

stories, because nothing is too good for our children,—the very best that Canada can give them is not too good. So you see, that your letter, when you write it, will be just what the other young Canadians want, and they will be sure to reply.

About the nickel—it is found in some of the islands in Lake Superior, in Newfoundland, and in Quebec. But the richest mines in Canada are near Sudbury, in the district of Algoma, Ontario.

And as these are the richest mines in the world, we must watch with interest all that goes on to develop them.

Your friend,

ED. P. B.

OTTAWA.

DEAR YOUNG CANADIAN,—We (Billy and I) like the "YOUNG CANADIAN" very much. It fills a gap, hitherto only partly filled by unsuitable English juveniles of the Sunday school class of literature, or the somewhat objectionable sensationalism of the Boys' Own or the Boys' of England, and still worse, the penny dreadful. Bad enough, if English, and still more pernicious if issued by the poisonous presses of New York and Chicago. Even the favorites, St. Nicholas or the Harpers' publications are objectionable from a National or Patriotic point of view. We could never make Canadians by the reading of *striped* literature, even though from pens of star writers.

We like your treatment of subjects local, provincial or economic, such as the P. E. I. tunnel, the railway and steamship lines, cotton, sugar, etc. "Billy," above alluded to, aged seven and a half, has already read the "Peep of Day Series," "Robinson Crusoe," "Young Folks' History of England," etc., and he has a sweet little sister who will enjoy the bound volumes of THE YOUNG CANADIAN in days to come, as he enjoys it now. When you say "get your Atlas" he gets it and finds the place, although he has not yet tackled geography; but he has lived in an atmosphere of maps and it comes natural to him. Success and long life to the YOUNG CANADIAN.

BILDAD, OR BILLY'S DAD.

DEAR MR. BILDAD,—You are quite right. Our YOUNG CANADIAN "fills a gap," and I am very glad that you think we are filling the gap well. We want to, we try our best to, and we are sure to do so, if all our readers look out for us as Billy's Dad's little Billy, and Billy's Dad's little Billy's sister do.

Thanks for your kind letter. We are specially pleased to hear from you again, as you write straight to the point.

We are now preparing a special Easter Number, and we should like every one of our readers to send us in *one new name* in time to get it. It is not a great deal for us to ask, nor a great deal for our young friends to do for us, and we shall value it very much. The Dominion is so large, and we are so busy making our YOUNG CANADIAN good, that we want it to get into the hands of all at once.

Please, then, drop us a post card by return mail with the name, or what would be still better, ask them to send us their name direct, enclosing subscription.

If all our dear little readers would do the same, they would be not only helping THE YOUNG CANADIAN, but HELPING CANADA. That sounds very big for young people. But it is true.

GUELPH, O.

DEAR YOUNG CANADIAN,—Would you kindly let me know what are the easiest grown vegetables, and the ones that sell best, as I and my cousin intend to have a market garden next spring.

Your friend,

R. H.

MY DEAR R. H.—I must apologize for being so long in replying to your kind letter, but although I have not replied you must not imagine that I was forgetting you. Indeed it was simply because I was remembering you that I have not replied sooner, partly because your question was a difficult one to answer, and also because I wanted to do as much as I could for you.

I have had some talks with a friend of mine who knows, and who was much pleased to tell me all he could. When I said I was asking for two young cousins in Ontario who intended beginning immediately, he replied "That's nice."

After much conversation, we decided that the best thing for you to do is,

First: To commence in a small way, merely to supply your own neighborhood, or the market of Guelph if you are not too far from it.

Lettuce for early spring always pays well, and if you have some old windows to make a hot frame, you could make a start with that, and it would be quietly growing while you were preparing others.

Early rhubarb, too, is easily managed, but I am afraid you are too late for that for this spring.

Then you will prepare your garden well, so soon as ever you can work it. "Dig, dig, dig," must be your motto, and better half an acre well wrought than two acres in a half productive condition. Also I should advise you not to attempt too much. Rather give all the more care to what you do undertake.

For the first summer I should say lots of pease, beans, corn, carrots, and things that we all need every day. Tomato plants, too, if you can get a dozen or two, will pay you well, and perhaps by next spring you will raise your own plants from seed.

The great matter with pease and beans and corn is to get good kinds, to give them great care, and, especially with pease, not to plant too many at one time so as to have them ripen at different times, one crop after another.

In the matter of pease alone, I think there is a little fortune in store for somebody. We do not, anywhere in Canada, get such nice pease as we might, and when they *are* nice you know how nice they are.

If you are still, you and your cousin, minded to try, I shall be glad to help you more. It is difficult however to give advice by pen in such a matter. There is an excellent book that I could send you if you do not think the price too much. It costs \$2.50, which is a good deal.

Your loving friend,

ED. P. B.

INGONISH, Cape Breton.

DEAR YOUNG CANADIAN,—I received a copy of your Paper, and endorse such a movement with all my heart. It is just what we want. For years our Canadian boys and girls have been thinking the United States was the only place to get their Papers.

The type and character of the writing is highly attractive.

If you will allow me to make a suggestion, it is that after the first year the price be lowered. It is well worth two dollars, and no doubt will win its way at last. But two dollars is a very great deal to hundreds, if not to thousands, in whose hands your magazine ought to be placed.

Religious anecdotes and illustrations also in a periodical like THE YOUNG CANADIAN will do much, and doubtless awaken our young people to lift themselves above the "common things."

Wishing you every success, and praying that the result on the present and future generations may be for good.

I am,

Yours respectfully,

R. O. A.

P. S.—Enclose find subscription, and begin with the commencement please.

R. O. A.

MY DEAR SIR,—I must thank you for your most kind letter and its very wise and good suggestions. We are most gratified to receive such proof of appreciation of our efforts on behalf of our young people. And I am pleased to be able to say that such proofs are coming in to us from every corner of the land.

Your suggestion as to the price is one that we have thought over very seriously. Indeed few questions con-