

CITY CHIMES.

We are glad to see that our Nova Scotian friend of the *Dominion Illustrated* has the good sense to acknowledge the correctness of our remarks, even while she boasts a friendship in which talking back is supposed not to produce strained relations.

During the past week the weather has been somewhat peculiar. Saturday morning was fine, the afternoon was rainy, Sunday was rainy all day; Monday morning was beautifully fine and bright, and in the evening a heavy storm of wind and rain raged for some time. Tuesday was fine again, and warmer in the middle of the day, which made it pleasant for the closing of the House. We have been fortunate this year in having fine days for both the opening and closing of our Local Legislature; and, coming so late in the season, the soldiers, both regular and our own Militia boys, were able to leave off their great coats, and consequently they presented on both occasions a more attractive appearance than usual, although, of course, they never fail of the admiration of a large portion of the community, no matter what their apparel is. So long as it is a uniform they wear, they are all right.

It is pleasant to see a crowd gather and make things look lively and thronged in Halifax. In front of the Provincial Building on Tuesday there was a gathering of all sorts and conditions of man and woman-kind. The very small and very much unwashed boy tightly wedged between the iron railings, bigger boys of a more or less washed appearance, ladies with their well dressed youngsters, solitary gentlemen and various other specimens of the genus homo were there to watch the representative of Her Majesty drive up in his carriage and enter the House to the strains of God Save the Queen, played outside by the band of the Leicestershire Regiment and inside by that of the 66th P. L. F. We did not enter the Council Chamber, but preferred to use our powers of observation in other directions. We watched the regulars outside present arms as the Lieut.-Governor and his attendants passed by, and then changing our point of view, we saw the aforementioned august personages walk upstairs with all the importance of the occasion showing itself in their bearing. The band finished playing the national anthem and the soldiers stood at ease; then the members of the House of Assembly were sent for, and we watched them as they passed, two and two, headed by the Speaker in his wig. This sight was not quite so imposing as the other one, which may, perhaps, be accounted for by the fact that the members of the House of Assembly are our representatives, and the Governor and his attendants represent royalty. Inside the Council Chamber was the usual gathering, ladies being there in force. Just the usual business was gone through of proroguing the House. The Governor gave his consent to the bills passed during the session and dismissed his Honorable Gentlemen and Gentlemen with a short speech, and the interesting ceremony was at an end. We wonder how many people would gather either inside or out if the military element were lacking! That is where we have the advantage of most of the other provinces.

The Chamber Music Concert given by the Leipzig Trio in Orpheus Hall on Tuesday evening made us feel sorry, very sorry, for the people who were not there. It is some time since such a musical treat has been available, and the fact that the hall was not more than a third filled, speaks poorly for the acumen of the people of our city, who are sometimes described as music-loving. Those who were there deserve that title, for never have we seen a better behaved audience assembled in Halifax. Perfect silence was observed during the rendering of the numbers of a splendid programme.

The second and fourth movements of the 1st number were undeniably the most enjoyable of all the Trio's performances, although all must be characterized as faultless and in the last number the execution was remarkably fine, Mr. Porter's handling of the piano deserving special praise, and Herr Klingensfeld impressed us with the great beauty of his violin playing. All winter we have been hoping that a 'cello solo would be given at some of the concerts, but not until this springtime concert did patience have its reward. Herr Doering's 'cello playing is beyond all praise. His selection was of great beauty, and the peculiar harmonies in some parts sounded like another instrument playing in consonance with the 'cello. An outburst of applause that would not be quieted by even two bows, prevailed upon Herr Doering to favor us with a repeat of part of his selection. Mrs. Klingensfeld's songs, which we mention last because the concert was preeminently an instrumental one, were pretty and well rendered. This lady has a sweet soprano voice, well cultivated but not of great strength. The Schumann songs were in German, and although the music was beautiful we felt that English words would have suited our taste better. In her second song Mrs. Klingensfeld scored a great success, the "Autumn Storm" calling forth an *encore*, to which she responded with a bow. There is no doubt about the preference of even the most highly critical and cultured audiences in Halifax for English, rather than German or Italian songs. We venture to say that if Mrs. Klingensfeld's first number had been sung in English it would also have elicited an *encore*.

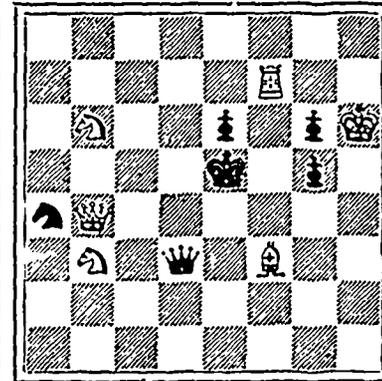
This is quite a musical week. The Orpheus Club concert was announced to take place last night. The nearness of this event, for which the greater number of our musical people have tickets, may have had something to do with the small audience on Tuesday night.

The Redmund Barry theatrical troupe continues to give great satisfaction at the academy of music. The fact is the company is a very good one, and deserves a more liberal share of patronage than has been accorded it. The audiences during the season, of which this is the third week, have not been as numerically strong as one would naturally suppose would be the case

with so few other entertainments taking place. Herminie on Monday evening, "The Colonel" on Tuesday and Wednesday, and "The Bulls" last night, made a charming variety in the bill of fare. "Herminie" was splendid—one of the very best plays we have seen put on in Halifax for a long time. The explosion scene was unique and so exciting that even timid ladies who hate startling things were worked up to enthuse over it. The next attraction will be the Ezra Kendall company, which will give two performances of a laughable piece entitled "A Pair of Kids" on Monday and Tuesday evenings next. Many other attractions have been booked by manager Clark for the season.

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GAME NO. 63.
Two Knights' Defence.
WHITE. BLACK.
Steinitz. Tschigorin.
1 P to K4 P to K4
2 Kk to B3 Qk to B3
3 B to B4 Kt to B3
4 Kt to Kt5 P to Q4
5 P takes P Qk to R4
6 B to Kt5 ch P to B3
7 P takes P P takes P
8 B to K2 P to KR3
9 Kk to R3 KB to QB4
10 P to Q3 Castles
11 Kt to B3 Kt to Q4
12 Kt to R4 B to Q3
13 Kt to Kk sq P to KB4
14 P to Qk3 R to Q2
15 P to Q4 P to K5
16 P to QB4 Kt to K2
17 Qk to B3 B to K3
18 P to Qk3 B to Kt5
19 B to Kt2 P to B5
20 Q to B2 Q takes P
21 K to B sq P to B6
22 P takes P P takes P
23 B takes P B to KB4
24 Kt to K4 B takes Kt
25 Q to K2 B takes B
26 Q to K6 ch Kt to R2
27 B takes Q B takes R
28 Q to R3 Kt to B4
29 B to K5 QR to K sq
30 B to B4 Kt to Q5
31 Q to Q3 ch B to K5
32 Q takes Kt R takes B
33 P to B3 QR to KB sq
34 Q takes RP P to B4
35 Q to QB7 Kt to B3
36 P to QR3 R takes P ch
37 Kt takes R B takes Kt ch
38 Kt to Kt sq B to Q7
39 Resigns

GAME NO. 69.
Evans Gambit.
WHITE. BLACK.
Tschigorin. Steinitz.
1 P to K4 P to K4
2 Kk to B3 Qk to B3
3 B to B4 B to B4
4 P to Qk4 B takes KtP
5 P to B3 B to R4
6 Castles Q to B3
7 P to Q4 Kk to R3
8 QB to Kk5 Q to Q3
9 P to Q5 Kt to Q sq
10 Q to R4 B to Kt3
11 Kt to QR3 P to QB3
12 B to K2 B to B2
13 Kt to B4 Q to KB sq
14 P to Q6 B takes P
15 Kt to Qk6 QR to Kt sq
16 Q takes RP Kt to K3
17 B to B sq Kt to Kt sq
18 B to R3 P to QB4
19 QR to Q sq Kt to B3
20 B to B4 B to B2
21 Kt to Q5 B to Q3
22 Kt to R4 Kt takes Kt
23 Kt to B5 P to Kk3
24 Kt takes B ch Q takes Kt
25 B takes Kt Q to B2
26 B takes Kt BP takes B
27 B takes P R to QR sq
28 Q takes R Q takes B
29 Q to R4 K to Q sq
30 R to Q2 K to B2
31 R to Kt sq R to Q sq
32 R to Kt5 Q to B3
33 Q to Kt4 P to Q3
34 P to QR4 Q to K sq
35 R to Kt6 Q to B sq
36 Q to R5 P to Q4
37 P takes P K to Kt sq
38 P to Q6 Resigns.



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