

The Harkins' Company finished their season at the Academy on Saturday night. Certainly it has not as a rule played to good houses, which to a very great extent is due to the utterly superfluous "puffing" the company received in the daily papers. Miss Arthur is not a wonderful actress, though she is very good, and certainly a complete social success. Mr. Snader has deserved if not the whole, still a great part of the praise lavished on him. Miss Percy Haswell deserves all that has been said and indeed more, for she combines in one personage, good acting, sympathetic voice, and gentleness of demeanour. One word now in regard to Mr. Harkins.

A whisper has been going the rounds that Mr. Harkins disappeared too quickly to suit the pockets of some of his company. This is not so, and we are glad to be allowed to give the facts as regards his leaving before the rest of the company. Mr. Harkins received a telegram saying his son was dying, and immediately left for New York, leaving instructions with his manager, Mr. Hudson, that six of the company had not received their full salaries, and empowering him to arrange a performance at the Academy on Tuesday night. This was done, and resulted in every member of the company receiving even more than their ordinary salaries. We are pleased to make these facts public, and would suggest that those who rave over the photos exhibited of any favorite actress should shew their appreciation of the original by paying their money at the Academy doors.

We must congratulate Judge Weatherbe on the successes won by his boys in their different courses. The eldest, Dr. Lewis Weatherbe, completed his medical course last year with honors in surgery at Edinburgh University, and now Paul has won honorable mention at Kingston, and is eligible for a commission in the army; Karl has taken his B. Sc. degree at King's College, Windsor, on exceptionally good papers, and Darcy gives promise of equal success by winning at the same time the Governor's French prize at the Collegiate School. Those who have begun so well are likely to do better, and we have no doubt that before long we shall have the pleasure of chronicling new distinctions won by them.

We are glad to see that the Wanderers are to be represented on the International team in the person of F. Kaizer. He well deserves his place, and we only hope he will "come off."

The yacht race, postponed on 27th June, will be sailed on Saturday, July 11th. Time allowance will be taken at the start. Yachts will be started as follows:—

YACHT.	OWNER.	H.	M.	S.
Cutter Mentor	Guy Stayner,	2	0	0
Sloop Etienne.	J. E. Butler,	2	2	6
Cutter Psyche,	F. H. Bell,	2	2	50
" Youla,	H. M. Wyld,	2	4	9
" Lenore,	H. C. McLeod,	2	6	0
" Hebe,	G. E. Franklyn, Jr.,	2	7	29
Schr. Wenonah,	Com. A. C. Edwards,	2	11	45

The R. A. Band will play during the afternoon on the lawn.

We are glad to hear that the supporters of the Bishop's Chapel have decided to give a Kermesse—otherwise called a strawberry feed—on Thursday, July 23rd. There is no method of raising funds that is less troublesome to the general public of all ages, and the small charge of 15 cents for adults and 10 cents for children does not by any means represent the amount of pleasure to be derived from a delightful afternoon in Mr. Spike's pretty grounds on the North-West Arm.

Mr. Alex. Doull of Oriel College, Oxford, is spending the long vacation with Mr. and Mrs. William Doull. Mr. John Doull (Jr.), who is home from Kingston for the summer, is giving an "At Home" at Westenwald on Tuesday.

A novel entertainment will be given on Saturday, and each day next week in aid of the fund for the Church Institute. Miss Story has enrolled herself in the vast army of Patentees, and shows practically the working of her Summer Toboggan slide.

From what reaches us it should be a great success, at any rate Miss Story has our best wishes for its success. Refreshments that oasis in the desert of some entertainments will be provided. For the sake of the cause alone, the whole affair should be patronized.

A correspondent in Ingonish writes that comparatively little angling has been done in that neighborhood so far, though prospects are good. Mr. Sutherland, of North Sydney, was up at Cape North a short time ago, and reported, or some one else reported—a bag of over six dozen fish, weighing from 2 to 5 lbs. each. This is not on oath, however, though the bag was undoubtedly very large.

Dr. and Mrs. Wickwire left for England yesterday.

Dr. Allison, Superintendent of Education, leaves to attend meeting of teachers at Toronto next week.

Mr. A. Nagle has returned from Toronto, having completed a course at the School of Infancy there.

H. M. S. Thursh sails for England to-morrow night. A farewell dinner is being given H. R. H. Prince George, at Admiralty House this evening.

A series of three lacrosse matches is being arranged between the Wanderers and the Unions of St. John, one to be played at St. John, one here, and the other on neutral ground.

The officers of the Bellerophon intend giving a dance on board ship Wednesday evening next, which will no doubt be a very enjoyable affair.

Halifax has indeed awakened out of its Rip Van Winkle kind of sleep, in the last few months; it has given us a Cutlery Company, a Peptonized Beef Company, and now it has so remembered itself as to supply us with a Cigar Factory, yecept the Nova Scotia Cigar Manufacturing Company. The formation of this company has really been premeditated, and now when we mention the name of Mr. Robert O'Mullin as President, and among others as Messrs. S. Mitchell, A. L. Miller, Geo. L. Flawn, R. Sheppard, and E. H. Wright, as Directors, we may be assured if money can accomplish a success, then this enterprise will be a credit to Halifax. This hoped for success may well be claimed by Mr. Percy Lear, who by his business abilities and urbanity of manner has brought this company to a head. By invitation we were allowed to smoke the cigar of peace, in the presence of the manager himself, which proved conclusively he was not afraid of our dictum. We then were shown over the establishment and introduced to the foremen of the different departments.

Mr. T. Glend, who has had 27 years experience in cigar manufacture, which surely is sufficient to prove he knows his business, guaranteed to us the same that we have known in England, that a "home made" cigar made out of really legitimate tobacco leaf, is equal to an Havana. Those smokers who think that *age* lends enchantment to the smoke of course may differ, but no matter, the real weed is there all the same.

Mr. H. Bonn, who for nearly forty years was a tobacco planter in Virginia, examines the cigars before boxing, and what he does not know about the business it is needless for us to mention. One great advantage this company will have is that there is a monthly boat from Havana through Pickford & Black, this firm doing the commission business. Therefore it goes without saying that this department will be perfect.

As a coincidence we may mention that it was on a 4th of July that P. & J. O'Mullin opened their old establishment on this site, and it was on the 4th of July, 1891, that the Nova Scotia Cigar Factory claimed patronage from the public. After thanking Mr. Percy Lear for his courtesy, we made our exit from a building to which we wish the success, the undertaking carried on therein deserves, whilst we could not help admiring the notes of those occupants of the "sorting room" who were mingling with heartfelt pathos, Nearer my God to Thee, and Annie Rooney.