

cousins get in Victoria. We used to live there. Colin, my brother, says he is going to ask you whether you want the flowers or the plants. I am nine years old. Colin is eleven. I have a sister eight years old; just us three.

Your little friend,

BENJAMIN MCKENZIE.

MY DEAR BENJAMIN,—Such a nice little letter you have written to me. Many thanks for it. I was so pleased to get it, and to know about Colin and your little sister. What a happy home you must have, "you three." I love to think of you helping your mother with her garden, so I sent you a package of seeds. I hope they arrived all in good time. Please let me know how they turn out. Suppose you plant them like this B. M. Y. C., which means Benjamin McKenzie YOUNG CANADIAN. If they grow up in that shape, won't it be lovely if I come to see you. You will then take me out to see it. I shall be so proud to have my name along side of yours. Please tell me about your vegetables too, what kinds you have, and what grows best. What kind do you like best yourself? I like pease, and corn, and cauliflower. These are my favourites, but there are others that I like too. We shall have a nice feast when I come to see you, out on the verandah, if your mother will allow us, or down by the river. Have you a river near you?

Your sincere friend,

POST BAG.

FROM OUR APRIL PRIZE MAN.

The Rectory,

FREDERICTON, N. B., May 1st, 1891.

DEAR EDITOR,—Thank you for the beautiful penknife, which I received safely.

I think the YOUNG CANADIAN is fine; and it is very nice to have a magazine of our own.

With best wishes for its success, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

G. EDWARD R. MACDONALD.

ST. GEORGE AND MERRIE ENGLAND.

Editor Young Canadian:

SIR,—May I, without seeming to impugn the accuracy of the legend of St. George as contained in your number of 29th April, be permitted to inform the readers of the YOUNG CANADIAN that there is another story of St. George, and one much more agreeable to those who love and honour the "flag which has braved a thousand years the battle and the breeze" than the unpleasant narrative of the career of "St. George of Cappadocia." There are in fact two legends and two heroes, both bearing the Greek name of George. The patron saint of merrie England whose red cross on a white ground forms the British Naval Ensign, and is the principal member of the Union Jack, is "St. George the martyr," the reputed slayer of the Dragon, of whom it is said that he was the son of noble Christian parents, and an officer of high rank in the Roman Army, and that he suffered martyrdom in the persecution of Christians under the Emperor Diocletian about A. D. 303. Although the Dragon story may be dismissed as mythical the rest of the legend of St. George the martyr is at least probable.

Yours,

SNAPDRAGON.

MY DEAR SNAPDRAGON,—I am most pleased to receive your letter about our St. George, and my young readers will feel much obliged for this other version. St. George is not so familiar to us as he ought to be. We should know a great deal more about the names and memories we honour. It would inspire us to follow their good example.

Yours much obliged,

POST BAG.

FROM A VERY GOOD FRIEND.

NEW CASTLE, N. B.

DEAR POST BAG,—I received and read your kind letter and confidential paper with great pleasure on Tuesday morning. I am very willing to get you all the subscriptions I can. I do not think I can get many, but a boy can only do his best. I am not trying for money, only for I think your paper should be in every Canadian home. I still want Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 of the YOUNG

CANADIAN to complete the volume. Would you kindly send them on to me as I wish to get them bound at the end of the year. I have No. 4 which was sent as a sample copy. We have started a club here and called it "The Young Canadian Club" after the title of your paper. We have three objects in view. 1. The study of Literature. 2. The study of Wild-flowers. 3. The study of Shorthand. If our club succeeds, as I hope it may, I will likely get some subscriptions. I like the YOUNG CANADIAN very much and long for its coming every week.

Yours truly,

MAX AITKEN.

MY DEAR LITTLE FRIEND,—Your dear nice letter has given me great pleasure indeed. I love to think that our own Canada has a good number of boys like yourself, and it is delightful for me in my work that I am going to have them for friends. I should think more of that than of being the Governor-General. About back numbers 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6, I am doing my best to get them. There has been a great demand for them, and it is rather difficult now to get so many. But you may be sure I shall do my very best, so that you may complete your volume.

I am delighted about your YOUNG CANADIAN Club, and I hope you will have a very nice time. Our Wild Flower Department will help you in your wild flowers; the Shorthand, which is to begin in a week or two, will help you in another; and in the Literature, do not forget our old friend "Pater" who has charge of the Reading Clubs, if you want to know anything about your books. He has asked me to send you, all for yourself, our YOUNG CANADIAN Reading Club Badge, which I now do. He says you deserve it for getting up the club. Don't you think it is pretty. The other members may have them for seventy-five cents. Here is the picture of it.



A bookseller has just written to me that he has sent me 1, 2, 3, and 6. I will send them to you, so that is only No. 5, which you want.

Your sincere friend,

POST BAG.

FROM A YOUNG CANADIAN IN HARVARD.

Harvard University,

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.

DEAR POST BAG,—I jot down a few facts that may be of use to you, and of interest to your readers. Our Canadian Club in Harvard numbers thirty members, all connected with the University. Mr. Taylor, N. B., is our President; Mr. Willmott, Ont., is Vice-President; Dr. Raud, U. S. is Sec-Treasurer. Prof. McVane, (History); Asst. Prof. de Sumichrast, (French); Mr. Ganong, (Botany); Mr. Chamberlain, (Asst. Secretary); Mr. Willmott, (Asst. in Mineralogy), have official connection. Other members are students in arts, divinity, graduate school, law school, or medical department. Most are graduates of Canadian Colleges. Dalhousie, Acadia, Prince of Wales, Mt. Allison, New Brunswick, McGill and Victoria are represented. Almost all are intensely interested in Canadian affairs and anxious to return if suitable positions can be got. The lawyers and doctors will likely return—the teachers remain.

As for myself I am pursuing advanced work in mineralogy under Prof. Cooke, hoping some time to be called to a chair of chemistry and mineral in my native province—Ontario.

Very sincerely,

A. B. WILLMOTT.

P. S.—I shall be very pleased to identify mineral species for any of your readers providing only that return postage is forwarded with the specimen.

A. B. W.