

March, to whom he went in April, '91, shortly after his arrival in Canada.

Henry Avris (July, '95) is also here, and with another member of the same family is James Grainger, now 17, who came out in the spring of '94, and who, having fulfilled his first engagement in a highly satisfactory manner, has re-engaged at increased wages.

Edgar John and Francis Foot are brothers aged 17 and 14 respectively. They are fortunate in being within easy distance of each other, and are furthermore employed in the same family, Edgar being with Mr. William Gourlay, of Huntley, Francis with the latter's son. The record of the brothers is good and their future full of promise, although at one time they were inclined to display a little more independence of spirit than was necessary. A recent visit from Mr. Griffith established the fact, however, that Edgar and Francis were pursuing the sensible course of seeking to give every satisfaction to their employers and their employers' wives.

Sidney Clark (2-'91) was sent last year to Mr. J. Cox, of Huntley, an old patron of the Homes, and from whom Alfred is receiving valuable instruction in the best way to do well for himself and his employer. Alfred is 16, and is an apt pupil.

Albert Davie (Sep. '95), after several changes, finally found employment with Mr. Wm. E. Owens, who speaks in the highest terms of Alfred, now a promising youth of 16.

There is a family tie in the case of Henry Mabey (April, '91) and Samuel York (Mar., '92), their respective employers being father and son, Messrs. James and Wm. Steen, of Galetta. Both boys are upholding the reputation of the Home. Henry's time will expire in April and he will probably re-engage.

Albert Wright has been in Canada three years, and is still with Mr. John Grant, of Kinburn, a farmer who works 600 acres of the finest land in the district. Albert's work consists entirely of attending to stock, and these highly important duties he discharges in a decidedly creditable manner, being most reliable and trustworthy.

George C. Cable is a fine little fellow of ten, who came out last spring, when he was placed with Mr. Wm. Moorehouse, of Fitzroy Harbour. Here George is happy and well cared for; is already a useful little worker, although much is not expected of him at present; later he will, we feel sure, give a good account of himself.

Henry M. Cable is George's senior by two years and is with Mr. Thos. H. Murphy, of White Lake. Like his brother, Henry has an excellent home, and he is an honest, truthful lad, learning well.

In spite of some very pronounced attacks of "longing for England," Frederick T. Thorn continues in the enjoyment of good health, and works away steadily, being still in the same situation to which he went three years ago.

William E. Broomgrove, 13, is with Mr. Joseph Murphy, of Waba, and is described in a recent report as being "in good health, rosy, sturdy, contented and happy."

Another member of this family—Mr. Wm. Murphy—directs the energies of Walter E. Furby, who came out last year and is now exceedingly capable at many lines of work, handling an axe remarkably well, we hear.

In July, '92, Alfred Bending was placed with Mr. Thos. McCann, of Pakenham Township. He is there still; "well-treated, enjoys employer's fullest confidence, is spoken of as a model Home boy," says a recent report.

In the same locality is John Carrs, who has also had three years' experience, as a result of which he is now able to do most farm work and that in a most acceptable manner.

In Charles Wm Scott and Henry Everett we have two youngsters of the "2nd" and "3rd" '93 parties, respectively. The first named lives at Elliott and is referred to as a smart-looking, curly-headed, healthy little fellow, likes his home, and is well cared for; in return for which Charlie does his best to please. Henry's post-office address is Andrewsville, where he has a comfortable home which he appreciates. He has not much to do, but he does it well and is very kind to the stock.

The inexorable laws of "space" require us to bid adieu to our friends in the Ottawa Valley. We have endeavoured to tell a plain, unvarnished tale of the work these young toilers are doing and of the lives they are leading. Simple lives undoubtedly. But is it not out of such that there shall be built up for Canada that solid foundation of a nation's prosperity—a contented, happy yeomanry.

We should very much like some of our friends to whom we have referred in these pages, to supplement our efforts by sending us a short description of that part of the Ottawa Valley in which they live. We will make this a special topic for them in our Mutual Improvement Society Syllabus for February, and we trust we shall receive some very interesting little articles.

IN OTHER PARTS.

Frederick B. Cochrane, whose portrait we now publish, was one of the spring party of '93.



Shortly after his arrival here he entered the employment of Mr. John McPherson, of Campbellton. There we find Frederick today a thoroughly trustworthy young man of 21, enjoying to the fullest degree the confidence and esteem of his employer's family. He has received the long service silver medal, and is in all respects a good example to the lads of the district where he lives.

We were quite startled recently to see a contingent of the Royal Canadian Dragoons stop opposite the door of the Home and proceed to apply for admittance. All uneasiness vanished, however, when we found that the wearers of the scarlet coats and forage caps were none other than our old friends, Arthur Acland and Albert Edward Mutton, who had called to let us know that they had joined the above mentioned regiment, stationed at the New Fort, Toronto. We have not the slightest hesitation in saying that the Queen's forces the world over do not contain two more reliable and upright men than Acland and Mutton. They have done their duty faithfully in the past, and have proved that there is not an atom of moral

cowardice in their make-up, and that their physical courage is of equal standard, we do not for a moment doubt, and in the career they have chosen we wish them all happiness and speedy promotion. Before he said good-bye, Arthur Acland left \$10 as a donation to the Home.

"They are well and go to school regularly, and compare favorably with the best of the boys in our neighborhood."

Is the latest report from the foster parents of Arthur Endecott, 8, and Charlie Millward, 10, who are boarders at Port Sydney.

This interesting family portrait presents to our readers Frederick G. and Joseph Bray, and their sister Julia, all three of whom were among our Exhibition visitors. Frederick is an old stager, having come out in '87, and has spent by far the greater part of the intervening nine years in the locality of Burnt River, where as long ago as 1892 he had earned a reputation as a "splendid steady lad." Joseph Bray left



England in June, '92, and during his four years in Canada has worked in two or three places. Joseph is a capable young fellow, but he has not been fortunate at all times in his selection of a situation, and we recently heard of him experiencing much difficulty in securing the past year's wages.

Herbert Guthrie, whose misfortune in severely fracturing his leg we alluded to many months ago, writes:

"I am getting along very well. My leg is doing very nicely. I was out to see the doctor yesterday and he said he would like to see me every week, because if he did he could hurry it. It will not take very long to heal up if it grows as it is doing. I can walk about now without crutch or stick. I just use the crutches to walk any long distance."

Herbert also tells of certain little duties he is able to perform for the kind people who have indeed treated him as one of their own. Very glad indeed are we to hear such an encouraging account of our little friend's progress. He has proved himself to be a brave little man, passing through much suffering and pain with remarkable patience and cheerfulness.

William Jacobs, 17, writes enthusiastically of UPS AND DOWNS and tells us the journal is a great encouragement to him:

"We read of our old chums at home and of the masters; it is a great pleasure. . . . I do not say much about my place or the country, but it is just a fine one. Everybody treats me well. My boss and mistress take great care of me and I do my best to please them. I feel as though I am their own son. We have four farms which make about 450 acres in all."

William is living with Mr. Peter H. L. Bradt, of Pelham Union, where he was recently visited by Mr. Gaunt, whose report amply endorses what William says of the kind treatment accorded him by Mr. and Mrs. Bradt. The report also tells of William's excellent progress and faithful attention to duty.