



WHILE closing the notes for the April number, the writer was packing for a trip east to Halifax, for the purpose of welcoming to Canada another contingent for Dr. Barnardo's great western industrial army. The expected party arrived at Halifax on Sunday morning, April 2nd, by the staunch ship *Scotsman*, safe and sound, and numbered thirty-eight as fine looking youths as one would wish to see. Mr. George Mitchell, the superintendent of the Youth's Labour House, accompanied the party right through to Russell, and added much to the pleasure of the writer and the lads of the party, on the long and often tiresome journey, by his whole-souled, jovial manner and methods.

The lads, on arrival, found the weather anything but pleasant; however, they bore up cheerfully against the discomforts of wet, cold feet and freezing hands and noses, looking forward to the change promised them by their sympathetic foremen, and going on cheerfully with their allotted work in a manner much to their credit.

In spite of the prophecies of the weather-wise, the conditions did not seem to change, and to curtail a long story, we all of us put in a rather miserable time till about May 20th, since which date no one can reasonably complain of the weather, and vegetation is certainly coming on at a wonderful rate.

The work of putting in the grain this year, on the large area comprising Dr. Barnardo's farm, has naturally been considerably hampered by bad weather, however, under the best of circumstances, the long

more, our energetic general foreman, is to be congratulated upon the manner in which he has kept the work going, and we believe is, along with the writer, proud of the record of many of his young assistants, among whom we might mention Elijah Whittle, who, with his exceedingly well-kept pair of bays, the pride of the stables, has performed the greater part of the drill work. George Sabell, George Whitham, Robert Mace, Samuel Oborn and James Martin, all teamsters under Mr. Longmore's management, are certainly entitled to honourable mention, and do themselves great credit by looking so well after their charges, and generally taking an interest in their work. Among the temporary hands who have been employed at the spring work, are Thomas Young, *Polynesian*, April, 1888, who, by the way, helped to start the Manitoba Farm, and John King, an "old-timer," and of late a settler in Silver Creek. These young men have been employed ploughing and seeding, and aside from the fact that they are both excellent workmen and a credit to Dr. Barnardo's Homes, it has been a pleasure to have with us two old friends who know the work of the Manitoba farm from the beginning.

Considerable tree planting has been indulged in this spring, a work which the lads appear to have enjoyed, and owing to the fact that the district, so far, has been blessed with a copious rainfall, we not only expect to save nearly all the maples, ash, elm and spruce transplanted, but look forward to the benefits and pleasure appertaining to two as