

when discussing the outlook in the North-West, of which he spoke with the utmost freedom, and in a manner that showed intimate acquaintance with his subject. It was a veritable whiff (a pretty substantial one) from the prairie to have our big, ruddy, bearskin-coated visitor with us for a short time. We trust he will have a comfortable and safe journey back to his many friends at Russell.

Joseph Bird, 20, of July '95 party, writes to tell us that he is getting along well in the situation to which he went upon arrival here. He speaks in grateful terms of his employer, Mr. Patience, under whose direction Joseph is becoming a first-rate farmer, and in whom we are sure he will have a friend whose advice will always be for the best. It has given Joseph much pleasure to learn from Mr. Patience that the latter was one of the first party of boys brought to Canada by Miss Annie Macpherson twenty-four years ago. We well know with what splendid material Miss Macpherson has supplied Canada. Many of Ontario's most prosperous and most respected farmers were able to make the first step upward through the help of this fervent Christian lady. Her unremitting toil in London in behalf of the needy and distressed caused her to be recognized years ago as one of the foremost workers and organizers of the age in the cause of Christian philanthropy. Dr. Barnardo has declared that to the success which attended Miss Macpherson's efforts in the emigration of her young charges was due in no small measure the establishment of his emigration policy, the results of which, as our readers know, have been successful beyond anticipation, having given to Canada 8,000 industrious, wealth-producing citizens, and enabled that number of young people to earn for themselves positions of comfort and honourable independence.

Herbert Lenson, 16 (July '92), writes from Black Creek to inform us he is getting along splendidly. Herbert derives much comfort from the reflection that "we put 25 barrels of apples down the cellar, so I guess we will have our fill till Spring." Herbert must have a phenomenal capacity for apples if he does not manage to feel "satisfied" by Spring!

The Forester, of Huntsville, contains the class report for the month of December of S. S. No. 5, Chaffey. A number of our young boarders are pupils at this school, and we are pleased to see that our little friends upon the whole maintain creditable positions in their respective classes. We publish the list as it appeared in *The Forester*, the names of our boys being printed in italics with their ages in brackets in black type:

S. S. NO. 5, CHAFFEY.

Report for the month of December.

Highest possible number of marks, 100.

4th class—M. Henwood 100, B. Ruthven 52, A. Allin 30, M. Allin 22.

3rd class—A. Jones 100 (11), A. Henwood 98, L. Morgan 82, R. Morgan 80, A. Bray 79 (11), R. Black 78 (13), John Gale 50 (10).

2nd class—C. Skinner 100 (9), S. Fishbourne 98 (8), W. Briggs 88 (11), E. Dunstan, 70 (12), H. Bennett 68, A. Morley, 65, L. Allin 40.

Part II.—G. Jennings 100 (9), E. Gay 97 (9), R. Cookson 85, W. Houghton 80 (9), C. Ruthven 50, N. Cookson 30, G. Cornick 15 (11), A. Gurr 10 (11).

Sr. Tablet—F. Pearce 100 (11), W. Clayton 95 (10), C. Wall 90 (10), A. Beckstead 75, T. Law 45 (7), B. Porter 10.

Jr. Tablet—George Hawke (9).

When the pupils at a school comprise any considerable number of our "boarders" it is our custom to provide a prize, which the Princi-

pal kindly undertakes to award to the boy of "ours" who, in her or his estimation, is entitled to it for the year's work. We hear from their respective teachers that the following boys secured prizes at the close of last year:

School Section No. 5, Chaffey.—Teacher, Miss M. Campbell—Alexander Jones (11); Chas. Skinner (10).

Hillside School.—Teacher, Miss L. E. Hill—Charles Kellaway (9).

Beatrice School.—Teacher, Miss C. Gill—1st, Arthur Dickason (12), who obtained 192 marks out of a possible 200; 2nd, Henry Steeden (12), who obtained 186 marks out of a possible 200.

School Section No. 5, Brunel.—Teacher, Miss M. Francis—Frederick Jones (13).

Utterson School.—Teacher, Mr. S. Flack—1st, Walter Smith (12); 2nd, Ernest Gilbert (12); 3rd, Arthur Smith (12).

We hear of Walter Hailstone (June, '89) being still with Mr. McRae, of Strathburn, who gives our friend an excellent character.

We have considerable pleasure in now publishing the portrait of Charles Harris, who formed one of the party of April, '86, and



whose excellent record during his six years' residence in Ontario, and since 1893 in Manitoba, was the subject of comment in these columns three months ago.

We received a visit recently from Mr. and Mrs. Stork, of Pickering, who gave us very encouraging accounts of Frank Colborne, of the April '94 party. Frank has been with Mr. Stork since his arrival in Canada, and we learn that he has grown to be a fine, strong, useful farm hand, and it is expected that at the completion of his engagement in April there will be upwards of \$100 to deposit to his credit in the bank. Frank has just completed arrangements for a year's engagement, from the first of April next, with Mr. Stork's brother. Our friend has made excellent use of his time in Canada, and we have every confidence in his future being marked by an even greater measure of success than has characterized the first stage of his career.

In making application for a boy, Mr. William McKinley, of Elder, writes:

"If David Williams is not there let me know. I ask for him on account of Eddie Williams, his brother (April '94 party), who is a noble little fellow."

Frederick Evans (March '93) is experiencing that pleasant sensation which comes from a knowledge that the nest egg in the bank is slowly but surely accumulating interest.

"I am sending my bank book to be made up. I feel awfully proud to think of it, as this is the first year I ever got interest."

We very sincerely trust that each succeeding year will find a large increase in the interest and capital of Frederick's balance at the bank.

Alfred Hodges, 14, who came out in July '94, writes from Shelburne to inform us that he is getting along well, and enjoys good health. He tells of long winter evenings spent in reading, in adopting which course Alfred proves himself to be a wise little man. He has carefully copied out a short essay entitled "Earning a Capital," which he read some time ago and which he thinks might interest other boys just as it interested him. We publish Alfred's selection in Our Mutual Improvement Society.

We have most encouraging accounts of Thomas Williams, of the Spring party of '90. Thomas is still with Mr. W. R. Henry of Appin, Ont., to whom he went over six years ago. He has always borne a good character, and is described by Mr. Henry as an excellent worker. In thus recording the faithful way in which our friend has sought to carry out the good resolution he made when he left England, we do so with the very firm conviction that the future will tell of still greater success.

On the occasion of Mr. Griffith's last visit to the home of Alfred Budd, he found the house locked up and every member of the household away, having been bidden to the wedding feast of Alfred's employer's sister. From a neighbour, however, Mr. Griffith found that Alfred was "as usual doing very well." He was referred to as a pattern lad as a worker and in general behaviour. We very heartily congratulate Alfred, who came out in April '90, upon the splendid way he is keeping up the reputation of the Home

Joseph Wilcox is one of our "old stagers," having come out in April '85. He is a fine strapping young fellow in the best of health, and is spoken of most highly by his employer, Mr. John Lester, Bothwell P. O. Last summer Joseph went to England with a car-load of horses from Bothwell, and very glad indeed was our friend of the opportunity of paying a visit to his mother. He hopes to form one of our Exhibition party next fall.

Of John T. Stubbs (Sept. '93) we have recent news of a most desirable character. We had the pleasure of a visit from John's employer Mr. Samuel Wauchob, on the 6th inst., and the news Mr. Wauchob brought us was in all respects most encouraging, and his report of John was highly creditable. Mr. Wauchob tells us that John is growing and thriving and bears the best of characters. He has proved himself to be an honest, truthful, obedient lad, and can always be depended upon to do his duty faithfully to the best of his ability. We could wish for no higher commendation than this, and we sincerely congratulate John upon having earned so high a meed of praise.

MERRY MAKING AT STEPNEY.

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the kind we have held, and we felt some misgivings as to the ultimate success; but the result justifies us in hoping for another in a month or two.

We have begun the usual preparations for the Annual Meeting of the Young Helpers' League at the Albert Hall. The meeting will take place somewhere near the middle of January.

The old members of Mr. Finney's Bible Band will be glad to learn that the classes are still well attended and prosperous.

I hope all your readers will have as pleasant a New Year as is consonant with their welfare.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,

J. P. MANUELL.