

We are frequently told that there is no enterprise in Canada, and that every thing is languishing, yet instances crop up, "as plenty as blackberries," to the contrary. Here is one from a N. B. contemporary:—"W. S. Loggie, one of Chatham's most enterprising merchants, is about to establish a branch store in Moncton, Mr. Albert Sweezy takes charge. Mr. Loggie has upwards of a dozen stores, principally on the sea coast, where he carries on a large business in canning fish, etc. He is only another example of New Brunswick's self-made men. Starting with a business of a few thousands it has rapidly increased until last year it amounted to the large sum of \$400,000.

Mr. N. B. Raymond, of Acacia Valley, is building a new mill 55x20 ft., which is to contain a matching and moulding machine, and other machinery for general work. This will be advantageous to the mechanics of that section. Like so many other of the businesses which come under our notice Mr. Raymond finds himself under the necessity of enlarging his premises to meet the requirements of the public. He has lately purchased extensive woodlands which, he claims, will enable him to manufacture lumber at cheaper rates than any one else in the county.

We find the following in the *Eastern Echo*:—"Quite a business has sprung up in Antigonish in the export of white ash for use in the Halifax Shovel Company's works at the North West Arm, Halifax. White ash alone is used and that growing in Antigonish county is found to be of excellent quality for shovel handles. A. M. Cunningham is agent for the factory here. The ash is brought to town in lengths of two feet or four feet, the price paid being \$10 per cord. The price, though apparently large, only gives fair wages to the farmers who get out the wood, owing to the time and work required to find the proper wood. The factory was established four years ago. The ash business began here about that time and has been growing since. Last winter the amount sent from Antigonish was 50 cords. This winter one hundred cords were shipped."

CITY CHIMES.

An event in which a Halifax lady plays a prominent part will take place on the 30th of this month, at Dobeleys, Staffordshire, England. We refer to the marriage of Miss Florence Meynell, youngest daughter of E. Meynell, Esq., of Halifax, to Mr. Bertram Heywood, second son of Sir Percival Heywood, of Dobeleys. Miss Grace Meynell, sister of the bride, and Miss Heywood, sister of the groom, are to be two of the four bridesmaids who will grace the occasion. The wedding presents are numerous, costly and elegant. After the ceremony, the happy couple will leave for a European tour with Venice and Rome as the objective points. We extend to them our best wishes for their happiness.

A very pleasant event took place at the School for the Blind last Wednesday week, when a good attendance of the members of the Board of Managers, the ladies of their families, and their friends witnessed the proficiency of the boys and girls respectively in gymnastics and calisthenics, under the tuition of Sergeant-Major Bailey, whose efficiency as a gymnastic instructor is widely recognized in Halifax. The care and gentleness with which he imbues his teaching to a class to whom the exercises are of a peculiar value is particularly striking. The ladies and gentlemen present fully appreciated the highly interesting display, and at the close of the exercises, at the request of the Superintendent, Colonel Wainwright, a gentleman who knows something of these matters, expressed to Mr. Bailey the pleasure which he experienced in being present. The visitors then enjoyed a cup of 5 o'clock chocolate at the hospitable hands of the three young ladies who presided at the table, and departed well pleased with what they had witnessed.

The Street Car Company has, we imagine, some new drivers on, who have not yet quite mastered the little tact and aptitude to enable them to spare their horses as much as possible the wear and tear of a dead stoppage, and the consequent heavy pull of the start. In many cases an absolute stoppage is not necessary to pick up or let out a passenger. Any tolerably active man can get on or off the cars with the horses at a walk—to put it very safely—most men do, and thereby save a good deal of wear to the horses. It is of course different in the case of women, and we have no desire to promote anything trenching on the safety to life or limb of the public.

It is a mistaken idea to think Halifax is behind the times. As a matter of fact Halifax is one of the best posted cities in the Dominion, probably because since the introduction of the electric light and telephone its facilities for seeing and hearing have been greatly improved.

The performance of "David Garrick" at the Academy on Monday evening by the Wood-St. John Company was decidedly satisfactory, notwithstanding a few trifling drawbacks, mostly indicative of imperfect management. Mr. Wood is really a good actor, and it is perhaps one of the highest praises we could accord that he is not given to rant. Only a very slight approach to that unpleasant tendency appeared on one occasion. Miss St. John's appearance is very much in her favor, and she adds to the attraction of a fine figure, great grace of motion. Moreover, she is decidedly lady-like, and her voice so pleasant that one regretted that now and then when she dropped it to a low tone she was inaudible. The part of "May Donstone" must be a rather trying one from the long poses of the dumb-show of shame and grief which the character requires. However, Miss St. John did it as well, probably, as it could be done. The principals were well supported, though some of the other characters in the play are of that exaggerated type that always irritates one's sense of the fitness of naturalness.

Miss Holland and Miss Marston, however, were very good. On Tuesday evening that very silly farce, "The Private Secretary," was presented, and although it is impossible not to laugh at the ridiculous nonsense with which it overflows, the mind soon tires of such idiocy. Mr. Wood as Mr. Clutterbuck was good, but his "make up" was somewhat overdone, so that the fun which might have been got out of his impersonation of the character was spoiled by the unnaturalness of his portly figure. The "Private Secretary" himself was intensely uninteresting, and many in the audience could have assisted him out—or off—the stage, together with his "goods and chattels," with even greater energy than was displayed by his colleagues on the stage. Miss St. John as Edith Marsland was very pleasing, her graceful acting being worthy of a better play. Most of the support in this play was poor, young Mr. Clutterbuck being a notable example. The company on the whole have scored a success, and Mr. Wood and Miss St. John will always be welcomed by Halifax play-goers whenever they may return to our city.

Another interesting event took place on Tuesday at noon in Fort Massey Church, when Mr. James Forrest, of the firm of Farquhar, Forrest & Co., and Miss Elizabeth Seth, sister of Prof. Seth of Dalhousie College, were united in marriage. Miss Daisy Seth, sister of the bride, was first bridesmaid, and was assisted by Misses Katie and Jeannie Forrest, the nieces of the bridegroom. Mr. Roderick Macdonald supported the bridegroom. The ceremony was performed by Revs. Dr. Burns, Prof. Forrest, and A. Simpson. A reception was afterwards held at the Waverley House by the newly-wedded couple, where a sumptuous luncheon was partaken of by the wedding guests. A large number of elegant gifts were received by the bride from her numerous friends. Mr. and Mrs. Forrest have gone for a four week's trip, and will visit New York and Niagara Falls.

The teachers and pupils of the Halifax County Academy held a bazaar and entertainment in the Academy building on Tuesday afternoon and evening. There was a large crowd of purchasers and pleasure-seekers present, and the various pretty and useful articles were soon disposed of. The entertainment was particularly good, such well known amateurs as Miss McKenzie, Mr. Mahr, Mr. J. Godfrey Smith, and Mr. W. H. Hill, contributing to the programme, as well as a number of others. Though there is much hard work for the promoters of bazaars and such means of raising money, there is also a good deal of fun to be got out of them, especially by the young people.

St. George's Day (Tuesday) was observed in Halifax in the usual manner. In the morning St. George's Society turned out in force and marched in procession through the streets, accompanied by the Bands of the 63rd Rifles and 66th P. L. F., to St. Paul's Church, where Bishop Courtney preached an admirable sermon. In the evening the members of the society and their friends dined at the Queen Hotel.

COMMERCIAL.

The improvement in trade noted during the past two or three weeks has continued and a fairly active volume of business has been transacted in most staple lines.

Payments have manifested a tendency toward a more satisfactory basis and on the whole the outlook has grown more encouraging, especially as no unfavorable developments have occurred.

In the city wholesale trade there does not seem to be much change—business moving along about as usual.

Farmers are busy seeding and otherwise preparing for the coming summer's crops, and this makes trade in country towns rather dull and slow as is usual at this season.

The following are the Assignments and Business Changes in this Province during the past week:—Bates & Nelson, Halifax Latherine Co., Halifax, dissolved; John McLeod, Genl. Store, fishing supplies, etc., New Haven, succeeded by McLeod Bros; Balcom & Nixon, General Store, Aylesford, assigned to W. J. H. Balcom, in trust for benefit of creditors; John H. Barnstead, Leather, Halifax, stock advertised for sale by tender; Henry M. Manning, store, Falmouth, assigned to W. B. Shaw in trust for benefit of creditors; Isnor & O'Brien, Builders, Halifax, dissolved.

DRY GOODS.—The sorting-up trade, though not rushing, has been of a fairly active character and the distribution in most lines has been up to expectations. The advance in cotton goods has been fully maintained. In fact agents are talking of even a further rise in the near future. Payments have somewhat improved and are coming in a little more freely. Merchants are busy in preparing samples of fall goods which will be sent on the road shortly.

IRON, HARDWARE AND METALS.—Under a continued good demand the market for iron and hardware has been of a fairly active character and a very considerable volume of business has been transacted for both present and future delivery. The prospects for the future are encouraging, as stocks generally are light, and a good steady trade is looked for. In pig iron a large volume of business is reported to have been transacted for future delivery, while on spot a fair trade has been accomplished at steady prices. Sheet iron is firm at the recent advance. Ingot copper and lead have ruled steady at the late decline. In Glasgow warrants are cabled 4d. lower on the week, with ingot tin in London 10s. lower, and Chili copper bars £2 15s. lower.

BREADSTUFFS.—The demand for flour has continued slow and the market has ruled quiet with business dull, but at nominally unchanged prices. The stock of flour is large and the offerings are heavy, but buyers generally are holding off, as they have an ample supply on hand for the present.