

CITY CHIMES.

THE WEATHER.—This week we have begun to realize the meaning of the American phrase "sizzard". The weather has been very warm and sultry and were it not for the cool wind which rarely fails to come in from the sea we would find it very uncomfortable living just at present. However, we have nothing to complain of since the refreshing breezes have not forgotten to blow, and if the cousins from across the line, who have fled before the hot wave which has swept over their beloved country to this city by the sea, are not luxuriating in our bright days and cool nights they may as well feel assured that they will find no perfect summer land in this world.

THE WANDERER'S "AT HOME."—The Wanderers' were indeed unfortunate in their selection of the day for their "At Home." About one thousand invitations were issued for Saturday last, and that the affair was not a complete success was not in any way due to the hosts of the occasion, since everything possible was done to ensure the enjoyment of all who partook of their hospitality. The weather was very aggravating, as the rain held off until a goodly number of the guests had assembled and the afternoon's programme had been commenced, and then poured incessantly. A number of disgusted members of the sterner sex, accompanied by their lady friends hastened to their homes, but the majority of the guests took shelter on the grand stand where refreshments were served. Notwithstanding the rain a lacrosse match was played by the Wanderers and Crescents, won by the former club, and all in all the afternoon passed quite pleasantly. The popular Club had the sympathy of the public in their ill-luck, but may rest assured that their hospitable intentions were appreciated by all the bidden guests, although their well arranged entertainment was enjoyed by a comparatively small number.

THE GARDENS.—Considering the great attraction at the Wanderers' grounds on Saturday afternoon, the gathering at the gardens was wonderfully large, and not a few ladies and little ones received an abundant shower bath. There was a great scramble for the horse cars when it commenced to rain, and the gardens were quickly deserted.

THE THEATRE.—Notwithstanding the many other pleasant ways open for the enjoyment of the lovely summer evenings Thos. E. Shea's company at the Academy of Music has been fairly well patronized. The plays put on have been of either an amusing or exciting character and have been well played.

THE PRIDE OF HALIFAX.—The gardens are simply gorgeous just at present and as usual are calling forth no end of expressions of admiration from our visitors, while the hearts of patriotic Halifaxians, who joy in the beauty of their old city, swell with pride as they walk the shady paths or rest in leafy nooks and feast their eyes upon the restful scene. To Mr. Power, the Superintendent of the public gardens, is due unlimited commendation for his perseverance and skill, which have made this lovely spot what it is.

NEXT WEEK'S ATTRACTION.—The Masonic Fair which opens at the Exhibition Building on Monday next, will undoubtedly be a leading feature of the season's entertainments. The members of the various Masonic lodges have worked hard, but to their lady friends will be due to a very large extent the success which seems to be assured. The booths are very handsomely arranged, and the scene presented in the Exhibition Building is unique as well as exceedingly pleasing. A feature of the Fair which cannot but be appreciated this warm weather is the promenade provided by throwing open the area on the west side of the building. This space suitably decorated and tastefully illumined will no doubt be extensively taken advantage of. General Montgomery-Moore, will be present on Monday. The rendition of the Hallelujah chorus by 100 voices will be one of the many attractive features of the opening day. Fine weather is the only thing necessary to the success of the fair which the committee has not made sure of, but for that they can only hope.

OF INTEREST TO FAIR HALIFAXIANS.—I notice the announcement in one of our dailies of the arrival in Windsor of Mrs. Henrietta Russell, a distinguished exponent of the Delsarte system, who proposes spending a couple of months in the Province and will probably give one or more lectures in our city. Halifax ladies have probably read much on this subject and those who have been in American cities recently have no doubt had its merits fully set before them, and Mrs. Russell's lectures will be attended with interest. It is reasonable to suppose that she will find many disciples among the fair women for which Halifax is noted. Certainly if this lady can render any assistance in the improvement of the average Halifax girl's walk she will not have lived in vain. We have a few fair maidens who, holding themselves erect, gracefully glide along our streets, but the greater number of our matrons and maids are remarkable for the lack of grace in their carriage. Pretty faces and stylish garments are wholly lost sight of when their owners forget all rules of grace in their manner of walking. Someone calls upon the girls to stand straight, if not for the good of their lungs, for the sake of the set of their Eton jackets. Since almost every girl in town seems to count one of these jaunty little jackets among her possessions this advice may not be without effect. Another grievous fault that Mrs. Russell's discourses may remedy is uncultured voices. It has long been recognised that an accomplishment of the "upper ten" in Halifax has been loud speaking. Go you into a city dry goods store and you will hear refined looking women giving their orders or making their criticisms of goods in tones which ring from one end of the establishment

to the other. On the horse-cars you will be oft-times amused if you are not pained by hearing the private affairs of your fellow travellers discussed in tones so loud that they jar upon sensitive ears. On the street, by their voices you know them, the so-called "tone of the town." Let any system of instruction which will tend to correct these faults in the fair daughters of our city be given all attention. For beauty of face and figure, gracious manners and lovable character Halifax girls come well up to the standard, only let them study grace in walking and cultivate pleasing voices in talking.

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"At last, Wall Street begins to see light. During the week, new factors have entered into the situation of a character calculated to afford a large and permanent relief to suffering interests. The misfortunes that have befallen the Chicago speculators have proved to be a benefit to the whole country. Their withholding of grain and other kinds of produce from the usual course of export for several months was largely the cause of the heavy drain of gold that introduced the existing troubles. The stringency which they so largely helped to create has at last compelled them to realize at ruinous losses, and their products are going direct to Europe and forcing back the gold they had driven out of the country. Already, some \$12,000,000 of gold is on its way hither and still larger amounts are expected to follow. This is one of the reliefs that has appeared within the week.

Another helpful condition has arisen out of the heavy break in securities last week. The chance it afforded of buying our best securities at 20 to 30 per cent below their average price has brought out a steady stream of buying orders from London and other European centres, and the amount exported, though not definitely known, must aggregate many millions in value. This again has created a large amount of bills on Europe, and contributed to the importation of gold. For the moment, this movement has somewhat abated, partly in consequence of some recovery in the prices of securities and partly owing to the Bank of England having on Thursday advanced its rate of discount from 2½ to 3 per cent; but as all the symptoms show a decided foreign gain of confidence in our investments, and as that gain will be increased by the suspension of silver purchases—which may now be regarded as all but assured—the probabilities favor a revival of these shipments at an early date.

Also, it seems reasonable to anticipate that the now prostrate condition of the great speculative interests centering at Chicago will necessitate further large exports of grain and provisions. With these causes contributing to swell the Cr. side of our account with Europe, and with the current and necessary future decline in our imports diminishing the Dr. side, it is clear that we are now in the beginning of a change in the balance of our foreign trade that can hardly fail to bring to this country a large ultimate aggregate of gold. We do not venture to estimate what that total may be; but among those nearest to the heart of foreign banking operations it is variously estimated at from twenty-five to forty millions of dollars. In this factor alone, therefore, we have ample assurance of an early large reinforcement of the reserves of banks,—of itself sufficient to cure the stringency not only at this centre but also at the interior. Other reliefs are also coming into play. The banks of this city are making arrangements for taking out about ten millions additional circulation, which within a few days will enable them to satisfy the urgent wants of their country and Western correspondents. The city savings banks have obviated one source of danger by notifying their depositors that they avail themselves of their legal right to defer payment of deposits for thirty to sixty days. Having done this, there will no longer be any excuse for certain of their number continuing to hoard large sums of money by which they have provided against a possible 'run' of depositors."



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JAS. FLOYD, Westville.
JNO. HARRINGTON, North Sydney.
Or to the Inspector of Mines, Halifax.

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E. GILPIN, JR.,
Inspector of Mines.

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