

### A Chance for Writers.

The Editor wants suitable stories for publication in this magazine. Cash will be paid for clever articles, interesting and helpful to boys.

### Letters Describing Western Canada.

From a gentleman well-known in every part of Canada, Prof. E. Odum, the Editor has received the following unsolicited letter:

Your paper THE CANADIAN BOY, is one of the most valuable papers in Canada. The lofty spirit, devoted patriotism, and purity of sentiment must make its many young readers more noble, manly and useful. Permit me on behalf of the British Columbia readers of your paper to thank you for your successful efforts. We wish you God-speed, and shall take a deep interest in your future life which we trust will increase in happiness and effectiveness in helping Canadian boys to be better men.

You may tell your thousands of readers that with your permission I shall write them a few short letters telling them of the wonderful riches of British Columbia, of its lovely and healthful climate, and of the many openings for spirited, wise and good boys. I shall tell them how the grand Canadian Pacific Railway Company has built its many splendid lines through the valleys and over the mountains, and also about the fisheries, the large lumber forests, vast mining interests, the farming and ranching opportunities, and other items of interest, and what I shall tell your boy readers will be of knowledge and not guess work. Success to you Mr. Editor, and to your boys.

E. ODUM.

### The Dog That Chased the Cat.

To begin with I live on a farm, and have a dog whose name is Jack around with me in leisure hours. The story I am now telling is of an incident which took place just a little time ago, and is therefore fresh in my memory. After dinner I had gone to the barn where my brothers were cleaning the stables, and there the dog, having a dislike for cats, proceeded to bother one. Above the cows there is a plank into which a stake goes from the floor to tie the cows to, and it was there that the cat got for safety. The dog, getting on the trough-shaped feed slide, tried to chase pussy down. He tried in every way to get her down, and finally got so near to her that his nose was within six inches of her. The cat of course, bristled up, spit and scratched at Jack, making all sorts of motions denoting madness. This continued for a time and finally I called Jack down, and we retraced our steps to the other barn and had a good play for a while. Let us hope now that the dogs and cats may get on well together, as it does not look nice to see a cat and dog fight.

Yours truly,

CHARLES I. EWING,  
Warkworth.

### Know Shorthand.

Lord Wolseley, speaking to shorthand students, said that he had written shorthand all his life, and had invariably found it of the greatest possible benefit. He wrote a very clumsy and old-fashioned system, but it had been of immense use to him for making notes when pressed for time. It was also of very great assistance because no one but himself had the slightest chance of being able to read what he wrote, and thus he was able to leave important memoranda upon his desk, without the slightest fear that they would be understood.

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