

Carillon Ringing In 'Shake Down'

During this week's "shake-down cruise" of the Centralia Carillon, the bells are being played on the hand keyboard.

The "shake down" has so far revealed that alterations must be made on the return action of nine more bells.

Intense wind gusts today are causing the tower to sway, and the wind moving across the wires leading from the playing room to the bell tower sound as an aeolian harp.

In playing the bells during the testing sessions, Karel Keldermans, consulting carillonneur, has suffered a case of the splinters while seated on the board being used as the clavier seat. The permanent oak seat has not arrived from France. Keldermans also snapped the 'G' string while playing the instrument.