

showed no marked and satisfactory evidences of good training, that were more amenable to discipline and orderly in their general conduct and behaviour. The great majority of the party seemed to us, in fact, just what boys ought to be who are going out as young colonists to make their way in a new country—sound and healthy in body, having had plenty of out-door exercise and good athletic training, bright and intelligent in mind and manner, decent in morals and, generally, honest, wholesome, well-disciplined, sensible English lads. That they will all turn out well and successfully make their way in the country we cannot, and do not, expect; but we look forward with confident expectation to seeing most of our last party develop into useful and respectable members of the community, and if Dr. Barnardo had done nothing else for the Dominion, he would have deserved well of Canadians for the 242 young people whom he has just landed in this country.



Our party consisted of The Make-up 29 from the Youths' of the Party, Labour House, 44 from Stepney Causeway, 7 from Shepherd House, 6 from Epsom, 41 who had lately been recalled from boarding out in England, 14 extra members of the party, special cases who, under certain conditions, travelled under our escort, and, last but not least, 101 from Leopold House. Among the Labour House contingent will probably be found most of the black sheep, which no one's flock can hope to be entirely free from; but these big lads are not going out to be placed in situations for the present, but to receive, in the first instance, a year's active training at the Farm Home, under the able supervision of Mr. Struthers. We doubt not that this training will do much for most, if not all, of the party, and that in his latest consignment Mr. Struthers has some fairly promising material to work upon. The Stepney boys included a number of old shop boys who have been under the training of the Home for many years past, and about whom there can be no

misgiving. The rank and file of the Stepney contingent contained a lot of good, able-bodied, hard working lads, who will make capital farmers' helpers and give a creditable account of themselves. The little chaps from Shepherd House and Epsom are mostly under the age for placing in situations, and have gone to foster-homes where their maintenance will be paid for during the next few years while they continue to attend school. Most of them were sturdy, bonny little lads, and they were as good and happy during the voyage as children could be. The boarding-out boys were a well-selected detachment, and most of them have evidently been under the care of kindly, conscientious folk in England, who have trained them carefully and brought them up in the way they should go. Among these little ex-boarded-out boys are many who have been under Dr. Barnardo's care from infancy, and whose earliest recollections are of Babies' Castle or foster-homes in Kent and Surrey.



Of the Leopold House Our Right lads who formed the Hand Men bulk of the party we can only speak in terms of the highest praise. Among them we had several of the old musical boys, and these were the *corps d'elite* of our party. We have never had before, and scarcely expect to be so favoured as to have again, such willing, reliable, responsible and efficient petty officers as we found in McDonald, Ducklin, George Thomas and three or four others. McDonald was our second in command on every important occasion, and always the same trusty, sensible, capable helper. The trip must always remain impressed upon our memory on account of the splendid services of our boy staff, and we wish to take this opportunity of thanking them one and all for the unfailing and valuable help we received from them. With the fewest exceptions, the Leopold House contingent, generally, were bright boys of good physique, who will prove themselves the right men in the right place as they grow up on the farms in Canada.