

Trials and Tribulations of a Tuner.

The life of a good, conscientious pianotuner is not the easy, blissful, entirely happy, and money-making existence—especially in New York and other large cities—that many people give him credit for.

Few people know anything about tuning or when a piano is well tuned. Not ten per cent. of the pianos in this country are tuned once when they ought to have been tuned three or four times. So long as the keys work and the instrument don't rattle, it is all right.

It is thought to be the correct thing to have the piano tuned for the holidays, or, perhaps, when a "party" is to be given with a violin and cornet to reinforce the piano.

Then the lady says to the tuner, "Professor Schwartzberger says the piano is to be tuned to concert pitch."

Fancy some old trap that was bogus when it was new, and that has not been a tuner for a year or two, being drawn up to pitch! If the tuner tries to draw it up, he'll generally break half a dozen or more strings, and spend half a day over it, only to have it sound worse the next day than it did before he touched it.

Then the "professor," who plays at the party, denounces the tuner, and says, "I will send you one good man."

The aforesaid "good" man comes, smooths over in fifteen minutes the work that his predecessor has taken three hours to do, plays a good deal, talks more and wisely about the great importance of employing only good tuners, listens approvingly to the denunciation of the last man that tuned and "nearly ruined" the piano, charges an extra half dollar—commission to the professor—leaves his card with an injunction to "always send for me," and departs.

The poor last man! Everything that happens to a piano is the fault of "the last man." If the top warps or the "fly finisher" has not done his work properly, "the piano was not half-tuned." If the piano has had but a passing glance from the "action regulator," and half the keys are out of order, "the piano wasn't half-tuned." All jars, rattles, or noises, no matter whence the cause, whether from a broken or loose pane of window glass, from a cracked gas shade, from glass ornaments on the mantel, brass cornices or chandeliers, or from one of a hundred other like causes, all are at once laid to that last tuner.

Unless a tuner be prepared to deliver in about half the places he visits a half-hour lecture on acoustics in general and their relation to pianos in particular, he is rather likely to hear that the piano was not properly tuned.

And then such ludicrous requests! One young lady says, "I wish you would tune my piano so that it will play harder." Another, "I want the high notes tuned very loud, and the bass notes very soft; for I play hard with my left hand! Hundreds of such more or less foolish and funny things have fallen within the experience of all "outside" tuners.

I was some years since tuning in the interior of a Southern State, and one day while at work was told that Major X., a neighbor, wished me to call I did so, and was ushered into the parlor, where I found a little six octave "Stodart" piano, at least thirty-five years old,—no tone, no touch, no anything.

Presently entered the major, a tall, angular specimen of the old-time F. F.'s. He at once opened the conversation by abruptly asking me if I could "tune that pianer so she'd stay. For," said the major as his black eyes flashed, "the last man that tuned that pianer was a dog-gone Yankee fraud, and he hadn't been out of this house three days before a cord broke, and it's been broke ever since." I asked the major in a tone of assumed surprise when all this happened.

"Oh, that was three years ago," said he; and he brought his fist down on the old piano with a thump that jarred the house as he ejaculated, "Confound him, I just saddled my mule and rode to Gusty (Augusta, forty-two miles distant), and if I'd found that infernal Yankee tuner there, I'd given him the heaviest licking he ever got—I would for a fact!"

As I never afterward heard from the major, I presume "she stayed."—"The Last Man," in Music.

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BALZON FLY TRAPS, at the Family Grocery, —K. BRACE. [July 17]

NEW MAPLE SUGAR at Beer & Goff's. A large quantity of Flower Pots at W. P. Colwells. m21 tf

A LARGE supply of Tea Sets and Dinner Sets to be sold cheap at Colwells. These goods are bought for cash and will be sold cheap. 4w wly dy 3w 2aw

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GRAHAM FLOWER at Beer & Goff's. [May 20]

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F. LePAGE & CO. [July 5, 1882-wkly]



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For sale at Post Office at Pictou Landing by D. A. McLEOD. [May 2, 1882.]

MORTGAGE SALE.

TO be sold by PUBLIC AUCTION, on TUESDAY, the second day of May next, at the hour of eleven o'clock, in the forenoon, at the Court House in Charlottetown, under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in an Indenture of Mortgage dated the twenty-sixth day of April A. D. 1881, and made between Albert Duchemin and Jemima Duchemin, his wife, and Edmund Duchemin and Emily Duchemin, his wife, of the one part, and Edward Jarvis Hodgson and Neil McLeod of the other part.

ALL that tract, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Charlottetown, in Queen's County, in Prince Edward Island, and being part of Town Lot Number Twenty-six in the second hundred of Town Lots in Charlottetown aforesaid, commencing at the corner of Prince and Sidney Streets, and running southerly along Prince Street the distance of eighty-six feet, or until it reaches the northern boundary of land in possession of Thomas Alley; thence at right angles with Prince Street easterly along the said boundary eighty-six feet, or until it meets the division line between Town Lots Twenty-six and Twenty-seven; thence along said division line parallel with Prince Street northerly eighty-six feet, or to Sidney Street aforesaid; and thence westerly along Sidney Street eighty-six feet, to the place of commencement.

For further particulars apply at the office of Hodgson & McLeod, Solicitors, Charlottetown. Dated this 28th day of March, A. D. 1882.

EDWARD J. HODGSON, NEIL McLEOD, ALBERT DUCHEMIN, EDMUND DUCHEMIN. [mar 29 law w wkly]

The above sale is postponed till TUESDAY, the 6th day of June next, 1882, then to come off at the same time and place. Dated the 2nd day of May, 1882.

EDWARD J. HODGSON, NEIL McLEOD, ALBERT DUCHEMIN, EDMUND DUCHEMIN. [jma 2 till sale]

The above sale is postponed till FRIDAY, the 14th day of July next, 1882, then to come off at the same hour and place. Dated the 6th day of June, 1882.

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MORTGAGE SALE.

TO be sold by PUBLIC AUCTION, on SATURDAY, the Twenty-fifth day of NOVEMBER next, A. D. 1882, at the hour of twelve o'clock, noon, at the New Law Court's Building, in Charlottetown, under and by virtue of a power of Sale, contained in an Indenture of Mortgage, dated the First day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and made between Watson Duchemin, of the City of Charlottetown, in Prince Edward Island, and Sarah Duchemin, his wife, of the one part, and James Peake, of the City of Charlottetown aforesaid, Esquire, merchant, of the other part.

ALL that tract, piece or parcel of Land, situate, lying or being in the City of Charlottetown, and fronting on Sidney Street, that is to say, the northern moiety, or equal half parts of Lots number twenty-six and twenty-seven, in the second hundred of Town Lots, in Charlottetown aforesaid, the said lots being divided by a line running at right angles with Prince Street, equi distant from Sydney Street and Dorchester Street, through the centre of the said lots until it strikes the western part of lot number twenty-eight in the same hundred as the said lots are laid down and delineated in a certain plan or map of Charlottetown, made, and now kept in the office of the Registrar of Deeds of the said Island; together with the dwelling house, and all other houses and buildings thereon erected, and the rights, members, and appurtenances thereto belonging, or in any way appertaining.

For further particulars apply at the office of E. H. Haviland, Solicitor, Charlottetown. Dated this sixteenth day of May, A. D. 1882.

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By order, A. P. BRADLEY, Secretary. Dept. of Railways and Canals, [July 22 law Ottawa, 15th July, 1882.] [till 24 aug]

Prince Edward Island RAILWAY.

TIME TABLE NO. 18.

SUMMER ARRANGEMENT. To take effect on the 5th June, 1882.

TRAINS OUTWARD.

Table with columns: STATIONS, EXPRESS, MIXED, MIXED. Rows include Charlottetown, Royalty Junction, St. John's, etc.

TRAINS INWARD.

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L. B. ARCHIBALD, Superintendent. Railway Office, Charlottetown, May 31, 1882. [wkly, pres ne sj plo kca 6]



LORNE HIGHLAND WHISKY. ANALYTICAL SANITARY INSTITUTION. 54, HOLBORN VILLAGE, E. C., LONDON, W. [We have visited the bottling works of Greenlees Brothers, and have selected from the vats, samples of their Lorne Highland Whisky, and have subjected them to careful examination and analysis. The samples were very fine, fragrant, and of pleasant flavor, and possessed all the characteristics of pure and well-matured Scotch Whisky of the first quality.]

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Also leave Charlottetown for Summerside every Monday morning, at 2 o'clock, and leave Summerside for Charlottetown every Saturday evening about five o'clock.

By order, F. W. HALES, Secretary. Charlottetown, May 25, 1882.

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CARVELL BROS. [June 5, 1882-pat law, sj kca Agents]

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JOHN HUGHES [May 11, 1882-pat ne pic 31 law Agent]

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