

CITY CHIMES.

The public schools of the city opened on Monday morning with a total attendance of 3,821 pupils. A large number of the boys and girls have not yet returned from the country districts, where they have been spending their holidays and laying up a store of health and energy for the coming winter; but in a week or so probably many will be in their places. The teachers were nearly all on hand, some of them looking very much the better for the rest and recreation they have enjoyed. The school buildings have all been thoroughly cleaned, the walls of the rooms tinted a pale green shade and the ceilings a dainty sky blue. The effect of these delicate colorings is very pleasing. With spacious buildings, light, airy rooms, good ventilation, etc., and an efficient corps of teachers who have the interests of their scholars at heart, there is no excuse but ill-health to prevent every child, boy or girl in Halifax obtaining a good practical education, such as will fit him or her for the duties of life. Alas, that so many parents either are utterly indifferent to their children's welfare, or being ignorant, do not realize what their negligence means to the future life of their little ones. Although Halifax has a compulsory school law, yet there are many children who at best attend school very irregularly, and who are growing to manhood and womanhood in deplorable ignorance. Nor is this the only fruit of the carelessness of the guardians. Satan, we all know from experience, finds always some mischief for idle hands, and while, sad to say, it is necessary for some of our boys and girls while very young to go to work, in order to bring into the family coffers a few dollars, many are but learning to be indolent and falling into evil habits, when their minds should be bent on their books and their time fully employed with study and home duties, not omitting a fair amount of play. Great vigilance should certainly attend the efforts to enforce the school law, so that the young of our city who do not appreciate their opportunities should be compelled to take advantage of them.

Rainy weather again settled the plans made for the enjoyment of last Saturday. Picnic parties, many of which had been postponed from the Saturday preceding, were once more doomed to disappointment, and many were the unkind remarks made in the much abused weather. The band was prevented from carrying out its programme at the public gardens, and those who had looked forward to spending the afternoon in this bit of Eden were compelled to seek enjoyment within doors. On Sunday lowering clouds and heavy falls of rain made the day anything but pleasant, and the attendance at the city churches was very small. On Monday however the sun broke the bounds and shone forth triumphantly, and throughout the days that have followed brightness has reigned.

Everything points to success for the Colt Stakes next week in this city, and interest among the horse owners and riders is waxing high. Entries for the races closed on Wednesday.

The tent meetings on the common, conducted by Mr. B. C. Greenman, have been largely attended this week. It has been found necessary to erect another tent, thus greatly increasing the accommodations, and Mr. Greenman and his energetic assistants continue their work with great zeal for their cause.

The east window of Notman's photographic studio on George Street has drawn the attention of many passers-by this week. It contains in a handsome frame a large photograph of the City Council Chamber, with the city fathers each in his place. Surrounding this picture are photographs, cabinet size, of the city officials of 1892. The work is well executed and the collection well arranged.

The attraction at the Exhibition Building, viz., Bristol's educated horses, ponies and mules, has continued to be well patronized this week, and the large audiences have been well pleased with the entertainment furnished by the clever equines. Professor Bristol intends remaining in the city another week, and those who have not yet visited the "Equescurriculum" would do wisely to take an opportunity of seeing the wonderful attainments of these animals.

The buyers for the large retail dry-goods houses have returned from the mother country, where they have been selecting fall and winter stock. And now, although the flowers are in the midst of their glory, and the full maturity of the summer season is yet our delight, the ladies are eagerly looking forward to show-days of garments fitted to guard against cold winds and to withstand the rude attacks of Jack Frost. And here is a bit of information for the fair ones who contemplate the purchase of a new winter coat. To be in style, and who would be out of it, one must not have anything in this line but a loosebacked coat; that is, minus a back seam, and much resembling a man's overcoat. Pretty? Well, perhaps not, but "awfully stylish," and therefore to be universally adopted. The jackets and capes that last year were considered very long seem to have suddenly shrunk as those of the coming season are brought out, all the new ones reaching to the knees at least. Brown in various shades and navy blue are fashionable colors in dress goods. Some of the winter fabrics are exceedingly pretty, and, what to the economical woman who would fain be well dressed is fully as important, are of substantial make.

A party of twenty young men, employees of Murdoch's Nephews, having made their plans for a drive to Cow Bay on Saturday last determined to let nothing daunt them, and despite the pouring rain started their excursion. Well protected by rubber coats and carriage coverings and armed with umbrellas these pleasure seekers only got slightly dampened and enjoyed their picnic immensely.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings of next week, Cleveland's Minstrels are engaged to perform at the Academy of Music, and if we are justified in judging by the favorable press notices this company has received we may expect enjoyable entertainments. The jokes are said to be good and the music of a high order, and doubtless the audiences will be large. The singers of popular songs, having now wearied of the chestnut Ta-ra-ra Boom-de-ay, will welcome the new favorites of the Cleveland Company.

Among the numerous attractions for next week is that one which never fails to draw a well pleased crowd, a concert in the gardens. It is expected, weather permitting, to hold a grand promenade on Thursday evening, the 8th inst., and if arrangements can be perfected the public will again be favored by the vocal quartette which performed so acceptably at the last concert, as well by the band. The gardens are one mass of bloom now, and the air is laden with the varied sweet perfumes.

The erection of a band stand on the Grand Parade has been completed, and on Tuesday evening was occupied for the first time by the 63rd band, whose music was enjoyed by a very large gathering of people. Barrington, St. Paul and Argyle Streets were for the evening crowded thoroughfares, and the scene presented was quite lively. The parade with its grassy beds, well kept paths, and pretty rustic seats, is a refreshing sight, lying as it does in the midst of the business centre of the city. However, while Halifax may justly view the square with gratification, it is just a trifle annoying to have strangers in town mistake the parade for our far famed gardens, as we lately heard of some natives of Uncle Sam's territory doing, while they pitied Halifaxians who considered their gardens worthy of the abundant praise bestowed. It is to be hoped these visitors in their wanderings happened upon the magnificent area which we as citizens delight to point out to strangers as the city's gardens.

The Globe House Bazaar at the Drill Shed has been in every way a grand success. The attendance this week has been quite as large as that of last week, and the immense collection of goods for sale has been disposed of most satisfactorily. A large number of lotteries have taken place, and Wednesday evening and last evening auction sales gave some splendid bargains. The ladies and gentlemen who have managed the fair are deserving of great credit, and will no doubt gladly rest from their labors, for it is only part fun and a good deal of work when all is said and done. However, abundant success is the reward, well earned in this case, and the object to which the proceeds will be devoted is one dear to the hearts of the workers. The bazaar closed last evening.

The programme for the coming week promises a genuine carnival of outdoor sports, and should the weather smile upon our city the many strangers who will doubtless gather within our gates will find our city decidedly gay. The Lorne Club Regatta on the harbor on Thursday afternoon, and the annual sports of the W. A. A. C. to be held on the grounds of the Club on Saturday afternoon, are two of the most interesting features of the week's list of sports, and will no doubt be witnessed by large crowds of spectators.

The yacht race for the Chaucey cup which was to have been sailed on Saturday last was postponed on account of the weather until Wednesday of this week. Only three boats competed, *Lenore*, *Heve* and *Youla*, the latter winning. The race was far from interesting as the wind was not favorable for a good race, and the latter half of the match was simply drifting.

Baseballists are interested in the match to be played on Monday afternoon on the Wanderers' Grounds between the Oriens and Standards. The games of baseball this season have been few and far between, lacrosse and cricket having almost wholly taken the place in the list of summer sports formerly held by it. The game on Monday is a benefit for a well known player John White.

We noticed in this column some time ago a new business establishment to be opened in this city which will interest our lady readers, namely "The Dressmaking Company." The members of the firm are now ready for business and open at No. 34 Morris St. where they will be prepared to suit the most critical. The success of the enterprise depends wholly on the skill of the workwomen and the management of the affairs of the company, for if the work be satisfactorily performed there is little doubt that the firm will find their patrons numerous.

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