

## CITY CHIMES.

Much interest was taken in the yacht race for Capt. Russell's cup last Saturday afternoon. The weather was as if it had been made to order and the breeze steady. The race was sailed over the outside course, from the Squadron Wharf to Litchfield buoy, thence to Rockhead shoal buoy, thence to Thrum Cap buoy, thence to Litchfield buoy and finish off the Squadron Wharf. Eight yachts started, but some of the smaller ones could not go outside owing to the strength of the breeze, and had to put back. The starters were the *Psyche*, *Minnehaha*, *Hildred*, *Crira*, *Mentor*, *Thetis*, *Wenonah*, *Culypso*. Mr. James Fraser's beautiful new cutter came in first, being half an hour ahead of the *Wenonah*, which came in second. The winner's time was 2 h., 18 m., 10 s. Mr. J. F. Stair's steam yacht, *Ula*, followed the racers over the whole course. There was an at home at the Squadron's Club House.

"Running Wild" was produced in the Academy of Music on Monday and Tuesday evenings, but as the piece was not up to the standard of excellence desired by Halifax audiences, it was decided not to give any performance on Wednesday.

A two weeks' engagement has been commenced at the Academy of Music by Alexander Salvini, the brilliant young romantic actor. The play last night was "The Three Guardsmen," but we are unable to give any criticism of it until next week. Mr. Salvini has just closed a five weeks season in Boston, where he won the approval of the critics, and was highly spoken of in the press of that city. "The Duke's Motto," "A Child of Naples," and "Don Cesar de Bazan," will be given by Mr. Salvini and his company during their stay here. The support is said to be excellent.

Last Friday afternoon Cabinet Ministers Tupper, Colby, Dewdney and Haggart were given a trip on the harbor, Bedford Basin and North-West Arm on the steamer Dartmouth.

The public gardens are looking lovely these bright summer days, and are visited by numbers of people who enjoy the quietness and beauty of the scene. Last Saturday the first afternoon concert of the season was given by the band of the West Riding Regiment, and, as the day was fine and warm, it seemed quite like old times. There was a large attendance at the concert, and also on Sunday afternoon. Halifax people appreciate their beautiful gardens. Many people also went to the park on Sunday. It is, if anything, even more refreshing than the gardens on a hot day. To walk slowly down to the point and there select a seat under a spreading tree, from which a view of the broad Atlantic, as far as the eye can reach, may be had, is a privilege only needing to be taken advantage of to be appreciated. The ocean is so suggestive of thoughts, and if, when you hear the waters gently rippling on the beach or the breakers rushing in with a roar and pounding themselves to foam on the rocks, memory does not serve you with many a dainty bit from the storehouse of your brain, then you have no poetry in your soul. You perhaps repeat to yourself Byron's lines:

"Roll on, thou deep and dark blue ocean—roll!  
Ten thousand fleets sweep over thee in vain;  
Man marks the earth with ruin—his control  
Stops with the shore."

Byron must have forgotten about oil on troubled waters when he wrote that. It is a limited "control," but sometimes it is effective in breaking the force of the angry sea and saving the much tossed about ships. And after all this "rapture on the lonely shore," you wend your homeward way, a better man or woman for your hour or so in the park and especially at that part so appropriately named Point Pleasant.

There was quite a gathering of ladies and gentlemen at Cambridge House on Wednesday afternoon, the occasion being the distribution of prizes by the Bishop of Nova Scotia. Messrs. Leigh and Bradford have had about fifty pupils in regular attendance at their school during the past year, besides many others for lessons in special departments. That the training given by these gentlemen is of a high standard is shown by the fact that both last year and this, the highest marks taken at the matriculation examination for King's College were made by pupils prepared at their school. Mr. C. E. Van Barnaveld was the successful man this year, and he also secured the gold medal for general excellence at Cambridge House. The prizes were awarded to those who had done the best class work during the year, and certificates of merit were presented to those deserving them. After the distribution and a few timely remarks by the Bishop and Rev. Mr. King, who congratulated Messrs. Leigh & Bradford on the successful work done, an adjournment was made to the next room, where afternoon tea was partaken of. Mr. and Mrs. Leigh and Mr. Bradford intend spending their summer vacation at the Northwest Arm, where doubtless they will enjoy their well-earned rest.

An afternoon dance on board the *Bellerophon* attracted a large number of the elite on Wednesday. Perfect weather aided the exertions of the hosts in making the party a very pleasant one.

The Japs have been drawing crowds of visitors again this week. People never seem to tire of them. They are both entertaining and instructive.

The marriage of Miss Gussie Taylor, the well-known popular vocalist of this city, to Mr. Harry Ruggles, of Bridgetown, took place at St. Mark's Church on Wednesday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by Rev. N. LeMoine, assisted by the Rev. J. O. Ruggles. The bride was attired in a beautiful gown of white moire and surah, with passementerie pearl

trimming and orange blossoms, and wore a wreath and veil. The bridesmaids also wore beautiful gowns. The wedding presents were numerous, beautiful, and costly. Mr. and Mrs. Ruggles left on Wednesday evening for a tour through the Province.

## COMMERCIAL.

There has been no change in the general features of trade since our last, though the staidier, pleasant, warm and dry weather has infused some more life into mercantile circles, and as the crops, under the influences above noted, are rapidly improving, semi-depondency has been succeeded by hope, and in most cases by a confident belief that the season will prove a good one.

While wholesale business in this city seems to improve as the season advances, and the crop prospects assume a brighter prospect, still there are several symptoms about it which, if not absolutely discouraging, have a checking effect and prevent business from having the free flow which otherwise it would have. One of these is the scarcity of money in circulation throughout the rural districts. Most retailers in the country are still bearing the load of a portion of their last fall purchases, and, added to this, is nearly the whole of their spring buyings. They consequently are not at all eager to buy heavily for next fall, nor are wholesalers anxious to press sales on them in their present loaded state, even though the crop prospect is brightening. There is very little fear of there being many complaints of overstocking next winter.

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

	Week ending		Weeks corresponding to			Failures for the year to date.			
	June 4, 1890	June 4, 1889	June 4			1890	1889	1888	1887
United States.....	103	105	152	149	141	5568	6037	5401	5243
Canada.....	13	17	13	10	21	873	893	924	658

**DRY GOODS.**—Several of our leading dry goods houses report an improved sorting-up trade, besides a slightly better enquiry for fall goods. Payments have been better in some instances, though some merchants complain of slow remittances. On the whole, matters move along about as they were, and the week has been rather uninteresting than otherwise. A good enquiry is noted for grey cotton, and, as stocks are being reduced gradually, prices remain very firm at the advance. White cotton goods are also meeting with a healthy demand at steady prices. In woollen goods the movement is quiet, and the mills are rather despondent over the laxity of orders.

**IRON, HARDWARE AND METALS.**—There has been no change in this market since our last. Except a little business in pig, we have nothing to note. The feeling is, however, firm on the whole, and it is not expected that orders for future deliveries will be shaded any more, as freights from Glasgow have advanced fully 1s. to 2s. which is bound to have its effect. Besides, all the conditions appear to support the impression that iron is about as low as it will go now. Stocks here are small and reports from the country state that prospects are bettering with manufacturers. Advices by cable indicate a turn for the better in the British iron trade, and the improvement in several departments was reflected in higher prices for warrants recently. In copper the market has shown no material change on this side. Latest London markets are very firm.

**BREADSTUFFS.**—The local flour market continues unchanged, with holders more confident in feeling than formerly. Prices rule firm. Beerholm's cable says:—"Cargoes off coast; wheat and corn firm but less active; do on passage and for prompt shipment, rather quiet; Liverpool spot wheat and corn easier. French country markets firm. Weather in England showery. In Chicago the market ruled dull but firm under the influences of numerous reports from Indiana and Missouri of a disappointing out-turn from threshers. Corn there was more active and stronger. In St. Louis cash wheat declined ½c., but other options stronger, and show a gain of ½c. to ¾c. At Toledo wheat declined ½c. to 1c. Corn and oats were unchanged. At Duluth wheat advanced ½c. to 1½c. In New York wheat fluctuated frequently, but always within very narrow limits.

**PROVISIONS.**—There has been a little improvement in the local provision market, a fair jobbing business having been done in pork, and hams are moving quite freely at firm prices. Corn continues to move very slowly. There was no change in provisions at Liverpool, but prices were steady and firm. The hog market in Chicago continued to rise, prices advancing about 5c. on all grades. The cattle market was steady.

**BUTTER.**—The butter rules dull and unchanged. Fancy selections meet with fairly ready sales, but poorer grades drag considerably, and there is some accumulation in receivers' hands.

**CHEESE.**—There is still an undecided tone to the cheese market, and perhaps the best way to describe the situation is to state that the cheese is evidently wanted, but no one is willing to risk to pay the prices. Consequently we think that probably, if some reasonable concession were allowed, it would result in a movement.

**FRUIT.**—The fruit market is without special feature at the moment. There is the usual business in seasonable lines of green, a considerable movement in oranges and lemons being reported, and values are slightly enhanced, as the supply is working down rather low. In dried fruit we have nothing to note, but currants and raisins are ruling firm. Although there is no change locally, the prospects are for higher prices. There is nothing yet positive on which to base a price for new stock with any degree of certainty. Crop prospects, however, are only favorable from Spain, but from Smyrna the yield, it is reported, will not exceed that of last year, which it will be remembered was small. Native garden strawberries have come in freely during the past week. We are inclined to believe, from information received, that the season will be a short one, and that one or two weeks more will finish it. The reasons for this are that the cold and dampness of the spring and early summer seriously retarded the ripening of the crop, and