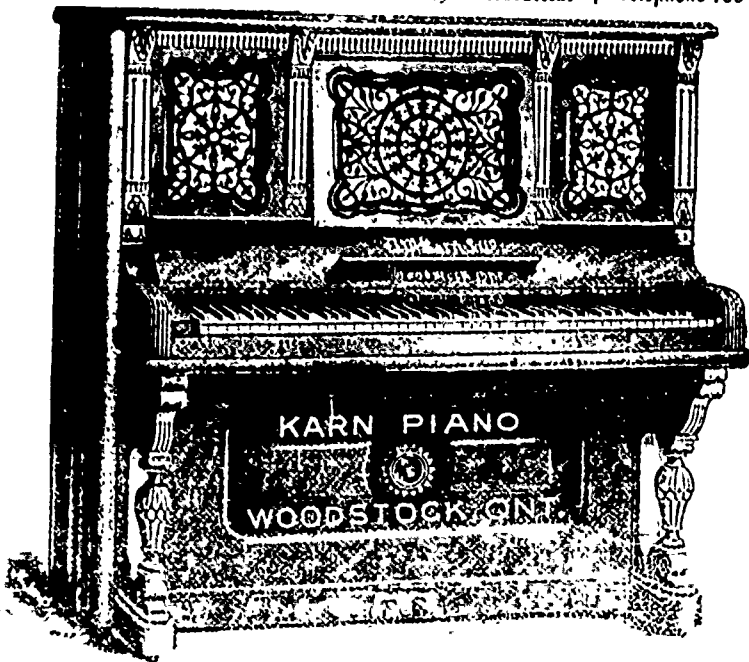


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CITY CHIMES.

The weather has been quite spring like this week and the last vestiges of sleighing have disappeared. The streets in fact were like a business in a certain stage of financial difficulty—in liquidation, and the walking was not improved thereby. The brightness of the sunshine was cheering, and people would have to hate bad walking more than they love fine weather to stay in the house for it. The rain on Tuesday was unpleasant, but we know "some days must be dark and dreary," and we have to take them as they come. The heavy snowfall of election day quickly melted away. It apparently came on purpose to make good going, so voters could enjoy a sleigh drive to the polls, and to give would-be witty people a chance to make remarks about somebody being snowed under. It would be interesting to know how many times that extremely original and smart remark was made on Thursday of last week. But statistics are not forthcoming, and we can only guess at the number.

A contemporary suggests that concerts in Halifax should always be given on a particular day of the week, so that people whose time is very much occupied can arrange their musical engagements with some system. This is a wise suggestion, but as our friend appears to favor Thursday for this purpose we cannot but put in a protest, it being the very most inconvenient day in the week for us and our readers.—The Critic is published on Friday, but we go to press on Thursday evening, and a concert on that evening cannot receive due notice while it is "hot." Of course we do not like to omit all mention of such things, but by the time another week has passed away even a highly complimentary notice falls rather flat, and we feel guilty of writing ancient history, so transient is the interest taken in even the best of entertainments. This is a matter of some interest to us and our readers, (who number now between five and six thousand, allowing only one reader for each copy subscribed for) and we think that if a concert evening is to be fixed, we ought to have some voice about what evening it shall be. So far as we are concerned, we like Tuesday better than any other evening for this purpose, and we notice that when Thursday or Friday is not chosen that Tuesday is usually selected. Wednesday is not a good concert night in Halifax, for so many people attend church or prayer meeting then, and Monday and Saturday, the beginning and the end, are very seldom chosen for musical events. Miss Laine's second song recital, which took place last evening, we cannot touch upon in this issue for the reason above given, and while we are quite sure that an evening of unalloyed musical enjoyment was experienced, and have every confidence in the power of Miss Laine to carry out her programme to perfection, yet we cannot think of such a thing as getting the programme and writing a "little piece" previous to the event, pretending we had been there. As good wine needs no bush, Miss Laine is far beyond the need of puffing, and in Halifax few people can be found who do not admit the fact that her voice is very beautiful and perfectly cultivated. This lady's first recital was a treat, and no doubt the one given last evening was fully as gratifying to refined musical taste. But to return to our montons. We hope the powers that be will consider our feelings and shun Thursday, if they think of following the fashion and having a "day," or rather an evening.

The troopship *Orontes* carried away the West Riding regiment on Monday, and many regrets follow the departure of the fine soldierly fellows who have spent three years in our midst. Several farewell teas were given by their Halifax friends, and partings were bravely gone through with. The new regiment has come from Bermuda and the men are looking very much tanned by the sun. They are nearly all young men of slight build. The regiment has a fine brass band of seventy members, and a string band and a minstrel troupe. The character of the regiment is unexceptionable, the untrue reports about the behavior of the men in Bermuda published in some papers receiving prompt contradiction from Colonel Rolph. It is, to say the least, very unfair to blacken the name of a regiment without cause, and reports of a disagreeable nature should not be published unless there is good ground for believing them true. On Sunday the West Riding and Leicestershire regiments attended divine service at the Garrison chapel. The voyage from Bermuda was very rough, and several seamen were injured by a sea coming on board on the way from England to Bermuda. The West Riding goes to Jamaica, Barbadoes and Ascension.

Bishop Courtney's illness has been long and severe, but his friends are thankful that he has so far recovered as to be able to take passage on Monday in the *Orontes* for Jamaica and other points. The best wishes of his hosts of personal friends as well as the people of his diocese go with his lordship, whom they hope will be able to return fully restored to health.

The City Club have removed from their club house on Burrington street to the building on Holis street, just south of Salter street. The new club house, it is expected, will be ready for occupation by the 1st of next September. This club is getting along finely, many of the members belonging to the best families of Halifax. The Halifax Club and the City Club are like senior and junior, the latter being the favorite of the younger men of the city.

COMMERCIAL.

Now that the elections are over the people are returning to their temporarily abandoned avocations, and business already begins to show renewed activity in most lines.

We note that Spain has announced that by preference she has deliberately adopted the policy of refusing to renew the commercial treaties which