

I am glad to notice that the council of the Agricultural and Arts Association of Ontario, have already taken action. They recommend that suitable persons be chosen without any delay, whose duty it shall be to secure a creditable exhibit. Live stock cannot be made ready for an exhibition in a day, and oftentimes in a year. It is therefore greatly important that this commission be appointed at once, and that it at once commence the work.

Great care should be taken in choosing these commissioners. No hangers on for office will fill the bill sufficiently well. They should be chosen because of their known business qualifications, their energy, and their patriotism. Give us the right men for this work, and we cannot have a failure in our exhibit when our resources are so complete.

It is also to be hoped that our Government will give this matter their attention at an early day, and that they will devise liberal things by way of assistance in transportation. In no way can we extend our markets so surely and at so little cost as by making a splendid exhibit at any exhibition which brings us into competition with the foremost peoples of the world.

Does the Buffalo need the Pale-face word

To find his pathway far?

What guide has he to the hidden ford,

Or where the green pastures are?

Who teacheth the Moose that the hunter's gun

Is peering out of the shade?

Who teacheth the Doe and the Fawn to run

In the track the Moose has made?

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YOUNG CANADIAN CALENDAR.

JANUARY.

1. St. John's, N.F., taken by the French.. ..	1696
2. General Wolfe born	1727
3. Rocky Mountains explored	1743
4. Roger's scouts repulsed at Ticonderoga	1757
5. The Hon. Alex. Mackenzie, Privy Councillor, born ..	1812
6. British repulsed at Frenchtown	1813
7. Americans defeated at Frenchtown	1813
8. The Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, Premier of Canada, born	1815
9. The Hon. Sir A. A. Dorion, Chief Justice, born ..	1818
10. Sir John Colborne, Governor of Canada	1839
11. Sir Charles Bagot, Governor of Canada.	1842
12. Earl of Elgin, Governor of Canada.. ..	1847

Our young readers are invited to study the Calendar for January, and to send us, in their own best style, an account of either of the events marked 1, 3, 4, 6, 7; or of the life of one of the distinguished gentlemen mentioned in 2, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12. We shall send a very pretty silver pencil to the writer of the best. No article to be longer than one column.



NEVER weary shall I be of writing to and hearing from our Young Canadians. I want to know them. I shall be proud of their acquaintance. Nothing that interests them can fail to interest me. In Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter, they may always depend upon a willing ear and a speedy response. Don't wait for a formal introduction. Here is my card—"THE YOUNG CANADIAN." Now send me yours, and the introduction is complete.

"DEAR YOUNG CANADIAN:—My uncle gave me last night your Specimen Copy. He brought it home with him in the sleigh from his office. We live in the country, and I have two brothers. We all want to get your real number when it comes, and we think our cousins will want it, too. Since you tell us to send our cards, here is mine, SUSIE MILLER, and what I want to know about first is the Shorthand. I was visiting my auntie last year, and a school teacher was there who could write it. She gave me a few lessons which I still remember. I would like more than anything to learn it. For then I could travel with grand people and see the world."

Special plates are being prepared in England for THE YOUNG CANADIAN, and will be ready very soon. The course will give you all you need. No teacher is necessary. You will be able to do more than travel with grand people when you learn it. You will make a little fortune at it. It is a delightful study, and will soon become one of the most essential parts of our education. We want to prepare young Canadians for it. Tell your cousins to send us their address, and we will send them something pretty, till the Shorthand begins.—ED. POST BAG.

"DEAR POST BAG:—I hope I am the first to send you a question, and get an answer. It is about your Reading Club. Me and Dick White is fond of history; fonder of it than of anything to read on a winter's night. Dick and me is chums. Please answer our letter."

DEAR DICK WHITE'S CHUM:—You forgot to give me your name in your letter. Of course, Dick knows it well enough, and you thought I did. However, I am glad to hear from you, and I have asked my friend, the Editor of the Home Reading Club, to pay you special attention. I think it would be nice if you and Dick got three or four to join you and form a History Club. We want you to choose your own name for it, and we shall enter it in our book. Tell us also how many members you will have, and set about it at once. We have such delightful books waiting that we grudge you losing even a week.—ED. P. B.

"DEAR YOUNG CANADIAN:—I hope I am in time for the first reply from your Post Bag. I want a Banjo right away, but I can't afford to get one like the grandees. Please tell me all about it, and how you can get me a nice one cheap."

I will gladly do so next number. I will procure information about kinds, and prices, as well as how best to send it. The Banjo is a delightful instrument for our climate,—in summer on our lakes and rivers,—in winter by the fireside.—ED. P. B.