

John J. Phillips (August, '87) who lives at Merrickville, where he is known as a first-class young farmer, is also a proud father.

Of Henry Woodnut (April, '89) we hear he is in good health, very steady, and still with Mr. David McCormick, of Baugard's Corners.

Frank Sargeant of the same party as Henry, is again in the employ of Mr. Scott, Jr., of Dyer's Bay. Frank has developed into a very big, powerful lad, and is doing well.

We recently heard of Edward Procter (June, '88) through his brother Arthur. Edward's present address is Moosomin Post Office, Man. He is making excellent progress, and enjoys the best of health, all of which we are extremely glad to hear.

"Much in little" would best describe a recent report of Archibald Froggart (June, '83): "Is married; works on a farm, is steady and doing well; address, Creek Bank P.O."—evidence that our old friend is a fit subject for congratulation, which we herewith very heartily tender.

Alfred Geo. Loveridge recently made a change in situation, that he might receive wages more commensurate with his capabilities, Alfred being a really first class worker on the farm and in the bush. He is still in the same neighbourhood, however (Cameron P.O.), and is always welcome at the house of his old employer which he really regards as his "home."

Eleven years in Canada profitably spent have but increased the favourable first impression formed of William Horscroft. He has been for over three years with Mr. Hickson, of Mt. Horeb, by whom and by the community at large William is "highly respected."

Frederick Chapman (June, '86) not only took kindly to the ways of the country from the first, but later took unto himself a wife and is now farming with his father-in-law in Somerville township.

The last "visitor's report" of Thomas Gawtray says:

"I found him ploughing and doing the work properly; he is handy with horses, and can do most farm work; is truthful and honest, kind to stock and in another year should command the best wages paid."

Thomas came out in July, '92, and is over nineteen. He was at one time rather prone to change his situation, but he always maintained a good name as a worker and for uprightness, and he is now working at Oshawa, and in a situation which we think he will keep for a long time. Thomas is highly satisfied with his surroundings, and his employer on his part is pleased with our friend; so all promises well for a continued connection giving satisfaction to both parties.

Word reaches us from Fenelon Falls that George Richardson (March, '87) is making steady progress, and that our friend is in good condition in "mind, body and estate."

We have received a letter from our old friend Harry Mercer, who has been in Canada over nine years. Harry is at present at Utterson, Muskoka, in which district he has lived since



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his arrival in Canada, and where he is well known as a steady, plodding young man on whose word the fullest reliance can be placed. Our friend is looking out for a situation, as the farmers in the neighbourhood are feeling the effects of a poor harvest and are unable to "keep a man in the winter." That he will soon be settled we do not doubt, for men of Harry's sterling qualities are always welcomed by farmers in need of help.

We have already referred in these columns to the excellent character borne by Alfred J. Jeffreys, and to the very able assistance he has



ALFRED J. JEFFREYS.

been able to render to the Home, visiting on our behalf a number of younger boys living in the same district. We now have considerable pleasure in publishing a portrait of Alfred, a glance at which will indicate that our friend is in first-class condition, physically and otherwise. Very earnestly do we trust that he may long be spared in his life of usefulness, and that happiness and prosperity may attend him all his days.

In a letter of recent date, William D. Barker, who is 18 and came out two years ago, sends affectionate greeting to Dr. Barnardo and other old friends. William is very enthusiastic over Ups and Downs and we are pleased to hear, "My master and mistress also think a lot of it." Modestly William tells of his progress in Canada:

"I have been at this place nearly two years. My master said that I am a pretty good farm hand and can do almost anything on a farm."

It will be hard to beat the "long service" record of William Banger, who came to Canada when thirteen, and although now a man of 26 our friend has held only one situation. Thirteen years uninterrupted service with one employer tells eloquently of the sterling qualities of William; and it also indicates that William's employer, Mr. Carr, of Westfield, is the kind of man under whom it is good for a boy to commence life. William is considering the advisability of purchasing a farm of 100 acres adjoining his present home, and thanks to his thrifty habits he will be able to pay down a very respectable sum should he decide to make the purchase. Whether farming for himself or continuing to work for another, we are sure that William will uphold his reputation as a skilful worker and a trustworthy, upright man.



"Tom" Scanes is 15, and is filled with a very commendable desire to excel at farming. In a letter received a few weeks ago we hear something of Tom's more recent efforts:

"I put in all the crops this year, and cut all the hay and raked it all up, and then I cut all the harvest with three horses on the binder, and mowed some peas and helped to draw it in. Then I dug some potatoes and dug a pit and put them in; and when the ground began to get soft I began to plough, and I am ploughing away yet with three horses. Mr. Gourlay went away and is not coming back for a week, so I have to look after the things pretty well while he is away. We have 4 horses, 17 head of cattle, 39 sheep, 9 pigs and 90 hens, so it keeps me pretty busy to look after the stock."

Tom is evidently a busy "man" these days, and by the time he is 21 he ought to have acquired such a mastery of farming in all its branches as to place him in the front rank of practical agriculturists.

A few months ago Harry Bell's four years' faithful service and good conduct were rewarded



with Dr. Barnardo's silver medal. Thus we make no apology for presenting Harry's portrait to our readers. In him is exemplified what substantial benefit a boy can reap in four years if he will only make up his mind from the first to do his duty and do it cheerfully. Upon completing his engagement last spring, Harry re-

engaged for another year with the same employer; again evidence of mutual respect.

George Reed (April '89) gives us some interesting information regarding farm matters in his part of the country. He is living at Hartney, Manitoba:

"I will be gone to the woods in three weeks' time. I have made out a very good summer here. I like the country first-rate. Crops have been very good out here this summer and wheat is selling at 60 cents a bushel at present. Threshing is nearly all done. The wheat is nearly all No. 1 hard. There have been a few prairie fires lately and they have done some damage. Some of