our boys are indebted to these good women for the saving to them of many dollars in the cost of the clothing

Paddling their Own Canoe.

Our custom is to make the first bargain for each boy, whether it covers a short or long engagement, and afterwards leave him to make his own arrangements; of course, with the understanding that he can look to us for advice or help if he needs it in connection with any of these arrangements. Our idea is to keep our young charges in leading strings only as long as it is necessary, and to encourage them to act independently as soon as they have acquired sufficient experience and knowledge of the country to do so sensibly and intelligently. And wonderfully soon many of our boys reach that stage of advancement. Some naturally lack self-dependence, and if left to control their affairs, will almost always be victimized or take the advice of the least desirable counsellors; but most of our lads develop an amount of shrewdness and ability to look after their own interests that is remarkable for young fellows of their age, and which is one of the satisfactory results of their training. A boy who grows up in a community of Canadian farmers early learns the value of a dollar and how to make and how to keep it, and if he is not a pretty fair hand at a bargain after serving an apprenticeship on the average Ontario farm, he has sorely missed his opportunities and signally failed to profit from the example of those about him.

Wooden-man Astuteness

We are often and greatly amused by the proceedings of some of our more knowing ones who [illegible] confidence, and by [illegible] master and man [illegible] with the subject of fitting [illegible] the [illegible] engagement drawn [illegible] each [illegible] meddling [illegible] the [illegible] having [illegible] appearance [illegible] with [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]