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Editorial Notes

Our Regrets and Explanations. An apology is due to our subscribers for the late appearance of the present number of **UPS AND DOWNS**. We are sincerely sorry for the delay, and it has been the occasion of much vexation of spirit to us; but the circumstances were such as to make it absolutely unavoidable. Just at the time when we should have been going to press the editor was "out on the ocean sailing" upon his customary errand of guiding one more exodus to the Promised Land, and as wireless telegraphy is expensive, and no other satisfactory appliance has yet been perfected for the transmission of printer's "copy" from mid-Atlantic, there was no alternative but to defer publication until his return. The number of reminders and complaints of the delay that have come to hand since October 1st are, at any rate, a gratifying indication that **UPS AND DOWNS** is looked for with some amount of expectation, not to say impatience, and that we are certainly missed when we fail to arrive "on time." This may be flattering to our vanity; but we, none the less, hope that the present delay will not re-occur, and that our readers will not be again disappointed by our failing to appear in due and proper season.

An Honoured
and Eminent
Canadian.

THE subject of our frontispiece, the Hon. Senator George A. Cox, is a gentleman well-

known and deservedly esteemed in Canadian financial and political circles. Our reasons for introducing Senator Cox to the readers of **UPS AND DOWNS** are twofold. In the first place, he has proved himself a warm friend and liberal supporter of Dr. Barnardo's work. The large house and beautifully situated premises at Peterborough, that, for the past seventeen years, have been the headquarters and distributing centre of the girls' work in Canada, were specially purchased by Senator Cox, and placed at Dr. Barnardo's disposal for that purpose, and ever since he first became interested in Dr. Barnardo's mission we have been able to look upon the Senator as a generous sympathizer and ally. In the second place, the story of Senator Cox's advancement from a very humble position in a small country town to the controlling headship of several of the largest and most successful financial institutions in Canada, and a prominent place in the Legislature, is not only one of the most striking and interesting chapters in the biography of self-made men, but is an object lesson of the highest value for lads who have to make their way in the world. It serves to show what can be accomplished by steady attention to business and promptitude in seizing opportunities, by energy, courage and foresight, and by that reputation for business integrity which inspires the trust and confidence of others and which is the basis of suc-