

We extract the following from *The Island Reporter*:—Mr. Horace E. Moore, of North Sydney, having built a fish establishment on Kelly's beach during the past spring, is now doing a thriving business on that spot. He buys all the green fish offered and prepares them after the most improved method for market. Mr. Moore's establishment is a great boon to the many fisherman who at present live at North Sydney, many being Newfoundlanders who at present intend making their homes in Cape Breton. If the weather is good and fish plenty, no doubt the end of the season will show that Mr. Moore has met with that success his pluck and business foresight deserve.

### CITY CHIMES.

The Toronto cricket team of twelve men will visit Halifax about the end of the month, after playing in St. John. They will play the Wanderers. The team is said to be a strong one.

Mrs. Watson holds an "At Home" at Admiralty House this afternoon from 4 to 6, the first one of the season, and it is probable the elite of the city will be present in force.

The spectacle presented by the guests (of the masculine persuasion) who recline on the verandah of the Queen Hotel is certainly amusing. Often as many as twelve pairs of "understandings" are displayed on the railing to the admiring (!) glances of the passers by. It must be a comfortable position, if not exactly elegant, or so many would not indulge in it. Evening, and especially Sunday evening, is the best time to see this exhibition of feet of all sizes. They put them up on the rail as regularly as if they were paid for it, and with a zeal worthy of a better cause.

Now is the season for picnics and excursions of all kinds. It took eight cars to carry the people to Truro who joined in the St. Mark's excursion. The steamer *Dartmouth* carried about one thousand people, including the "Rosebuds," to Prince's Lodge; and twenty-four hours later three hundred and fifty children, with their teachers, of the Charles Street Sunday School, started for Hosterman's. Every amusement is provided by the committees at these excursions, including base ball, quoits, cricket, croquet, swings, etc. Dinner and tea are also provided at exceedingly reasonable rates.

St. Patrick's new hall was formally opened on Monday evening by Rev. E. F. Murphy. Archbishop O'Brien, Father Underwood, Father Danahar and Father Ellis, were present and occupied seats on the platform; representatives of various Divisions and Temperance organizations were also present. St. Patrick's banner waved behind them in right royal style. The building is a credit to the Society in every particular, the parlor is comfortably furnished, and the billiard room and gymnasium are all well equipped. A bazaar was inaugurated, which is to continue throughout the week. The fish pond attracted the young fry; a young bright lad had charge of it. A pea-nut roaster persisted in smoking, which was rather unfortunate, for smoked pea-nuts are not considered dainties. The supply of fancy articles was hardly up to the average, and the goods for sale seemed to have lost their pristine loveliness. The flower table was exquisitely arranged, and the refreshment table, judging from the crowd, seemed to be well patronised. The band of the Society gave some pleasing selections throughout the evening.

The marriage of Miss Ferrugia with Mr. J. Stairs was solemnized at St. Stephen's Chapel at the early hour of seven o'clock on Tuesday morning. Rev. Mr. Lancaster was the officiating clergyman. The bride was attired in a simple costume of pure white muslin with sash of watered ribbon. Miss Hilda Stairs, as bridesmaid, also wore white, and carried a large bouquet of pink and white roses. Both dresses were much admired for their extreme simplicity and dainty freshness. Mr. W. Thompson was groomsman. The altar and chancel were tastefully decorated with flowers, principally white, with here and there a touch of pink, echoing the wishes of the friends of the youthful couple that they might find life all "couleur de rose." Owing to the early hour there were not many spectators present—a few staid matrons with their husbands and as many youthful men and maids. The happy couple left on the Windsor and Annapolis train for a trip to Digby.

A bright sunny afternoon, a stiff breeze blowing, a party of agreeable friends, a good band of music, such as the P. L. Fusiliers, and a steady boat like the *Dartmouth*, what more could one possibly wish for? Last Saturday was just such a day, and a large number took advantage of it and made a trip up the Basin to Bedford. The tickets are very reasonable, 25c. including the return trip. Refreshments are to be had on board, sandwiches, watermelon, etc. The view from the upper deck is one that all Halifaxians must appreciate. The expansive harbor with the stately ships anchored therein, the funny little ferry boats plying busily to and fro, the *Dartmouth* shore, the light house beyond, George's Island, the swinging bridge, each and all are objects of interest. The Carnival Committee have chartered the *Dartmouth* for the Carnival week to make several trips daily between the city and Bedford, and in other directions.

For those of our readers who are interested in the game of cricket we give the following information:—Matches will be played on the Garrison grounds on the following dates:—On Thursday, July 18th, officers vs. non-commissioned officers and men; July 26th and 27th, public schools vs. the rest; August 3rd, subalterns vs. the rest; August 12th and 13th, officers vs. St. John. The band will play on Monday at 4 o'clock. August 15th, the Duke of Wellington's regiment vs. the rest. The band will be present. There will also be matches on August 23rd, 24th and 29th. Play begins at 2 o'clock.

The proposed grand Oratorio concert in the gardens has been abandoned owing to so many members of the Society being absent from the city. This will be a disappointment to many people.

Rev. Hoher Bullock and the Misses Bullock arrived home in the steamer *Peruvian* on Saturday last.

Mr. F. S. West, Lieut. Moore, R. A.; Mr. H. M. Wyldo and Mr. A. E. Jones have gone on a trip to Bay Chaleur, P. E. Island, etc., in the yacht *Wenmah*.

### COMMERCIAL.

Business in general has pursued a very even tenor. Favorable weather and the fair condition of the roads in most parts of the country, together with the unusually promising condition of the growing crops, have had their due effect in stimulating trade, and quite a large volume of business has been transacted. All present indications point to the accomplishment of a large and healthy amount of traffic in the current season. The suspension of the long established wholesale dry goods establishment of Neal, White & Co. had been discounted and the concern has for a considerable time been unable to secure other than a small amount of credit, therefore the losses sustained by creditors will be hardly more than nominal. Haying is progressing rapidly in the grass sections and a very heavy yield is now assured beyond peradventure. That this fact will tend to benefit the raisers directly is decidedly a moot question, for an over-production must lower prices very considerably. However it will render the process of turning the product into beef, mutton, etc., cheaper and thus the result may be satisfactory in the end. We are informed that the web-building caterpillar has caused very serious havoc in the orchards of Hants, Kings and Annapolis counties. The trees in many orchards are reported to have been completely denuded of leaves, buds and young fruit. This is principally if not solely due to negligence on the part of farmers, who might with a little attention in the spring easily exterminate the pests, by visiting their trees, cutting of the limbs on which their webs are found and burning them.

Money is reported to be slightly more plentiful in the west, owing to the paying out of the Toronto loan by the Bank of Montreal. Here there is no special change, call loans being steady. The market for exchange is somewhat easier. Payments have been fairly well met in some lines but in others they have not been up to expectations.

The following are the Assignments and Business Changes in this Province during the past week:—Neal, White & Co., dry goods, Halifax, suspended; Geo. E. Forsythe & Co., wholesale grocers, Halifax, burnt out; J. D. McCormack, dry goods, New Glasgow, assigned; Philip G. Byrd, store, Chozetcook, burnt out; Wiltshire & Co., com. agents, Kentville, dissolved, F. W. Reid retires, F. Wiltshire continues; Wambolt & Wentzell, grocers, Halifax, dissolved; Balcom & Nixon (Est. of) genl. store, Nictaux Falls, stock advertised for sale by tender.

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

	Week Prev.		Weeks corresponding to			Failures for the year to date.			
	July 5. week.		July 5						
	1889	1889	1888	1887	1886	1889	1888	1887	1886
United States	152	211	149	141	153	6037	5401	5243	5583
Canada.....	13	35	10	21	12	893	924	658	564

**DRY GOODS.**—There are no special features in wholesale lines, but a good, steady business has been developed, and the general aspect of the trade is encouraging. Retailers report trade brisk, owing to a large extent to the presence of many strangers, who buy freely and do not haggle about prices. On the whole the dry goods business in this locality may be regarded to be in a healthy condition.

**IRON, HARDWARE AND METALS.**—There is no change to note in these lines. A fair amount of business has been transacted, but, except in some departments, the demand cannot be considered active. In the nail trade, notwithstanding the heat and the difficulty of men working, all Canadian works have been running to their full capacity. The demand has been good and the market has ruled active with a large volume of business; in fact sales so far this season show an increase over the same time last year. Orders from all points have been coming in freely, and makers in some cases are behind with such, as stocks of some sizes are almost exhausted. Prices are well maintained, there being no reason for cutting, on account of the firm tone of the foreign market, and the good demand in Canada.

**BREADSTUFFS.**—The demand for flour has been confined to local buyers, and was slow. Consequently only a few sales were effected, and the market was quiet. The tone of the market, however, continues firm, and higher prices are anticipated in the near future. Beerholm's cable shows wheat in the English markets firm and a turn dearer, and corn quiet but steady. French country markets have been quiet. The weather in England has been very fine. English country markets firm. In Chicago prices for both wheat and corn have fluctuated—advancing and receding by turn—but within very narrow limits. At the seaboard wheat was strong and corn improved about an  $\frac{1}{8}$  c. A strong tone has obtained in cash wheat in Toledo and prices moved up  $\frac{1}{8}$  c. to 1 c. At Detroit wheat was very strong and jumped 2 c.

**PROVISIONS.**—There has been no change in the local provision market prices continuing firm all round. The enquiry for small lots of pork has been good at fair figures. Lard was fairly active under a good demand. The demand for hams and bacon has somewhat improved and a fair trade in these articles has transpired. Prices in the Liverpool provision market have been unchanged, but a good demand exists which promises to improve in the near future. In Chicago there has been no excitement and trading is inactive, buyers and sellers appearing indisposed to come together. The tone of the hog market there has been weak and prices declined 5c. to 10c. The cattle market was fairly active.