

The "Myrtle House," Digby, affords excellent and pleasant accommodations for summer visitors to that town and locality. It stands in three acres of shade and fruit trees, is situated 140 feet above the sea, and consequently commands a fine view of the Annapolis Basin. The "Myrtle" has tennis and croquet lawns, and there is excellent boating, bathing and fishing in the immediate vicinity of the house. Mr. J. C. Morrison is the proprietor.

CITY CHIMES.

The dinner given by Lt.-Col. Humphrey and the officers of the 66th (P. L. F.) Battalion at the Halifax Hotel on Monday evening, in honor of their late Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. Macdonald, was an entertainment which did equal credit to the 66th and to the Messrs. Hesselein. Several officers of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment and the Royal Artillery and several civilians were also the guests of the P. L. F. All the arrangements were perfect. The excellent band of the Battalion played charming selections, and played them well, and as to the dinner itself, well, it is not too much to say that we never sat down to a better. The tables were beautifully decorated, without being crowded, with epergues of flowers, some brilliant, some graceful in their simplicity. The menu was most liberal and varied, and every course had its appropriate wine, each of which was of excellent quality. There was in fact, no stint of anything appertaining to a perfect dinner, which reflected the greatest credit both on the hospitality of the entertainers and on the skill of the Messrs. Hesselein in catering. Col. Humphrey alluded in feeling terms to the long connection (twenty-one years) of Col. Macdonald with the Regiment, and to the services he had rendered it, and Col. Macdonald replied in a fluent and interesting speech. All other speech-making was eschewed, as is the excellent rule of the Regiment. Every one present thoroughly enjoyed the evening, which was prolonged to a pretty late (or early) hour. We understand the hospitable 66th intend giving one of their very pleasant smoking gatherings shortly.

Manager Nannary deserves the patronage of the public, as the Julian Comedy Company with which he has opened the Lyceum is an excellent troupe. Edith Julian is a bright and pleasing *soubrette*, and her singing is really good. She reminds one strongly of Lotta in her younger days. A most agreeable surprise was the perfection of the acting, and the careful attention to details in the way of dress and stage appointments. There are no sticks in the Company, and the performances are free from all taint of vulgarity. We strongly advise all who wish to enjoy a pleasant evening and a hearty laugh to drop in and witness a performance at the Lyceum.

The new building of the Church of England Institute was formally opened on Wednesday, May 21st. After the Bishop's reception and the opening prayers and address, the visitors dispersed through the building and inspected the various rooms. The charming reading-room elicited many admiring remarks. The dainty parlors with their inlaid floors and handsome furniture show much refinement of taste. The gymnasium, billiard room and smoking room will add much to the pleasures of the young men of the city. The Church people are to be congratulated on the grand success of their undertaking. The Women's Auxiliary of the Institute intend holding a fancy sale in the building about the first week in June, the proceeds to be devoted to the Furnishing Fund.

Did anyone ever notice the difference between city people and country people as regards the weather. In the country no one ever dreams of going out in a rain-storm except on urgent business, but city people, and more especially Halifaxians, take their walks abroad alike in rain or shine. This was especially noticed at a recent conversation given by the Church of England Sunday School Teachers in the Hall belonging to St. George's Parish, so convenient in every way with its class rooms, its stage fittings, good lights, etc., but alas! so far from the south end. However, on the evening in question, neither rain nor distance kept the teachers away, and a most charming evening was spent. A short musical programme was rendered, including a solo by Master Arthur Smith, of St. Luke's, which was much appreciated. Sandwiches, sponge cake and coffee were served at 10 p. m., and the assembly soon after dispersed.

Notwithstanding the downpour of rain on Queen's Birthday, the young cricketers of the Girton Athletic Club and the King's Collegiate School Cricket Club managed to enjoy a good game on the College cricket ground at Windsor, which resulted in a victory for the Collegiate School boys. The city visitors speak highly of the excellent dinner provided for them through the kindness of Mr. Miller, the Head Master of the school.

What erratic things horse cars are, especially if one is tired or in a hurry to reach home? The Academy of Music seems to be tenderly cared for by the Street Car Company. A car coming from the north end one evening last week took a little ride up Spring Garden Road, then it backed down and the horses were changed, and the car proceeded towards the north end; another change of horses and the programme was repeated. As one lady remarked: "extra ride for the money." All this was to accommodate a few extra cars which were in waiting for the closing of the Academy. Luckily the detained car was full of ladies, and ladies never express their feelings in any vehement manner; no, not even after such provocation as a too crowded car, with people standing, who gently (?) swayed against tired shoulders and still more tired feet. Such delays would not be tolerated in any other city, but Halifax always was kind and forbearing.

The Rehan Company have been playing in the Academy of Music to good audiences this week. The company is a first-class one, and many of

the members of it are old favorites in Halifax. "Nancy & Co" is full of fun, and was admirably played, the performances going off without a hitch. "Love in Harnoes" is also a good play, and full justice was done to it by the members of the company. They make their last appearance to-morrow evening.

COMMERCIAL.

Little actual change in the general trade situation has occurred, but a fairly active distribution in most staple lines is in progress. Business throughout has a healthy appearance, and the present outlook is more favorable than at any previous time this year. The weather has been a seasonable alternation of rain and sunshine, under the influence of which the crops are advancing splendidly. Grass especially promises well, and an unusually heavy yield of hay seems assured, unless some improbable disaster overtakes it.

Of course a large number of retail houses in the country are carried by city firms, but the chances are that with good crops—which are now regarded as a foregone conclusion—these burdens will be lifted during the coming fall.

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

	Week		Prev.		Weeks corresponding to			Failures for the year to date.			
	May 24.	1889	1889	1888	May 24.	1888	1887	1889	1888	1887	1886
United States...	140	199	139	107	170	4909	4388	4404	4636		
Canada.....	19	31	22	17	15	763	781	637	544		

The following are the Assignments and Business Changes of this Province during the past week: Est. Geo. E. Davis, Amherst, Lamy Hotel advertised for sale; Joseph Sutherland, Trader, Lower Stewiacke, assigned; Joggins Coal Mining Ass'n, Joggins, sold out to R. G. Leckie.

DRY GOODS.—The month of May has not been entirely productive of satisfactory results. In fact the actual movement of goods has fallen short of expectations and, although the spring season has been of a fairly active character, recent business has fallen off. However orders for fall goods are coming in fairly well, and many are now in hand, although deliveries on such will not be made until July and August. Payments have been fair and the trade, regarded as a whole, shows no special feature. The advance in the price of cottons reported by us two or three weeks ago has been steadily maintained and the mills are well sold ahead at the revised rates. An improvement has been experienced in remittances and some of our leading houses state that money has been coming in quite satisfactorily.

IRON, HARDWARE AND METALS.—The market has undergone no particular change since our last report, and prices all around have remained steady. American made steel rails are now selling in the United States markets delivered where wanted at the same prices that similar grades can be bought in London, G. B. As the latter must pay Atlantic freight, duties and handling and transportation expenses to the places where they are to be used, it would appear that the Americans have at last secured their own market and they ought to be able to hold it.

BREADSTUFFS.—There has been no change in the flour market. The demand has continued slow, and business has been dull with no immediate prospect of any change in the situation. Prices have a downward tendency, owing to the large receipts, the large stocks and the absence of any life in the demand. English cables report both wheat and corn very dull—in fact nothing is doing. In Chicago the wheat market was quiet, and while trading was inactive, a firmer feeling prevailed, and prices improved $\frac{1}{2}$ c. to $\frac{3}{4}$ c. Corn was also quiet and firmer, figures moving up $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Oats have been steady. In New York 75c. is the bear goal for wheat, with a conspiracy of circumstances to embolden the short sellers and intimidate the bulls, the consequent decline forcing out the longs and making a weak position still weaker. With no really new bear influences the market has been cried down $\frac{1}{2}$ c. for July without activity, except as made by the outcome of long wheat. One of the prominent bear points is, that the decline fails to stimulate exports. Paul Worth, however, turned the option market from 81 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. to 81 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. by simply buying three loads cash wheat. This shows how sensitive the market is to any signs of export interest. At Toledo wheat was stronger and moved up $\frac{1}{2}$ c. to $\frac{3}{4}$ c. Corn and oats were unchanged. No. 1 white at Detroit was strong and advanced 1c. At Milwaukee wheat advanced $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

PROVISIONS.—In the local provision market there has been no important change. The demand for small lots has been fair, with a tolerably active market and a good jobbing trade doing at steady prices. Lard continues to meet a satisfactorily good demand. The only change in the Liverpool provision market was in lard, which was weaker and 3d. lower. Pork, bacon and tallow continued steady. The Chicago provision market has been more active and stronger. Pork advanced 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. to 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. On the other hand lard was steady, with the exception of the September option, which eased off 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. There was a weaker feeling in the hog market, and prices declined 5c. to 10c. The cattle market was fairly active, but prices were easier.

BUTTER.—Butter has assumed an easy condition as stocks are beginning to accumulate to a slight extent. Although no great amount of supply is carried, there are ample offerings for the demand. Prices have an easy tone but are not quotably changed. Advices from all parts of the country state that the pastures never looked more promising and that the flow of milk during the past few days has increased very rapidly.

CHEESE.—But little new cheese has as yet reached this market, and as the local demand just at present is very slack, the market rules very dull and in fact depressed. A sudden drop of 2s. 6d. to 47s. has occurred in the public cable, which has naturally created a weaker feeling on this side. If the decline in England continues at its present rate, prices in America will soon be above the shipping point. It appears that the New York boys received a scorching very recently, as they bought at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. and cleared out at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.—a drop of a clear cent. Our shippers should adopt caution as their watchword. A Montreal paper says:—"The cheese situation has changed so