

since his assumption of his new duties. He wrote most hopefully.

JOSEPH ASHTON runs Frank Sinclair a close race for first place among our "big boys." Joseph is still at Al-
liston, in the same situation to which he went upon his arrival in Canada. He is a regular visitor at least once a year, and is always welcome.



THOMAS DOBIE (March, '92) had nothing but good news to tell of himself. He is doing well and making very fair wages at Georgetown.

Evidence of THOMAS P. SMITH'S (April, '90) prosperity is to be seen in the horse and buggy of which he is the proud possessor. Thomas is a healthy looking young fellow of twenty-one and is still with Mr. James Bryan of Pickering, having been over two years in the one situation. Frank's bank balance is a very substantial one.

ARTHUR HILLIER (July, '92) was as active as ever in promoting the enjoyment of all. We cannot describe Arthur as "big," but he is nevertheless a splendid worker, with a first-class record for perseverance and industry. He brought us news of ARTHUR BUCKLEY (April, '88), whom he reported as doing remarkably well and being very highly spoken of in the neighbourhood of Waterloo, where Buckley has been ever since his arrival in Canada.

JAMES WILLIS (Sept., '91) informed us that he is now with Mr. Duncan McKenzie, of Ospringe, having made a seven-months' engagement at a "fair figure."

WILLIAM D. YELF has had two and a half years' experience of farming in Canada. He said he liked his work and the country and was well satisfied. William's appearance bore out his statements.

ALFRED BRISTOW, another member of the April, '88, party, and of whose excellent record we have already alluded to in UPS AND DOWNS, was able to give us encouraging news of FRED. J. HOSKINS (April, '94) who lives near Alfred at Campbell's Crossing, and is well and doing well.

ALBERT CARPENTER arrived in company with his employer's nephew. Albert came out three years ago, and has established a good reputation for himself. He informed us that at the end of the year he completes a twelve-months' engagement.

WILLIAM GYDE gave a very glowing account of his surroundings. He is still with the same employer to whom he went upon arrival here in March, '93, and by whom he is treated with great kindness. We were also very pleased to hear that William is a regular attendant at church and Sunday school. Before saying good-bye William left \$2 as a donation to the Homes.

ALFRED WILLIAMS also left a memento of his visit, requesting that the balance lying to his credit in the bank be devoted to the Homes.

It is needless to say that this kindly forethought on the part of William and Alfred is much appreciated. The many attractions of the Fair and of Toronto generally did not cause them to forget their allegiance to their old friend and benefactor.

ARTHUR McCONVILLE (June, '93) is still in the same situation at Kirwood; is perfectly contented and was glad of an opportunity of meeting his old friends at the Home.

We were pleased to see that JOHN SHIPTON (June, '89) has developed into a big, strong lad. He is now back with his old employer, Mr. Byers; of Arthur, and is doing very well.

"Steadily progressing" is the word of WILLIAM BROOKER, who came amongst us in the best of health and spirits. William is living at Baltimore, Ont., and is earning \$10 a month.

HENRY JOSEPH PAGE was accompanied by a friend, and both appeared to enjoy their visit. Henry is a stalwart young man of 23 and an old silver medalist.

CHARLES TREWIN, of whose ability as a chairman we have already made mention, is an "old timer," having come out with the April, '85, party. Charles spent two months and a half last fall in the Northwest practising as veterinary surgeon, and cleared \$180 after paying all expenses. He has been working during the past summer with Mr. McNeil, near Richmond Hill, having made an eight months' engagement at \$20.00 a month.



It will be seen that Charles, whose portrait we have much pleasure in publishing, is by continued steady application to his duties in a position to command a high rate of wages. A portion of the savings he has accumulated are being wisely spent in preparation for the examination of the Veterinary College, which he hopes to pass this winter. Charles has our hearty wishes for his success in this as in all else he may undertake for his advancement in life.

GEORGE JOHN YOUNG informed us that he likes his place and enjoys good health. We have great hopes of George's future. He has been out four years and is striving manfully to make a good name for himself in all things.

It was from Albert Bristow that we also heard of ALBERT SKINNER'S continuance in well-doing. Albert is "a first-class farm hand, steady and bears an excellent character." The reputation of the party of March, '92, will not suffer at the hands of Albert.

We were very pleased to greet WILLIAM SMITH, who came out ten years ago. William is a most successful market gardener, owning a fine property in Bracondale, near Toronto. Although our friend occasionally calls at the Home during the year, generally leaving a little memento of his visit in the shape of a bag of potatoes, or other produce, he has not, until this year, joined us at Exhibition time. We believe William thoroughly enjoyed his visit. He is at all times one of the most enthusiastic upholders

of the Home, and his own career in Canada has added not a little to the good name of "Barnardo boys." In Bracondale he is known to all as a young man on whose word the most implicit reliance may be placed.

WILLIAM JENNINGS (April, '90) was the bearer of a commission from his employer to select and take back with him one of the younger boys in the Home. This, in itself, is evidence of the confidence that William's employer places in our friend.

ERNEST HENRY HALLS (June, '90), who was accompanied by a friend, had much interesting information to impart. He is doing well, and is now with Mr. Thomas Wetherall, of Creemore (a son of his last employer). This winter Alfred will form one of the Town Band at Creemore, the cornet being the instrument of which our friend has no small degree of mastery.

THOS. HAZEL is nineteen years of age, came out with the first party of '91, and is a lad possessed of good, sound qualities of head and heart. Evidence of Thomas's steadiness and perseverance is found in the fact that not very long ago he received the long service and good conduct medal. Acknowledging the receipt of the coveted testimonial, Thomas says:

"I was quite surprised when I got it, as it was Mr. Phipps who sent me out here. Of course I was in Leopold House before I went to Mr. Phipps, and I suppose you call me a Barnardo boy for that, of which no boy or girl is going to be ashamed who holds a good name or character, or who tries to uphold the good name and credit of the Home by being honest and truthful. Gladly do I accept the medal as a mark of Dr. Barnardo's approval and satisfaction."

In a recent letter from FRANK W. LEE, who left England with the second party of '85, our friend informs us of a very important step that he has taken, one that calls for our very hearty congratulation. Frank, who has now been living for some time in Detroit, has also signed the roll of membership in the Ancient Order of Benedicts, and most earnestly do we trust that under God's blessing he and his wife may be accorded a full measure of happiness and prosperity. Our friend says some very kind things of UPS AND DOWNS, which he values highly as affording him his only opportunity of hearing of many old friends. "Even if I am out of the country I have not forgotten my old friends and the old Home," he writes.

We have received a very interesting letter from CHAS. COLES, who came out with the June '89 party and is now at Christie. Charles

has always kept in view the necessity of maintaining a good reputation, not only on his own account, but also on account of the Home from which he came, and his record is one of which he has every reason to feel proud. In his letter Charles refers to various features in our journal with considerable enthusiasm; he asks for information about the city of London. Strangely enough, we had intended supplying a few interesting facts in connection with the world's metropolis, suggested by our illustration on the first page,

