

left off the list, they may rest assured that there has been no intentional slight, and with the particulars in the hands of the management at Barnardo, the names and descriptions of the property secured, will be placed with great pleasure in the next copy sent to the magazine.

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During the last month the Farm Home has been favoured by a visit from Mr. Raymond Blathwayt, a well-known English journalist, who is making a careful enquiry into Dr. Barnardo's work in Canada. Mr. Blathwayt's interviews were extensive, including the Honorable Senator Boulton, of Russell, as well as many of the leading farmers and business men of the community. Numbers of the lads were also examined by this gentleman for the purpose of ascertaining just what advancement they were making in coming to Canada; and although Mr. Blathwayt's researches are not by any means yet complete, it was pleasing to the management here to note that this gentleman's general impressions were favourable as regards the conditions under which he found the lads were living, not only in the Home, but in the situations which had been found for them. Mr. Blathwayt left on Saturday, the 21st August, for Bermuda, driving through to Moosomin with the writer, from which point he expected to travel to New York, taking the steamer Oronoco at the latter named city for a continuation of his journey. Mr. W. S. E. Barnardo is at the present time visiting the Farm Home, and enjoying a well-earned vacation after his heavy work at Cambridge University. This visit is not the first made by our Director's much esteemed representative, and it is needless to say that his visits are always appreciated by the people attached to the Home who are fortunate enough to come in contact with this young gentleman personally.

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It is to be hoped that the readers of UPS AND DOWNS are taking an in-

terest in the meteorological reports furnished from month to month by our painstaking observer, Mr. Robert Gray; and if such is the case, they will be glad to learn that another effort is being made to raise the standard of the station by inducing the Government to furnish a number of instruments in addition to those we now have and which are very much needed.

The grim reaper has not been idle during the last month as relates to the lads of the colony, and one of the saddest occurrences which has been reported to the Farm Home office for many a day, took place near Beausejour on the Port Arthur section of the Canadian Pacific Railway on the morning of August 4th, when David Ball, Scotsman, October 1896, was instantly killed by falling under a moving work train. The awful news came to us through the medium of the *Daily Free Press* of Aug 5th, the news item simply stating the facts given above, adding, by way of detail, that the remains were horribly mutilated and were taken in charge by the Attorney-General's Department and interred in a Winnipeg cemetery. Poor Ball had only been placed out in a situation a few days, and becoming lonesome, he appears to have decided to make his way back to England at any cost, and met his untimely end in the manner above described. The news came as a terrible shock to the young man's many friends at the Farm Home, where he was highly esteemed as a bright, honest lad, and will no doubt prove a blow to the relatives in England. On Ball's person was found some eighteen dollars in Canadian money, and the address of a brother, Richard Ball, 236 Park Road, St. Helens, Lancashire, England.

