

wealth, strong in her natural resources and in her free institutions, strong also in her connection with the great Empire of which she forms a part and a power that will henceforth have to be reckoned with in the councils of the nations.

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Our Own Advancement and Improved Position. AND if the past seven years have marked an important and interesting era in the history of the Dominion, they have been not less a period of remarkable growth and prosperity in Dr. Barnardo's own work, which we may assuredly claim as an important Canadian institution and a factor in the national welfare. We have steadily and successfully advanced our position in the country in spite of much opposition and unpopularity. Dr. Barnardo's work is now well established and well organized in all its branches. We have developed a demand for our boys and girls that at all times is far beyond the supply. We are efficiently maintaining, by correspondence and personal visitation, a close and watchful supervision over the young people placed out, and keeping ourselves in intimate touch with the great majority of those for whom we are responsible. We have not succeeded, and do not expect to succeed, in eliminating all cases of failure; but our failures and disappointments are fewer than they were, and the percentage of our lads and lassies who are doing well and growing up to honest, decent, virtuous manhood and womanhood is higher than ever as compared with those who have broken down either physically or morally. Many of our older lads are coming out of the ranks and making their way into good positions and advancing towards independence, while of the girls large numbers are comfortably married and settled in happy homes of their own. On all sides of him Dr. Barnardo must have seen, during his present visit, tokens of the valuable results and permanent success of his labours in the past, and we cannot

doubt that he has gone back to his work in London with his spirit strengthened and his heart encouraged by the manifest evidences of the blessing of God upon his efforts. It remains only for us to express, on behalf of all the Doctor's old boys and girls in Canada, our hope and desire that his visit may soon be repeated, and that long before another seven years have passed we shall have the privilege and pleasure of welcoming him again on Canadian shores.

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Our Annual Fete. OUR gathering of old boys and girls in Toronto during the second week of the Exhibition was a large affair, and, we are glad to say, passed off to the full satisfaction of both entertainers and entertained. Our young folks assembled from all parts of the province to the number of nearly 500 and ate, drank and were merry. The headquarters for the girls was at 323 Markham Street, where Mrs. Owen, assisted by several friends who very kindly volunteered their aid, dispensed hospitality to all comers. The boys, of course, assembled at the Home on Farley Avenue and the residents of that otherwise quiet and unobtrusive locality will not soon forget the incursion. Dr. Barnardo devoted two days of the week specially to the girls, and two to the boys, and, needless to say, his presence was a source of much delight and gratification. On two evenings our male visitors were indulged in a moonlight excursion, for which purpose one of the largest steamers on the lake was brought into requisition and specially chartered for the occasion. We had concerts, impromptu and otherwise, monster parades, fireworks and feasting, flags and banners, shoutings and cheerings,—everything in short but sleep. Elsewhere in the present number will be found a detailed account of the proceedings, contributed by our friend, Mr. Vipond, who, as general director of the ceremonies, rendered invaluable