

country than the development in all directions of its great resources by chemical research and no manufacturing houses are in greater need at the present of governmental protection than those which attempt to do for the development of Canada what large chemical laboratories and factories have done for the advancement and development of Germany.

CHARLIE ROBERTS' CONSERVATION

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In a way, it was a momentous day to William Roberts and his eldest boy, Charlie, as they stepped out of their cottage home. Charlie was buoyant, happy, expectant as though going to enjoy a match between the leaders of the two great Leagues. Where is the boy who would not be so, with a holiday before him and the knowledge he was to be told that day how he was to become a man? It was his twelfth birthday—and why should not every boy have a holiday on his twelfth birthday, especially when the occasion is so important?

“I’m taking you to the hospital doctor, Charlie, because the card I got from the State Board of Health says if the father, mother, or guardian cannot afford to pay a fee to a qualified physician, the child may be taken for examination and instruction to a hospital physician. It is the law of the State that every boy, on coming to the age of twelve years, must be examined and instructed on those matters concerning men and women which relate to the begetting of children. A doctor of medicine must make the examination and instruct you accordingly. Every girl must be examined and instructed by a trained nurse or woman physician. Your mother will have to take Maggie in a couple of years. As the object is mainly to prevent vicious habits and prevent disease, it has been decided the examination and instruction can be best done and given by physicians and trained nurses to boys and girls respectively.”

“I don’t know exactly what you mean, daddy, but why can’t we go to Dr. Browne who attended Maggie with the scarlet fever—and all of us when we are sick?” and the blue-eyed, curly-haired, manly little fellow sought his father’s sober-looking face as though sensing some deception.

“You being the eldest, Charlie, you are the first I have had to take to the doctor in this way. It is because of the hard times