

The Kermesse in aid of St. Stephen's Chapel, as advertised in our columns, is bound to be a success, it being for such a deserving object. It is needless to ask the why and the wherefore of this want of funds. Suffice it to say that funds are required, and all good church folk should show their sympathy by attending, spending their money freely in the cause of charity, the greatest of virtues, thereby laying up treasures elsewhere, an end much to be desired, even though it be attained at the expense of one's digestive organs. No prettier spot could have been chosen for the Kermesse, and the thanks of the community are due to Mr. and Mrs. Spike for so kindly placing their grounds at the disposal of the committee. Apart from ice cream and strawberries, there will be side shows too numerous to mention. Music will be in attendance, in fact all that goes to make a happy day has been arranged, save fine weather, which the committee are striving to deserve by keeping their consciences clear and trusting in Providence to do the rest.

On Tuesday next—Labor Day—why Labor Day, when it's a pretty general holiday?—the Nova Scotia Cigar Company promise to give something out of the way, as regards a show in the procession. We are sworn to secrecy and dare not divulge, but wait and see.

The Company intend making a big hit at the Exhibition in September, which the manager tells us will knock everything else higher than the proverbial kite. The factory is now lighted by electricity, and each department is working with clock-like regularity. All who have smoked cigars from this factory do not stint their praise, and we have Mr. Percy Lear's word that the quality will continue the same.

A two-day cricket match is fixed for to-day and to-morrow between the Wanderers and the Garrison. Play to commence at 2 o'clock each day.

We do trust that our own, City Fathers will see their way to spend some of the superfluous boodle in extending the sidewalk improvements from Government House right to the corner of Salter St.

The Academy opens on Monday with a first-class company under the name of "H. B. Bradley's Players." This title is getting very near to old English. It only requires the "Ye" to make it really so. The company will present "My Partner," "Aunt Jack," and "Barnes of New York." We trust that the company will meet with that success which notices to hand show the individual members deserve.

At Dr. Dorman's pic-nic at MacNab's on Saturday last the guests amused themselves with a rifle competition, distance twenty-five yards. Entries restricted to ladies. We hear that Mrs. John Miller won first prize and Miss Morrow second. The first prize was a beautiful gold bangle, and the second a silver one. This will never do, to have an American beat our young ladies at shooting. Although we congratulate Mrs. Miller on her skill, still we hope she will not be so fortunate another time, and that Haligonians will be able to hold their own.

Mr. and Mrs. Eeshaw arrived on Tuesday, and are staying at the Waverly. They are going to take up their abode at Jubilee for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Twining and Miss Hilda Stairs arrived from New York on Tuesday. Mrs. Twining is going to stay here for the summer.

Major and Mrs. Maunsel return next week from Anticosti, where we believe they have had excellent sport.

On Monday last Sir John Ross had a small tennis-party; it is his intention we believe, to have a similar function every Monday during the season.

On Monday likewise the R. A. had a similar entertainment, but most of the fashionables were paying their respects to Mrs. James Morrow on her return from England.

Mrs. Walter Jones has a pic-nic to-morrow, (Saturday), at Lawsons; it is to be quite a large and grand affair, everyone who is anybody being asked.

The Polo days were changed this week, on account of the Regatta—in fact during the week everything has been *the* Regatta. The days were Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. On Monday it was a very fast game, and showed much improvement with many of our players.

The first meeting of the C. H. Boys' Swimming Club, was held at the cottage opposite Oaklands, on Wednesday last. Members, and those who wish to join, are particularly requested to attend next Wednesday, if weather permits, and if not, on Friday; when the question of building a house-boat will be discussed.

Boats will be at Oaklands from 2.30 to 3.30. Bathing dresses over the shoulders must be worn. Those who intend to join but cannot be present at the meeting should send in their names to the President, Cambridge House.

It was pleasant to hear the band once more in the gardens and no doubt the popularity of that resort will once more come back. Of course it will never be what it used to be. For in the first place there is no tennis, and in the second, there are other attractions, for example, the Yacht Club. What Halifax needs is some rallying point, suitable to all classes and for the public, and not restricted to anything private. If the commissioners of the gardens would see fit to make one arrangement this could be accomplished. They have put up or are going to put up gates in the hideous erection which they, in their wisdom have thought fit to create on the Park Street side. Now, if they would make a drive through the gardens on that level, so that people might take their carriages, sit in them and listen to the band, they would have a drive and lounging place unequalled anywhere. It need only be open at certain times when the band was playing; it would add much to the interest of the gardens and would not interfere with the nurse maid or the perambulator, to say nothing of the soldier.

It seems to us that this could be managed and we would then have some place where people could gather to show off themselves, their clothes, and their carriages and their horses. We would then have a great improvement in the turn-outs, and people would vie with each other to have the smartest of smart traps and the finest of fine horses. Strangers would admire the spectacle and everyone would be happy, and this ought to be the aim of the Mayor and every Alderman as it was of Gilberts Cabinet Council. You might say "people have the Park to show off," the Park is too large and not concentrated enough—people do not see each other, and what is the use of going anywhere if you are not seen? Lady Water Street does not like to go anywhere if the Duchess of Tintacks can not see her. This is the grand object of life; then let us oblige the fair ladies and institute a Rotten Row for Halifax.

A boxing match was held at the Lyceum on Tuesday night, between White and Jordan. We cannot congratulate anyone on the exhibition. We hear that the building was licensed for the purpose of an exhibition of scientific boxing, and we, even in the face of such masters of the noble art, or, rather, in face of the opinions of such professionals as Messrs. Cotter and Power, do hereby venture with fear and trembling that in our opinion these connoisseurs of all that is tame overstepped the bounds of common sense in stopping what was up to then a poor boxing match. Had they but used a little discretion, and waited till the middle of the third round, they might have had reason on their side in making their highly moral appearance. What we do wish to know is, why should a building be licensed for a show of this kind, the public mulcted in \$1 per head, and then for it to be stopped at the sweet will and pleasure of the above-named gentlemen. As regards the boxing, to say the least, it was poor. White most certainly not only showed better form, but had a very great advantage as regards height and strength. We would give him a small piece of advice,