

CITY CHIMES.

YACHTING IN HALIFAX.—There is no more exhilarating delightful pastime than yachting, and no part of the world offers greater facilities for the sport than Nova Scotia. The whole peninsula is indented with arms of the sea, and yachting voyages around the coast and into the Bras d'Or lakes are yearly becoming more popular. Halifax offers unsurpassed courses to the yachtsman, and these are becoming more and more appreciated. To-day the city can boast of a number of fast yachts, and a large percentage of its citizens take a keen interest in the sport. It is true that for a time interest in yachting seemed on the wane, but a number of enthusiastic yachtsmen took the matter in hand and put new life into the Nova Scotia Yacht Club. Their delightfully situated and handsome club has become a fashionable centre, and there are gathered on racing days a large assemblage of leading society people who, while enjoying the unbounded hospitality of the club, are enabled to watch the races, comfortably seated on the roomy verandas. On Saturday last there was an unusually large and brilliant company assembled to watch the R. N. S. Yacht Squadron race for the Lansdowne cup and other prizes, unfinished on August 5th, on account of light winds, and they had the pleasure of witnessing the most exciting contest of the season. The race was over No. 2 course and was promptly started at 2 p.m. The starters were the *Youla*, *Lenore*, *Valkyrie* and *Meda*, and the race was taken by the *Lenore*, which crossed the line 52 seconds ahead of the *Youla*. As she was to allow the latter 50 seconds time allowance she won the race by two seconds. The *Valkyrie* was fifteen minutes behind the leader, and *Meda* about the same behind the *Valkyrie*. The course sailed is between 17 and 18 miles, and the *Lenore's* time was two hours and twenty-seven minutes, pronounced the fastest time ever made over the course by yachts the size of *Youla* and *Lenore*. To-morrow, the last race of the season takes place for a cup presented by ex-Commodore Edwards, and open only to yachts of special class.

THE SHAKESPERIAN RECITALS.—Lovers of Shakespeare are having a real treat this week in the Shakespearian recitals of Mr. E. C. Abbott, the first of which was given at Orpheus Hall on Monday evening, the second on last evening, the final recital of the course to be given this evening. The intelligent audience assembled on Monday evening attested the fact that in Halifax there are many lovers of Shakespeare, and they were rewarded by hearing a really excellent recital, the play chosen being "Hamlet," which Mr. Abbott interpreted in masterly style. On last evening the play given was "As You Like It" and "Julius Cæsar" will be given this evening. Recitals of such pronounced merit have rarely been given in Halifax, and those who missed the first two performances should be on hand to-night.

SHOOTING AT BEDFORD RANGE.—Work and play are well combined in the target practice of the volunteers at Bedford Range. There are numerous prizes to be competed for, which helps to stimulate an enthusiasm for precision in rifle shooting, a most necessary part of the volunteers' education, and to this is added the healthy rivalry between the members of the different regiments and companies to make the highest scores. It is splendid training for our defenders in times of war, and should be encouraged in every way. To many a hard-worked clerk and mechanic it is the only outing of the season, and the real pleasure that beams on the faces of our soldier boys as they hurry rifle in hand to the station to take the Bedford train is delightful to witness. When the band competes there is the added stimulus of martial music, and the range at Bedford is thronged with visitors. To the old veterans with nerves of iron these on-lookers make little difference, but to the novice in the use of the rifle they cause many a heart tremor, and many a shot fails to find the target. But *experientia docet*, and the novice of to-day soon blossoms out into a future prize winner. At present the shooting is at its height, and the afternoon suburban train fairly overflows with volunteers on their way to the range.

LAWN TENNIS MATCHES.—The delightfully cool weather of the past week must have been doubly appreciated by the numerous competitors in the lawn tennis matches now being played. On Friday last the Garrison Lawn Tennis Tournament was brought to an exciting conclusion when Major and Mrs. Maycock tied for first place with Capt. Alexander and Mrs. Ho.e. The tournament which lasted for two days was largely attended by the cream of our four hundred, as all events in which the military are interested are sure to be, and was the first time of the introduction of the American system, in which each pair of players plays every other pair. The Wanderers lawn tennis matches have been hotly contested and have been very successful. W. B. Ferris won the singles in a most creditable manner, and he had a very able competitor in A. M. Besse, who was second in the totals, and bids fair, with a little more practice, to become a champion player. Almon and Johnson and Hole and Burns played off the final of the doubles on Thursday.

WEDDING BELLS.—In spite of the hard times the matrimonial market shows no signs of weakening, and the merry wedding bells peal out with undiminished vigor. Throughout the Province the local papers announce numerous weddings, proving that the fair daughters of Acadia are in demand as help-mates, and no wonder, for where else can be found so much loveliness combined with education and sound common sense. I note, however, that one Halifaxian has strayed from the fold and taken unto himself an American wife. I refer to W. Marshal Black, who was married on Sept. 6th last, at Nantucket, Mass., to Miss E. Louise I. Driggs. In Halifax on Tuesday morning at the North Baptist church there was quite an interesting event in the marriage of J. Frank Colwell, of the firm of Colwell Bros., to Miss Bertha Wiswell, daughter of George Wiswell, contractor of this city.

COMING EVENTS.—On Monday evening at Orpheus Hall Bernard Walthor, who is pronounced a most accomplished violinist, with his wife, Mrs. Walthor, and his brother, Carl Walthor, will give a concert, in which they will be assisted by Mrs. Bor and Mrs. Mellor. Mrs. Walthor has a charming soprano voice, and her husband comes with high recommendations from the English press, so that the musical loving public may expect an unusually pleasant concert.

On the same evening the Swedish Quartette in national costume will appear at the Academy of Music, in aid of the Oddfellows' building fund. They will be assisted by Miss Bordon, the dramatic reader. The Quartette have won golden opinions wherever they have appeared, and as the occasion is a most worthy one they should be greeted with a bumper house. The concert is under distinguished patronage.

On September 20th Rufus Somerby will open at the Exhibition Rink for a ten days' engagement, his main attraction being Professor Gleason, the horse-trainer.

To-morrow the annual handicap quoit competition comes off. There are a large number of entries, including the veteran players J. R. Henderson and C. H. Potts, and a close and exciting contest is probable.

THE HOLIDAYS ARE OVER.—Much to the regret of school-boys, and I opine of teacher also, the holiday season has come to an end, and hard work is again the order of the day. In the musical line I note the return to the city of Prof. Porter, of the conservatory of music, accompanied by Professor Wolf, the new violinist, who is to supply the place vacated by that master of his instrument, Herr Klingensfeld. Mr. and Mrs. Doering have also returned from their trip home to Germany and are now receiving pupils. Miss Minnie Doyle will continue to teach in this institution. The new violinist, Herr Fritz Schultz, and the new tenor singer, Herr Carl Doering, are expected from Germany shortly.

THE DANCE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.—The leading society event of the week was the dance at Government House, on Tuesday night. It was of course a brilliant affair, some 400 guests being invited, and dancing being kept up to a late hour to the music of the King's Own band.

WITH A PULL ALL TOGETHER.—The tug-of-war tournament held at the Exhibition Rink on Monday night, under the auspices of the Union Engine Company, attracted an audience of nearly 1000 and was a perfect success. The first pull was between the Dartmouth and Richmond teams and was won by Dartmouth. The next pull between the Independents and Eastern Passage teams was won very easily by the Passage team. The Truckmen and the Richmond team then grasped the rope, and after an exciting contest the Truckmen were defeated. The Truckmen then overcame the Faugh au Ballaghs, and the Eastern Passage won the Dartmouth team. The final between the Truckmen and Richmond teams was won by Richmond, and the Eastern Passage and Truckmen's final was won by the Truckmen, but a protest was entered on account of the Truckmen having changed a man between the pulls, and the referee awarded the prize to the Eastern Passage team.

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