

CITY CHIMES.

The Seamen's Friend Society are asking for a supply of papers and magazines for placing on board ships. There are very few families where some illustrated papers and magazines are not taken in, and very often after they are read by the members of the household they are stowed in some out-of-the-way place without a thought of the pleasure they might give to those who are not so fortunate as to be able to provide themselves with reading matter. By all means let all the books, papers and magazines that can be spared be sent to the Sailors' Home.

Christ's Church, Dartmouth, was the scene of a quiet but very pretty wedding at 9 o'clock on Thursday morning of last week, when Mr. R. H. Humphrey, head clerk in the Canada Atlantic Steamship Co.'s office, was united to Miss Frances G. Elliott, of Dartmouth. The bride wore a becoming travelling suit of blue with a hat to match, and carried a very pretty bouquet of chrysanthemums. Miss Agnes Elliott, the bride's sister, who was bridesmaid, looked charming in a brown costume, with hat to match, and carried a bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums. The groom was attended by Mr. Harry Chipman as best man. After the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. T. C. Mellor, Rector of the church, the happy couple drove to Bedford, where they took the noon train for Truro. There was no reception, only the immediate relatives of the bride and groom being invited. Many of the young friends of the bride, however, were present, and sang the hymns selected for the wedding very sweetly. Both the bride and groom received many handsome gifts, among those to the latter may be mentioned a French marble clock and statuette from the officers of Company D, P. L. Fusilliers, of which he is Captain; and a silver tea service from the Red Cap Snow Shoe Club. He also received a handsome gift from Chipman Bros., Halifax Agents of the Canada Atlantic S.S. Company.

Captain and Mrs. Boileau arrived at Halifax on the steamer *Circassian* from England on Monday.

The choir of Chalmers Church intend giving a concert in Chalmers Hall this evening. They have prepared an excellent programme, and will be assisted by several favorite amateurs.

The Academy of Music continues to draw splendid houses. The run of the McDowell Company has been probably the most successful long engagement on the Academy record—so successful and popular, indeed, that the management has extended the term, which was to have expired to-morrow, for another week or two. The success of the Company has been well deserved, and the theatre going public will no doubt rejoice at the extension. Our Regiment is to be repeated this evening, and it is so pretty a play that it will, no doubt, afford as much pleasure as in former presentations of it. To-morrow night "Moths," founded on a novel of Ouida's, will be played for the benefit of Miss Arthur. This lady has so well earned the appreciation and applause of Academy audiences that it is safe to predict a bumper house for her; moreover, the play is a very attractive one, and met with full appreciation when recently performed by the Company for a couple of nights. The Company has our best wishes in all its undertakings.

Professor H. Y. Hind, of Windsor, read a very interesting paper before the Historical Society on Tuesday evening last which is destined to attract no small attention. Prof Hind first outlined the history of Pisiquid or Windsor, and proved it to have been one of the most populous and cultivated portions of "Acadie." He read a brief sketch of the march of Coulon de Villiers at the head of the French Canadian troops, who with the aid of the Indians surprised and annihilated Col. Noble's garrison on the Gaspereaux. The paper closed with an arraignment of the Abbe Casgrain, who, it appears, has called in question the good faith of Dr. Aikens, the well known and highly respected record commissioner, and also attacked the character of certain publications issued by the N. S. Historical Society. The Abbe Casgrain accuses Dr. Aikens of having inserted in the published archives only such papers as would tend to prove the Acadians to have been a disloyal and dangerous population. This charge Mr. Hind ably refutes, but he carries the war into Africa by in turn accusing the Abbe Casgrain of having so selected his extracts from those publications as to prove the deportation of the Acadians unjustified. The Society by a unanimous vote of its members declared its entire confidence in the work of Dr. Aikens, but as the Abbe Casgrain's charge against the Society was due to editorial oversight, it was thought better to let the announcement of this fact be the only vindication offered. The real question at issue is, whether or not the deportation of the Acadians was justifiable, and before making up our minds upon it we need to have a flood of historical light let in upon the acts of the Acadians from 1710 down to the time of their expulsion. Mr. Hind's paper was well received, and was deserving of the complimentary references made to it by Sir Adams Archibald, Senator Power, Judge Weatherbe and others.

The concert given in the Reform Club Hall, Dartmouth, on Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the Streets Improvement Association, was highly successful. Dartmouth talent contributed chiefly to the making up of an excellent programme, and some very acceptable numbers were given by Halifax musicians of well-known ability. Miss Waddell gave a recitation in her usual well-finished style. It is to be hoped that a satisfactory amount of money was realized for the improvement of the streets, which seem sadly in need of it.

Dr. MacGregor gave his second popular talk before the Y. M. C. A. on Tuesday evening. Mr. William Miller presided, and the audience spent a

very profitable evening. The subject was "Facts and Fancies." The next entertainment will be the president's reception on the 17th inst., a literary evening.

The C. W. M. A. held a sale and supper at the C. of E. Institute rooms on Tuesday afternoon and evening. The various churches of the city took charge of the different tables, viz: to St. Marks' was relegated the sweets, and a tempting array was seen of coconut creams and walnuts and chocolates, etc. St. George's was represented by a refreshment table loaded down with sweets of all descriptions. Mrs. Wm. Lawson as usual to the fore presided over the supper tables and the little parties of six were carefully waited on by a band of maidens with bright smiling faces under their becoming white caps. St. Stephen's table had a judicious mixture of useful and fancy articles which found quick purchasers. St. Luke's table, ah here, words fail, the richness of display, workbags in various styles of beauty, table covers, lamp shades, slippers, etc., over \$200 worth of articles were sold and still there seemed to be an abundance. Pine cushions filled the air with their fragrance and sold readily for 25 cts. each. The amount realized is not yet known but will probably amount to about \$700. Mrs. Courtney is to be congratulated, for to her efforts combined with those of about two dozen prominent members of the C. W. M. A. is due the grand result stated.

A Fancy Fair is being held to day in Mason's Hall by the ladies of the "Children of Mary's Society," Convent of the Sacred Heart. The Fair will be followed by a Concert in the evening. Admission during the day and for the evening concert, 25 cents.

COMMERCIAL.

The jobbing trade in its various branches has this season been of the usual kind, and the movement may be characterized as normal. The larger proportion of country produce has been marketed. This has had the effect of improving payments in a certain degree, but not to the extent that was anticipated and that all desired.

The tone of the money market has been slightly slightly easier, but loans on call have not been as readily obtainable as was expected at one time. Some leading bankers believe that money will be as scarce as ever by the middle of the current month. While the payments of bank dividends and the lending of bank reserves, which always occur at the beginning of the month, have tended to create a temporary increase in available funds, still the supplies from these sources seem to have been absorbed with greater promptitude than was anticipated.

The following are the Assignments and Business Changes in this Province during the past week:—Wm. Routledge, genl. store, Lornway Mines, assigned to W. L. Ingraham for benefit of his creditors; Chisholm & Meikle (estate of) grocer and provision, New Glasgow, stock in trade advertised for sale by tender; McLeod & McLean, tailors and clothiers, Oxford, N. S. dissolved, McLeod continues the business; A. L. Larder, jeweller, Halifax, assigned to Adam McKay in trust for benefit of creditors; V. A. Landry, publisher, Digby, removed to Weymouth.

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

	Week	Prev.	Weeks	Weeks	Weeks	Failures	Failures	Failures	Failures
	Dec 6.	week.	Dec. 6	1887	1886	1859	1888	1887	1872
United States...	1889	1889	1888	1887	1886	10653	9439	8977	9609
Canada.....	35	36	35	29	29	1517	1601	1204	1108

DRY GOODS.—The recent cold weather has caused quite an improvement in this branch of trade—especially in connection with the city retail business. The movement in dress goods has been brisk, and this has affected the wholesale houses to a degree because retailers have recently only bought for immediate wants. This improvement on the demand was at once felt in the stocks on hand, necessitating ordering, but this has been done in a quiet way. Commercial travellers in this line are nearly all out with full samples of spring goods, and they mostly report having met with gratifying success. As regards woollens the medium and cheaper classes prices are advancing across "the herring pond" and recent cable advices are that orders for these grades cannot be duplicated except at an appreciation of about 15 per cent. over quotations in November. In better goods the advance has not been so great. Still present supplies could not be replaced at existing prices, and those in the trade here have to shape their course according. Purchasers seem to fully appreciate the strength of the market, and there is an evident eagerness to book orders ahead on the lines referred to above, when this can be done at a slight advance.

IRON, HARDWARE AND METALS.—The local trade has quieted down to its usual dimensions at this season of the year. The conditions are practically unchanged, and nothing can be noted that could tend to any lessening of the strength of the market. Both here and elsewhere what movement has taken place has been at an undiminished price, showing plainly that it is still and is likely to remain for some time a sellers' market. To put it briefly the market generally continues to show firmness. Copper is firm with an upward tendency, although there is no particular change to note in local prices. Recent advices from both American and English markets cite a firm and advancing tone. Tin plate and lead are firm with nothing very particular to note.

BREADSTUFFS.—The local flour market presents little change. There is a rather better demand for certain strong flours, and prices are in consequence a shade firmer. Beerbohm's cable reports wheat strong, corn nil. English country markets firmer. At Antwerp spot wheat has been firm. In Chicago wheat was weaker and dropped $\frac{1}{8}$ c. to $\frac{1}{4}$ c. Wheat in New York was easier, and declined $\frac{1}{8}$ c. to $\frac{1}{4}$ c. The St. Louis wheat market was easy and declined $\frac{1}{8}$ c. to $\frac{1}{4}$ c. In Toledo wheat was quiet and dropped $\frac{1}{8}$ c.