have arranged very attractive programmes for the winter. The Church of England Institute programme from November 7th, 1889, to April 17th, 1890, is as follows:—Socials—First Thursday of each month at 8 p. m. Concerts—Third Thursday of November, January and March. Lectures—Third Thursday of December, by Rev. Dr. Bullock, Malta, "*Il fiore del mondo*." Third Thursday of February, by Hon. J. W. Longley, "The future of Canada." Third Thursday of April, by Prof. C. F. Fraser, "A quartette of lectures." Tickets for the course of concerts and lectures are fifty cents each, single tickets for the concerts twenty-five cents each, and for the lectures fifteen cents each. The socials are free to members, who may also introduce friends. The Y. M. C. A. winter programme is quite elaborate, and will no doubt prove highly attractive. It includes lectures on interesting subjects by several well known men, literary evenings, President's receptions, as well as talks on many interesting topics, in all making nineteen entertainments. The dates extend from November 19th to April 16th, 1890. Members of the Association are admitted free to each of the events, but those who are not members may obtain tickets from the Secretary, Mr. Theakston. The course opens on the 19th inst. with the President's reception, a musical evening.

COMMERCIAL.

There has been a fair degree of activity in a general way in commercial circles in covering invoices and job lots, and on the whole a healthy condition of affairs has prevailed. Orders from country buyers have not actually set in as yet, but the indications point to a fairly active and healthy trade all round this fall. With few exceptions all the branches of the jobbing trade speak of a satisfactory condition of affairs, and it would seem that the present season, as will be seen from our appended reviews, promises fairly satisfactory results.

The following are the Assignments and business changes in this Province during the past week:—Chas. H. Payne, Long Island, Digby, consent to Sarah C. Payne, his wife, to do business in her own name; Digby Boot and Shoe Co., Digby, sold out to Chas. Mason; Murdock & Neiley, boots and shoes, Bridgetown, dissolved, Murdock liquidates the old business; Lawrence D. Shaffner, grocer, Bridgetown, admitted Neiley; D. McIsaac, barber, Dartmouth, succeeded by F. Coolen.

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

	Week Nov. 1.	Prev. 1889	Weeks 1888	Prev. 1887	Weeks 1886	Fallures 1889	Prev. 1888	Weeks 1887	Fallures 1886
United States...	251	190	220	207	213	9383	8294	7925	8525
Canada.....	35	26	50	23	20	1328	1460	1076	1011

DRY GOODS.—An appreciable effect upon the movement of goods into the hands of city retailers has resulted from the fine weather with which we have been favored during the past week, but there is scarcely anything to report in the way of actual business. As to conditions the feeling is firm on all lines of dry goods, and the tone of sources of supply strengthens the opinions of most merchants in this department of trade. In the British markets nothing but strength is heard of, and in woollen goods it is noticeable to the least observant. The price of raw material is high, and holders are independent, confident that the future supply cannot be any cheaper. A buyer recently returned from the other side states that there is great scarcity of goods suitable to the Canadian market, namely, the lower grade, on which prices are from 5 to 7 per cent higher, with holders very independent. On the higher grades prices are steady, but this does not affect the jobbing trade here, as business in them is confined to special orders, so that as time advances the anticipations for a firm market seem likely to be verified. The movement countryward is expected to set in as soon as the farmers are through with their ploughing and consent to move their produce. They cannot hold off much longer.

IRON, HARDWARE AND METALS.—We have to note intensified strength in this market with not the slightest signs of weakness in any direction. Advices from Great Britain quote excited and advancing markets—pig iron especially continuing on the upward plane, and other lines in proportion. On spot this feeling is reflected, and holders—and they are few who have stock to any extent—are independent in every sense of the word. The movement during the week has been a fair one, and all houses have been fully occupied in getting out their fall orders. Tin plate is one of the strong features, there being nothing to be had. With an advancing market abroad prices are very firm. The latest cable advices state that the market on the other side is in such an excited condition that makers have withdrawn quotations. To illustrate the unprecedented state of affairs in Great Britain we may affirm that a few days since when warrants were selling in Glasgow at 58s. 9d. Middlesborough iron advanced to 60s. 1d., an occurrence seldom if ever witnessed before, as Middlesborough has always been several shillings below Scotch warrants.

BREADSTUFFS.—The local flour market remains unchanged. The demand for small lots is fair, but no sales of any extent are reported. Prices have not notably changed here. Beerbohm's cable reports wheat quick and nothing doing in corn. There is an active demand in England from France. French country markets are inactive. The Chicago wheat market has been stronger, and prices advanced ½c. to ¾c. Corn there was quiet and firm, except on the first option which advanced ½c. The New York wheat market was stronger, and prices advanced ½c. Corn improved ½c. to ¾c. Oats were steady. At St. Louis wheat was stronger, and prices moved up ½c. to ¾c. Corn and oats also slightly improved, especially for May options. In Toledo wheat was active and strong and prices advanced ½c. to ¾c. Corn was dull and oats unchanged.

PROVISIONS.—A fair amount of business has been transacted in local