

in the United States alone there were nearly 200,000 instruments in constant use attached to nearly the same number of miles of wire, while since the date given, the extension of the system, particularly in America, has been phenomenal; consequently we argue that Salmon has made no mistake in enlisting in the service of a system which has evidently come to stay and will probably offer him employment as long as he sees fit to remain with his employers. The other portrait among the notes is that of Charles A. Andrews, late baker and cook at the Farm Home — "Sergeant Bob," as the lads have always playfully designated the fine sturdy, open-faced specimen of manhood in the person of our ex-baker — has made during the last month a daring departure, having gone into business in Russell, as a baker and confectioner; a neat and well equipped restaurant is kept upon his premises, and we are very much mistaken if the Russell public, particularly the Curling contingent, are not prepared before the Winter is over to



CHARLES A. ANDREWS.

vote the "Andrews and Toovey oysters, served in every style," a great success. Old lads visiting Russell will find Mr. Andrews ready and willing to serve them with anything in his line, and all from selected and fresh Montreal stocks. That Andrews may succeed and yet become a leading Western business man, I feel sure is the heartfelt wish of all the Barnardo colony in Manitoba. Another old employee, whose portrait has already appeared in UPS AND DOWNS, Mr. William Walton, retired from the service of the Homes on the first of Sep-

tember, and entered temporarily the employ of a contractor named Mundle, doing his clerical work and generally assisting at the job then in hand. We understand Walton is an applicant for the position of assistant in the Bank about to be opened in Russell under the management of Mr. Thomas Leese, of Dudley and Leese, Birtle; so in future, my dear lads, you will know where to apply to obtain cash for your promissory notes. Walton's experience in the Russell district should make him a useful man, and the writer trusts that he may secure the position he is looking for and find it to his liking after he is installed in the post.

Several of our old lads are, we understand, employed on the construction of the railway through the Crow's Nest Pass in British Columbia, among the number being Edward Jones of the Labrador party, March, '93, who made a trip to England last year and brought back a brother who is now engaged in the Russell district and doing remarkably well. While on the subject of lads

who have made progress and set up for themselves in Canada, we cannot pass over the case of Frederick Johnson of the Parisian party, April, '90; and in placing the facts before our readers to show them what a lad of nineteen, without capital, can do in Canada if he has the grit and inclination, we can probably not do better than give a place in these pages to Johnson's letter written to the Home in August of this year:

"MR. E. A. STRUTHERS,  
Barnardo Farm, Russell.

"DEAR SIR, — I now take the pleasure