

CITY CHIMES.

On Wednesday, the 11th inst., the marriage of Rev. David Wright, of Springhill, to Miss Elizabeth Scott, daughter of Mr. James Scott, of Halifax, took place at the residence of the bride's parents. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Burns, assisted by Rev. Allan Simpson, Rev. Geo. Christie and Rev. A. L. Geggie. Miss Maggie Scott, sister of the bride, and Miss Lola Scott and Miss Susie Stairs, her nieces, were the bridesmaids. Their gowns were white with sashes of *eau de nil*. The bride was attired in a beautiful gown, white silk, trimmed with lace, and both bride and bridesmaids carried handsome bouquets. Mr. F. T. Cowans, Manager of the Springhill Mines, officiated as best man. Mr. and Mrs. Wright are spending their honeymoon in New Brunswick.

On last Friday afternoon Mr. James B. Hattie, of the popular drug firm of Hattie & Mylius, was united in the bonds of matrimony to Miss Fanny A. Mylius, sister of Mr. Lewis J. Mylius, and daughter of Capt. Mylius, of the Allan Line Steamer *Acadian*. The ceremony took place at the residence of the bride's parents, and was performed by Rev. R. Laing, Pastor of St. Matthew's Church. The bride wore a costume of white silk, trimmed with lace and orange blossoms. Miss Janet Hattie, sister of the groom, was bridesmaid, and looked charming in a dress of pale rose color, trimmed with tulle. Mr. George W. Hensley was best man. Mr. and Mrs. Hattie left for an extended wedding tour in the United States. The wedding presents were numerous and costly. Among them being a very handsome silver water pitcher and salver from the clerks in Hattie & Mylius' drug store.

Much regret is felt by Halifaxians generally, and young athletic Halifaxians particularly, that George Tracey met with an accident and lost the half-mile championship race in New York last Saturday. The time of Ward, the winner, of Detroit (1m. 6 1/6 sec.) was 6 seconds slower than Tracey's time, and there is little doubt that had not Dohm collided with him he would have won the race.

On dit that the *recherche* little dinners given by Mr. Bowers at his residence at the North West Arm are the most charming entertainments possible. Whist is usually the attraction after due attention has been paid to the dainties prepared by a French cook. Mr. Bowers knows what he is about when he invites a select few, and avoids giving large parties. By his discrimination he has proved a most valuable acquisition to social life in Halifax, and if more American people of means and refinement could be induced to spend their summers in Halifax and vicinity it would not only be beneficial to our citizens, but the visitors would be charmed with the beauty of the scenery of our delightful climate.

There was an afternoon party at the Bellevue House on Thursday of last week. The guests amused themselves with tennis, and the West Riding Regiment band performed a choice selection of music. The weather was favorable for the display of "fine feathers" by the ladies, and many of the pretty summer costumes were much admired.

MUSICAL LIZARDS.

As is well known, lizards of all colors and sizes abound in Italy. They lie basking on all the stones, they run along all the walls, they peep out of every chink and crevice; but as soon as they hear the faintest noise they disappear with lightning speed, and it is hard to see them near and to observe them closely. Walking carelessly, and noticing the dear little animals darting now here, now there, I remembered the Greek statue of Apollo Sauroktonos, who is always represented as busied with a lizard—Apollo, god of the sun and of music. "Suppose I try," I thought, and softly, quite softly, I began to whistle a dreamy old German air, and behold! a lizard lies still as though rooted to the spot, raising his little head in a listening attitude and looking at me with his sharp little eyes. Without stirring, I continued my melody. The lizard came nearer, and at last approached quite close, always listening and forgetting all its fears. As soon, however, as the whistler made the smallest movement it vanished into some crevice, but to peep forth again a moment after and to listen once more, as though entirely entranced.

A delightful discovery truly, and one of which I extended the field of observation daily. At last as many as eight or nine of these little music-lovers would sit around me in the most comic attitudes. Nay, two of them, a mother and child, would sit awaiting me as I arrived whistling at the same hour of day, sitting on a large stone, under which was probably their home. With these, too, I made some further experiments. After having made music to them for a while I cautiously went a few steps farther, whistling in soft drawling tones, such as I had found they best loved to hear, and see, verily, they followed me! Watching them with intense interest, I continued to whistle as I walked on slowly, halting every few paces and being silent while I halted, and truly the little creatures followed, slowly, it is true, but in a straight line, at a distance of about fifteen steps, until at last, unhappily, the heavy tread of a peasant put them to flight. But my experiment had lasted long enough to make me understand the Apollo Sauroktonos, and I once more revered the keen native observation of those old Hellones. Besides this, the legend of the "Katcheter of Hamelin" suddenly became much more credible.—*Leisure Hour*.

COMMERCIAL.

The state of trade remains practically unchanged. The long continuance

of warm weather and the absence of rain for about five weeks are very seriously harassing operations in the country districts. Animals of all kinds suffer from drouth, and the maturing crops of grain, fruit, vegetables, etc., are languishing for want of the liquid nutriment that nature is usually relied upon to furnish.

The wholesale and retail dealers in liquors in this city have formed an Association for their mutual protection. The new Association is to be called the Association of Licensed Liquor Dealers in Halifax. The officers are:—E. J. Quirk, President; W. Knott, Vice do.; L. Briand, Secretary, Stephen Mitchell, Treasurer; and three other members with the above are to act as an executive committee. The committee is to meet every Monday evening, and the Association on alternate Wednesday evenings. The dues are to be \$2 initiation and 25c. from each member weekly. The operations of the Association will be purely defensive—not at all offensive. If any member is caught clearly violating the law he is to plead guilty and pay his fine; but if brought up on a mere technicality the Association will engage counsel and will fight the matter through the courts until a final decision as to the law is obtained. Many persons believe that the License Act of 1886 and its amendments is *ultra vires* in several respects, but no single person interested feels like spending perhaps thousands of dollars in trying to prove it so. This Association will enable the matter to be tested thoroughly for the benefit of all, while the expense will be divided *pro rata*.

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

	Week Sept. 13, week 1889	Prev. 1889	Weeks corresponding to Sept. 13— 1888	1887	1886	Failures for the year to date.	1889	1888	1887	1886
United States.....	190	143	124	144	183	7936	7002	6075	7187	879
Canada.....	11	25	35	24	28	1112	1213	902	879	

The following are the Assignments and Business Changes in this Province during the past week:—A. Powell, pedler, Windsor, assigned to Jas. Foster; Alex. J. McMullan, carriages, Sydney, assigned to T. M. Hearold in trust for creditors; Dr. C. A. Black, drugs, Amherst, sold out to E. C. Lockwood; Neal, White & Co., dry goods, assigned to W. M. Humphrey; Burgess & Wood, grocers, Windsor, sold out.

DRY GOODS.—While the warm weather continues it is not reasonable to expect that the wholesale dry goods trade will bear anything but a quiet aspect. It is, however, believed that the first change to cool, fall-like weather will bring in orders with a rush. The cotton and woollen mills are still kept busy on their orders for spring goods, and the advance in the price of cotton is well maintained. A sale of 150 bales of middlings of raw cotton at New York at 11 1/2c. per lb. for Canadian shipment, is reported to have taken place last week.

IRON, HARDWARE AND METALS.—The pig-iron market retains all the essential elements of strength previously noted. The price of pig iron on the other side continues to advance, although irregularly, according to the demand for the respective brands, Coltness being now 2s. 9d. dearer than Summerlee and, more remarkable still, Langloan is 6d. higher than Summerlee, while Gartsherrie has crept up to within 1s. of Summerlee, although the usual difference is 2s. to 3s. Owing to higher prices of English, Scotch and Canadian pig iron, United States brands are being sold pretty extensively throughout Ontario, a letter to that effect having been received in this city from a Toronto firm, which complains of the difficulty now experienced in making sales of Scotch and Canadian iron owing to the cheaper values offered by United States houses for qualities fully equal to some of the leading brands supplied by Montreal firms. This is quite a new feature in the trade, which is of no little importance, being a new source of competition from an unexpected quarter. What are our manufacturers about, with their big bonus and high protective duty, that they should allow Americans to undersell them in the Canadian market? Bar iron is firm for both Canadian and English brands. Both tin and Canada plates are in good demand—the former selling at higher prices while the latter, which is unchanged, remains very firm. Tin and copper have ruled steady. Spelter continues to advance, and as makers in the old country are so full of orders, it is thought that they will not be able to fill all their orders for this side before the navigation of the St. Lawrence closes. In general hardware the market is steady at firm and advancing prices in some of the heavier lines.

BREADSTUFFS.—There has been no improvement worth noting in the flour market. The demand from both local and country buyers has been slow and the volume of business transacted was small—in fact trade has been dull. The tone of the market continues easy and, in some cases, holders have shaded prices in order to effect sales. No large transactions have taken place. Beerbohm's cable says:—"Cargoes off coast—wheat quiet but steady; corn nil. Buyers hold off on wheat, and there is less disposition to buy corn. French country markets quiet." The tone of the Chicago wheat market was stronger and prices advanced 3c. to 3 1/2c. The market was active and considerable trading was transacted. On the other hand corn was weaker and declined 3c. to 3 1/2c. In New York the wheat market was firmer and more active on the bullish interpretation given to the crop report. Very little wheat was for sale and a good deal of short wheat had to be covered by local traders. All reports agree in the main fact that the wheat and corn crops in both Canada and the United States will be quite up to the average. The European and Indian yields promise to result better than was thought probable a few weeks ago. The supply of grain this year will undoubtedly be as large as the demand for all purposes.

PROVISIONS.—There has been no important change in the local provision market. There has been a good jobbing demand for pork, and the market has been fairly active at steady prices. Lard has been in but slow demand, with offerings large at unchanged prices. In Liverpool the provision market prices were unchanged. The Chicago provision market was active and weak with considerable trading. October pork declined 30c. Lard was quiet