

CITY CHIMES.

At an early hour on Tuesday afternoon a pretty wedding took place in St. Luke's Cathedral. After the scrimmage which occurred at the last wedding the order which prevailed was refreshing. The church wardens have made a rule that no one is allowed entrance to the church except those who have provided themselves with tickets, which can only be obtained from the Rector. At half-past two the groom, Mr. William Wallace, of the Bank of Montreal, took his place, accompanied by his brother, Mr. Henry Wallace. After a trifling delay the bride (Miss Gertude Kinnear) arrived, escorted by her brother-in-law, Mr. Arthur Wiswell, who also gave her away. The bride was attired in a handsome white silk with a long train. Her tulle veil was gracefully looped with orange blossoms. The bridesmaids, three in number, wore Miss Stephenson, Miss Frances (Dot) Lawson and Miss Mamie Wallace, sister of the groom. The bridesmaids' dresses were unique, combining as they did the lightness of summer with the warm touches needed for the cold of winter. Miss Stephenson wore cream silk made in the prevailing style without a collar. Miss Lawson and Miss Mamie wore cashmere dresses, and all the bridesmaids had scarlet silk sashes with scarlet hats entwined with green, they carried bouquets in the shape of sheaves of scarlet salvia and delicate ferns. Rev. W. B. King performed the ceremony, which was choral. The processional hymn was "The voice that breathed o'er Eden," and many hearts responded to the fervent wishes expressed in it. After the service a reception was held at the house of the groom's parents on South Park Street. After the cake was cut some of the gentlemen excelled themselves in speech-making. Hon. A. G. Jones made some happy remarks as also Mr. Wallace. Much laughter was evoked at the expense of three prominent bachelors of the city, who embrace all professions. Some of the costumes worn by those present were very handsome. Mrs. Wallace, a gray costume trimmed with Moire, with a dainty bonnet of gray with a cluster of pink roses nestling in its folds. Miss Wallace wore terra cotta. Mrs. C. Kinnear, light gray with garnet bonnet and white shawl. Misses May and Muriel Kinnear, garnet velvet with white hats and plumes. Mrs. Wiswell, brown silk, Mrs. J. Brown, a handsome silk velvet trimmed with sable, a seal plush wrap with fur to correspond, black bonnet, Mrs. Brown carried an exquisite bouquet which was the admiration of all beholders. Mrs. Wm. Lawson, black silk with cream roses. Mrs. Walter Lawson, of Windsor, black with salmon trimmings. The Misses Lawson looked charming in terra cotta costumes with gray furs. Mrs. Stubbing wore black silk with a garnet cloak, and Miss Blanche appeared in green and gold with a cluster of yellow rosebuds. Mrs. A. G. Jones, brown with sealskin coat, Miss Hattie Albro, an old blue costume, Mrs. M. Grant, a light gray tailor-made costume, etc. It is impossible to do full justice to the many gifts that were so spontaneously sent with warmest wishes to the young couple. Mr. and Mrs. W. Wallace have gone to their future home, Montreal, via St. John, Boston and New York.

Mr. and Mrs. George Troop and their family will shortly leave their residence, Maplehurst, in Dartmouth, for the Queen Hotel, where they intend spending the winter.

The Garrison Chapel was the scene of a bright little wedding on Tuesday afternoon, when Miss Hattie Beamish was united to Mr. Charles Hule, son of the late rector of St. Paul's. The bride looked charming in white lace and satin with pearl trimmings and orange blossoms. The bridesmaids were Miss Maude Abbott, Miss Maude Beamish, Miss Louie Tupper and Miss Blanche Beamish. Their dainty costumes were white with delicate embroidery with touches of pink to relieve the whiteness. The groomsmen were Messrs. W. B. Kollogg & Carl Stayner. The groom presented his bride and her attendants with handsome fans. The officers of the 66th P. L. F. sent a handsome clock in token of their good wishes.

Last Friday and Saturday evenings wound up the performance of Rosedale. Rosedale is undoubtedly a very pretty melodrama, and there is quite enough in it to bring out the capabilities of the troupe. There is something very satisfactory in the perfect coolness of Mr. McDowell's rendition of the part of Lieut. Elliot Gray, which he also looked well. The ladies were all good, and the supposititious gypsy brother of Matthew Leigh was especially excellent. The only thing that struck us at all unfavorably was a little over painting of faces, which has a slightly unpleasant and unnatural effect. However, we live and learn, and it becomes borne in upon us that gypsies and other doubtful characters of rough and burglarious propensities do not live and move and have their being as other mortals, but that their normal mode of going about is not erect as that of their fellow beings, but in a doubled up and crouching attitude, with a stealthy but elastic stride, which we should think must be exceedingly tiring and uncomfortable, but it is no doubt highly effective as an indication of character. Only we have never happened to encounter this peculiar style of progression in real life. However, we are only amusing ourselves, not cavilling, for the McDowell Company is, all round, an exceedingly good one. "The Big Bonanza" is on this and to-morrow evenings, and next week will open with "The Black Flag." We understand the 63rd rifles have done very well in the way of benefit with Rosedale.

Miss Hattie Seeton, one of our city's fair daughters, was married to Mr. Charles Edward Stewart, R. N., at Plymouth, England, on the 20th of November.

We have had laid on our editorial table a sprig of lilac with fresh green buds protruding from the parent stem. The sprig was picked in St. Luke's garden on Tuesday.

Mr. J. Y. Payzant and family are leaving Dartmouth, where they have resided for 14 years, and will occupy the house No. 66 Spring Garden Road, recently occupied by the late John Crerar. The Misses Payzant are being educated in England, and when they return will doubtless prove an acquisition to Halifax society.

COMMERCIAL.

No particular alteration has occurred in the prevailing conditions of the various branches of wholesale trade, which are considered to be generally satisfactory. The present is the quiet season in some branches, and, though those who expect activity at this period have not had their anticipations fully realized, they have yet done on the whole a respectable and steady business. Dry goods and fur men are anxiously waiting for the advent of cold weather, as are also hotel keepers, lumbermen, livery-stablen and others, as it will give an impetus to their respective lines of business, and its effects will thus be satisfactory. Two facts that are looked upon by merchants as healthy symptoms are an improvement in the month's collections for November and the continued strength of the iron market. Though the returns have been fair there is still room for considerable improvement. Dealers realize that whatever is to be done in collections must be done between now and the first of the New Year, as after that time it will be more difficult to reach debtors until next summer.

The following are the Assignments and Business Changes in this Province during the past week:—Alfred Banks, genl. store, Barrington Passage, adv store for sale; A. Horsfall, drugs, Yarmouth, admitted John H. Harris, M.D., as Harris & Horsfall; they succeed to the business of Ewan & Co., books and stationery; W. E. Butler, Pub. Times, Weymouth, succeeded by W. A. Landry; Bartlett Foster, trader, Middleton, assigned to R. J. Phinney in trust for benefit of creditors; A. E. Mills, Publisher, Truro, assigned to W. N. Miller in trust for benefit of creditors; E. Emimo, fish market, Dartmouth, assigned to Geo. Keys in trust for benefit of creditors; Wm. Wilson, hotel, St. Margaret's Bay Road, sold out to John Shand; Geo. Myer, Riteoy's Cove, consent to Leila Myer his wife to do business in her own name; Wheatly & Zwicker, victuallers, Halifax, dissolved, Wheatly retires, business continued by Howard B. Zwicker; N. S. Steel Co., Ltd., New Glasgow, partially burnt out, insured; A. E. Mills, Publisher, Truro, succeeded by Firman McClure.

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

	Week	Prev.	Weeks corresponding to				
	Nov. 20, week	1888	1887	1886	1889	1888	1887
United States...	265	259	261	235	238	10372	9166
Canada.....	36	31	31	29	23	1482	1566
							1879
							9400
							1079

DRY GOODS.—There are some slight symptoms of improvement in this branch of trade, but no marked betterment as to volume can be expected until cold weather with snow sets in. The movement during the week has not been exceptional, but is of a steady kind confined simply to the satisfaction of immediate wants; this being more especially the case with the city retail trade. A satisfactory feature is that orders for spring delivery are even now fair, and it is judged from the indications that the volume of trade in this connection will prove satisfactory. All wholesale houses are now engaged in getting up their spring samples, and some travellers are already out with special lines of woollen goods. The tone of the market is unchanged, and firmness is the prevailing feature, especially in the case of woollens.

IRON, HARDWARE AND METALS.—The position of the local market has remained steady without important change. The situation elsewhere is characterized by the same features that prevailed a week ago. Materials of all descriptions command fully as high prices as ever, and buyers maintain the same spirit that they have latterly, and are buying only what they actually want. What transactions have taken place, however, prove conclusively the strength of the market and show that sellers have the upper hand. In some cases of negotiation for future delivery buyers have shown considerable anxiety. The volume of business during the week shows an ordinary steady trade. Tin plates have shown some activity locally, and a fair amount of trade has been done in them. Advances from the other side show continued strength, especially in the line of manufactured iron. A cable from Liverpool states that crown bars are at £9 5s.; sheet iron £9 15s., and hoops and bands in proportion, with makers well filled up with orders ahead. Lead is also upward in tendency. Public despatches speak of easiness at Glasgow in pig iron, but no other intimation has been received. Copper continues firm and upward.

BREADSTUFFS.—There is no improvement in the market here, sales being slow at about last week's rates. In strong bakers' there is an active competition between Upper Province millers, and prices are reported to have been severely cut. In many cases it is said that sales have been forced at figures that are below the cost of production. Beerbohm's cable reports, "cargoes off coast, wheat and corn nil; cargoes on passage and due for shipment, wheat firmer, corn strong. Liverpool spot wheat quiet but steady; corn firmer. French country markets slightly better." In Chicago the grain markets have fluctuated but little and quotations have remained practically unchanged.

PROVISIONS.—Local provisions have been quiet during the week, there being only a small demand for actual immediate consumption. Dressed hogs are in somewhat light supply but no change has taken place in prices. In Great Britain prices are cabled as steady, though the demand is reported rather slow. Figures in the United States are unchanged. In fact a comparatively dull period exists all round and we do not anticipate any marked change for the next few weeks.

BUTTER.—There is nothing to report in connection with the butter mar-