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"WHAT does this mean to us in Alberta, with our heterogeneous population from all parts of the world, spread over a vast area? Big crops of wheat, money in the bank, will not make Canadian citizens of them. It is the degree of brotherliness and kindness that we extend to them that will do this; and it is through Scouting that they can best be assimilated."

The above was one of the arresting paragraphs from the keynote speech of Dr. Malcolmson, Provincial Commissioner, at the annual meeting of the Alberta Boy Scouts Association. Previously Dr. Malcolmson had been speaking of a trip to Europe, and the fine type of foreign Scouts he had there met, including boys from Japan and China. In the American Express office in Berlin he had met 12 foreign Scouts. "All of whom spoke excellent English, addressed me as 'Sir,' and were in every way perfect types of Scouts." It was this demonstration of international Scouting that led up to our opening quotation.

Universal Appeal of Scouting

Another interesting point developed in Dr. Malcolmson's thoughtful address was the fact that Scouting had spread throughout the world, "Not, as is usual with most organizations, by concerted effort, but by leaders in boy welfare work in the respective countries coming to find out about it, adopting its ideals and principles, and taking it home for adaptation to their particular countries' needs."

City-Country Troop Get-Together

An interesting suggestion of Provincial Secretary Solway when making a report on his work among New Canadians was that city Scout troops should "adopt" small and isolated rural troops, and maintain a regular correspondence with them. The letters, between individual Scouts or between the Troop Scribes, would be read aloud to the whole troop.

The suggestion was made particularly to the Rovers present, and followed a graphically drawn picture of the loneliness of these boys from foreign lands who were helping build up Canada in the sparsely populated settlements on the prairies.

Some Good Things from the 1925 Annual Meetings

The Missionary Note Again

A similar note was sounded by Mr. E. T. Critchley of the Provincial Council. When making the budget speech he discussed the possibility of troops in well organized districts doing something, contributing something, to carry on the work for boys elsewhere—and

THE BRIDGE BUILDER

*An old man, travelling a lone highway,
Came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm vast and deep and wide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim;
The sullen stream had no fear for him;
But he turned when safe on the other side
And built a bridge to span the tide.
"Old Man," said a fellow pilgrim near,
"You are wasting your strength with building [here];
Your journey will end with the passing day,
You never again will come this way;
You've crossed the chasm deep and wide;
Why build you this bridge at even-tide?"*

*"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
"There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm that has been as naught to me
To this fair-haired youth may a pit-fall be;
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim—
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him!"*

doing this for their own good. "Often a good troop, after reaching a state of near perfection," he declared, "dies for want of an objective. Here is something — something practically carrying out the spirit of the Third Scout Law."

High Personnel of Men Interested

An account of the conference appearing in the *Calgary Boys' Herald* contains this editorial comment: "One of the points that struck me was the amount of interest that is being taken by prominent men in the province; men whose names are household

words in business, professional and social circles; men of various creeds and divergent political opinions, but all thinking Scouting jolly well worth while giving time and interest to."

Good Progress

Reports presented showed Scouting in the province to be in a most promising condition. The census figures indicated 154 Scout troops and 50 Wolf Cub packs in actual operation, and a total membership Scouts, Cubs, Rovers and leaders, of 5,837.

His Honour, Lt.-Gov. R. G. Brett, Chief Scout for Alberta, presided. Dr. J. Malcolmson of Edmonton and Col. G. E. Saunders of Calgary were re-elected Provincial Commissioners and Mr. W. Solway of Edmonton was reappointed to the position of Provincial Secretary.

The council adopted a budget calling for the expenditure of \$3,800 during the coming year. The amount provides for the maintenance of a head office at Edmonton, summer training camps, and the carrying on of the Scout citizen program of missionary work among boys in foreign settlements.

Ont. Annual Meeting— Conference

THAT an Annual Meeting may be made a most interesting and enjoyable occasion was again demonstrated at the yearly Ontario gathering of Scout leaders held in Toronto, Feb. 12-13, with an attendance of some 250 delegates from every section of the province. The various district reports contained many suggestions on troop management, financing, community service, camping, etc., that found entry in the handy little notebooks furnished free. The conference proper developed a number of ideas which should be of important help to troops throughout the province—perhaps farther.

Not less helpful in an inspirational way was the social side of the gathering. The conference has become the great annual social get-together of Ontario Scout and Cub leaders, and on the morning of the first day the rotunda and hallways of the King Edward were dotted with men in

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Annual Meetings

THE more or less conventional attitude toward annual meetings—that they are a painful necessity, like the yearly visit to the dentist—should not apply to the Scouting variety. News stories of the two provincial annual meetings covered in this number of the *Scout Leader* again demonstrate, we believe, that the annual meeting proper may be made interesting and mutually helpful, and that when a province-wide conference is added, with its full discussion of problems, experiences and ideas, and its not less important social features, it can be made practically helpful to a degree, and a source of inspiration and strength to the Movement throughout the province.

The importance of these get-togethers may not be so apparent to the Scout or Cub Leader in the larger center—with his Scoutmaster's or Cubmaster's club. The city leader should look at the conference from the viewpoint of the small town leader who has been carrying on, month in and month out, with many handicaps and little or no help. To this man the Scout conference may be made the big event of the year, particularly in an inspirational way. He returns to his lone job with new enthusiasm and courage; with a new feeling of the significance of his work; of Scouting's contribution to the future of the province, and of Canada, and a new realization of the brotherhood of Scouting.

Of course the big two-day Annual Meeting-Conference, attended by delegates from every section, would present difficulties for some of the Western provinces, with their great distances and railway fare problems. But vision—missionary vision—and Scouty resourcefulness can solve many problems. For instance the expense difficulty would in part be solved by convincing the Local Association or Troop Committee of the importance of the gathering to their Scoutmaster or Cubmaster, and the propriety of the association or committee meeting the cost of the trip.

Where a conference is arranged sufficiently far ahead, business trips can frequently be adjusted to meet the dates; and where a Scoutmaster or other member of the local organization cannot attend, some business man

of standing may be made a special delegate, and bring back something of the conference atmosphere and vision and personal touch.

By suitable planning it may be possible to hold a provincial Scout conference on dates coinciding with those of other gatherings, and by a mutual arrangement a reduction in railway fares may be secured.

For next year why not a two-day Annual Meeting-Conference in every province?

It probably is unnecessary to note that with conference "stories," as with other matters, the space limitations of the *Scout Leader* permit extended mention only of such details, discussions, etc., as carry a possibly helpful suggestion.

Some good things from the annual gatherings of Manitoba and Quebec will appear in the April number of the *Leader*.

The Gillwell Winter Courses completed or under way have now reached the gratifying total of thirty-four. Of these five are Akela classes and one a special short three-night course. Calgary claims what apparently is the largest Winter Course Troop, with an enrolment of 50, and Toronto the largest Pack, with 36. Pine Hill, of Halifax, has the largest college class, with 28 men.



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The Registration Questionnaire

OF THE answers so far received to the registration questionnaire sent out by the Chief Commissioner better than 94% approved the plan.

The reasons given for approval may be summed up briefly as a belief that the Movement generally would benefit from "tidying up"; that individual registration would insure to the boy a fuller realization that he is a member of a great national and international brotherhood, and that Scouting in each province would be strengthened by the more frequent visits of field men made possible by the registration funds.

The majority of the answers suggest that the registration be put into effect at an early date. It is not likely, however, that the arrangement would become effective before next fall, since it is the desire of the Chief Commissioner that the plan should have the widest possible understanding and support.

Here are a few typical quotations from questionnaire answers:

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Will Scoutmasters kindly send in some names of boys who desire to correspond with Scouts in the Old Country.

Dr. William Hackney, Calgary District Commissioner for Rovers, was a recent visitor at Dominion Headquarters, Ottawa.

Ontario Scouts will be asked during the year to carry out a campaign to interest farmers in reforestation.

An interesting and promising feature of the Alberta Annual Meeting was the presence of a number of husky young Rovers, "listening in."

A brief personal note from B.P. dated Feb. 17th brought the good news that although still forbidden by his doctor to write letters, he was feeling much better.

"The best advertisement of Scouting is good Scouting; and individually we are the samples by which our organization is 'sold' to the community."—Alberta Meeting keynote.

Among those present at the Ontario Conference was Commissioner Hayward, of Galashiels, Scotland, who brought a greeting from his native land and personal message from B.P.

Manitoba's 9th Annual Meeting and 1st Annual Conference, Feb. 13, was attended by 132 delegates, who found a crowded program. The business meeting was made a noon luncheon. We understand it is planned next year to hold a two-day conference.

The Hawk Patrol of the 10th Calgary, under P. L. Gill, held a Tree Identification hike up the Elbow river, and collected specimen twigs of trees and bushes for Toronto University. The twigs were asked for in connection with an arboreal survey.

Announcement has been made of the Duke of Connaught's Challenge Shield Competition for Boy Scout Marksmen, open to teams of six from any troop registered at Imperial Scout Headquarters. This competition has been separated from Imperial Challenge Shield competitions. Particulars and entry forms may be secured from Provincial Headquarters.

B.P. must have had red ears for a half week on either side of Sunday Feb. 22nd. The annual B.P. Birthday banquets covered that period, with numerous special Sunday Scout church parades. Other doings included appetizer hikes, sleighing, coasting and skating parties. Of the banquets, the Father and Son variety was most favored. One of the biggest affairs in the East was the banquet of the 3rd Sarnia, provided by the Catholic Women's League. In Vancouver the District Scoutmasters and Cubmasters' Councils held their big annual dinner. At Regina the famous Rover Scout Band gave a Sunday concert.

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Stetsons and Scout shorts or breeches exchanging hearty "left-handed" greetings. The conference dinner brought the two busy days to a close with a crowded dining room and a crowded evening of singing, table-yell competitions, and other Scout fun; an address by Lieut.-Gov. Cockshutt, the presentation by Scouts and Cubs of the Toronto district of a Thanks Badge to Provincial President J. W. Mitchell, and a demonstration Cub going-up ceremony by the 27th Toronto Cub Pack and Scout Troop.

Something More for Canada

The opening prayer was offered by Rev. Father Burke, Chaplain of the 62nd Toronto. The keynote address, which followed, was delivered by Assistant Chief Commissioner John A. Stiles, who spoke on "The Things of the Spirit." In opening, the speaker quoted a school geography statement that England "is noted for its trade and commerce," and declared that the answer should have been that England is noted for good sportsmanship, for "British fair play"; that it was these things of the spirit that had laid the foundation of confidence which had made British world leadership and British world trade possible. He cited Florence Nightingale, the "Lady with the Lamp," whose mission to the suffering soldiers of the Crimean war had resulted in the creation of the Red Cross and all similar organized works of mercy throughout the world today. Coming to Canada, the speaker referred to the daring French voyageurs and missionaries, to the U.E. Loyalists of the Maritime and Ontario, whose vision and example had played so important a part in laying the foundations of Canada, and who had given so many great men to Canadian history; and the courageous and far-sighted pioneers who had opened up the Great Western plains.

"More and more," declared the speaker, "men are learning that not material things, but the things of the spirit are the real things of life. What Canada needs more than anything else is men willing to take time from the business of earning a living, or from their pleasures, and consecrate that time to the training of a few boys to live and laugh and play; to learn to play the game of life like true sportsmen."

He concluded with the appeal, "Let us do something more for Canada!"

Greatest Increase of Leaders

A summary of the year by Provincial Commissioner H. A. Laurence showed a very satisfactory condition, as to growth in the number of Scouts and Cubs, in the summer camping activities, and in public service. Particular satisfaction was taken in figures indicating a greater percentage increase in the number of trained Scout leaders than in the number of Scouts. This was the 1924 policy as stressed by Commissioner Laurence at the Annual Meeting of a year ago. For 1925 a material increase in Scouts and Cubs was predicted.

The actual census figures showed 16,603 Scouts, Wolf Cubs and leaders in Ontario, with an increase of 21

troops and 31 packs.

Proficiency badges earned showed a falling off. This was explained as being the result of a general tightening up of badge standards and the placing of more emphasis on outdoor work incidental to the Second and First class and King's Scout tests.

Camping

"Camping showed great improvement, both individual troop camps and district camps," the Commissioner reported. "Some of the latter were splendid, some seemed to lack control. We believe the individual camp is best. Scoutmaster and boys get closer together. One cannot emphasize too much the responsibility of the Scoutmaster to the boys. You are the troop hero. If the boys' confidence is once broken it is very hard to regain."

Other developments of the year were the number of new Local Associations formed, number of District Commissioners appointed, number of district one-day or two-day conferences, run in the form of troops, and the greatly increased number of leaders' training classes.



MAXIMUM breakfast, minimum fire—demonstrated by a Que. and an Ont. Crow of the 1924 Gillwell flock.

Expenses Within Budget

Provincial President J. W. Mitchell expressed satisfaction with the increasing readiness of Scouting centres throughout the province to support the provincial office and its field work, on the quota basis of \$10 per thousand population. Due to this support, and the fact that expenses had under each head been kept within a few dollars of the budget amount, the financial year of 1925 was started with a small balance on the right side. Quota contributions of \$800 were handed in during the course of the meeting. An additional \$50 was received from Mr. Arnoldi, chairman of the Ontario Honour Board, along with an expression of appreciation of the privilege of being brought in contact with cases of Boy Scout heroism.

The provincial officers were re-elected, including Provincial Commis-

sioner H. A. Laurence and President J. W. Mitchell.

The Wolf Cub feature of the conference program was a model pack meeting, with Assistant Chief Commissioner Stiles acting as Akela and Assistant District Commissioner O'Callaghan as Senior Sixer. A full sized Pack was organized, the Sixes including several lady Cubmasters. Talks on the relation of Cubs, Scouts and Rovers and on Cub camping were interspersed with frequent games, which were entered into with great zest.

Other outstanding features of the conference were talks on "Scouting and Bird Life Conservation," by Hoyes Lloyd of the Dominion Parks Branch, Ottawa, "Scouting and Forestry," by Arthur H. Richardson, of the Ontario Forestry Branch, and a lantern slide talk on "Backwoods Cooking," by Secretary Wyburn Hill of Hamilton.

Report "Idea" Paragraphs

18,000 hours of public service were performed by Toronto Scouts during 1924.

District Commissioner Macintyre of Owen Sound, reporting 9 troops and 4 packs, all active, re-emphasized the desirability of "starting with 6 or 7 boys and building gradually."

The boys of the Stayner Troop themselves raise and pay their provincial quota contribution. "They have been made to feel that this is their responsibility to the Movement."

Scouts to the number of 140 came in from the surrounding district for a Victoria Day rally at Stayner. Rain caused the sending out of cancellation orders, but the boys came anyway, carried out their program and made an excellent impression.

A display of a wide variety of Scout work by the 1st Huntsville Troop at the North Muskoka County Fair last fall attracted much attention. The Fair authorities have asked the troop to repeat.

"The country districts need co-operation among troops and officers. Immediately after school closing this summer we plan to arrange for a two days' gathering of Scoutmasters and Patrol Leaders from throughout the district."—Rev. E. A. Slemin, Stayner.

District Secretary Leach of Ottawa reported the Christmas Scout Toy Repair Shop the most desirable form of publicity the district had ever secured, and that it had greatly helped later during the local association's financial campaign. This campaign had been opened with a most successful combined luncheon of all the city service clubs—Kiwanis, Rotary, Hundred, Gyro and May Court.

District Commissioner Tyrer of Peterboro reported a very successful Patrol Leaders' course being attended by 32 boys, of every denomination. The course will last throughout the winter, and at its conclusion it is planned to organize some ten troops. The prospective Scoutmasters of these

troops are now taking the Part III (a) Gillwell course, and later will take the III (b).

"God bless the Rotarians for the undenominationalism shown by their support of Scouting," was the tribute of Rev. Father Sullivan of Chatham. . . . There was a fine quality of good feeling between the boys of the six Chatham troops—these troops being of every denomination, and including some very fine types of colored boys. A development of the year was the growth of interest in Scouting among the adult colored population.

Ont. Conference Notes

THE Stores Department exhibit was again one of the conference centers of attraction—also of much business. Although limited as to space, a very complete display was shown.

Provincial President Mitchell, quoting the Chief Commissioner, Dr. James W. Robertson, absent in Nova Scotia on behalf of the miners concerned in the labor difficulty there: "Difficult times to raise money, yes. But far more difficult times to raise boys."

District Commissioner John G. Kent, who is also president of the National Exhibition, in the course of his welcome on behalf of Toronto Scouts, invited Scouts and Cubs visiting the Toronto fair to make their headquarters at the Scout camp conducted on the grounds by Assistant District Commissioner O'Callaghan. He announced that all Scouts and Cubs in uniform would be admitted to the fair free.

Much attention was attracted by a display of 60 photographs taken at the 1924 camp of the 1st Huntsville Troop. Practically all were "activity" subjects, and included various items of a "camp museum" that would have done first class credit to any Gillwell camp. Obviously the boys attending had no dead time on their hands. The camp was in charge of Stuart Stanbury, formerly of the 1st Exeter, now of Toronto University.

The 3½ x 6½ blank page conference note book, with the program printed on the inside front and back covers, and special notices on the outside back cover, had developed a new feature for 1925. This was a pink four-page insert of songs. A number of the songs were specially written for the occasion, including a new version of Solomon Levi telling of Quartermaster George Ferguson and his supplies and manner of doing business—as alleged.

Forty-one Gillwellians were present, including Clive Sara from Calgary and Scoutmaster Gurner, of Australia. A Gillwell luncheon brought together men of eight different patrols of a dozen different camps, including Gillwell Park, England. The White Throated Sparrows, or "Canada birds," claimed the largest number—eleven. At the conference dinner the latter birds flocked to one table, and distinguished themselves by an insistent whistle-yell and much other disturbance.

A display of Wolf Cub work occupying one side of the big conference room attracted much attention, and many expressions of surprise from those new to Cubbing. The display, the work of boys of 23rd, 44th and 83rd Toronto Packs, included pastry, pudding and candy (one marvelled at the self-control of the young chefs); drawings, paintings; collections of stamps, regimental crests, chocolate and nut bar covers; knot boards; knitted scarves; trays, baskets, bird houses, etc.

The final item of the conference was the broadcasting from CNRT by Assistant Chief Commissioner Stiles of a talk to parents on the Scout Proficiency Badge system, and the opportunity thus afforded boys of finding their best life work.

Ladies' Auxiliaries

THEY can do these things for the troop:

Assist with banquets.

Assist with plays, concerts or other entertainments in various ways, including the arranging for or the making of costumes, decorations, etc.

Make special troop emblems, flags, hike tents, etc., if necessary.

Help to raise money for camps.

Help to look after sick Scouts, particularly boys of poor families.

They arouse the maximum interest of the community in Scouting, and bring about the widest possible appreciation of what Scouting really is and does. In turn their sympathetic understanding greatly encourages boys in their Scout test and badge work.

They help to keep the Troop Committee alive and working.

THE above were some of the main points brought out at the recent Toronto conference in a talk on the subject of Ladies' Auxiliaries by District Commissioner Macintyre of Owen Sound, one of the most active Scout districts in Ontario.

Organization

The organization of the Scout Troop Ladies' Auxiliary was thus outlined:

Their purpose: (a) To assist the Local Association. (b) To assist the Scoutmaster or Cubmaster.

How Organized: A group of ladies, preferably mothers of Scouts or Cubs, from each church, school or other community group, form themselves into a Local Committee, with the special object of assisting the troop or pack identified with their organization. (Where there is more than one troop or pack) Each of these Local Committees appoints a representative to a General Committee, who meet and elect a President, Secretary and Treasurer. This General Committee cooperates with the Local Association or Scout Council.

How they work: The Local Committee gets in touch with the Scoutmaster or Cubmaster, and helps him and the troop or pack in any or all of the various ways catalogued above.

The General Committee can help by undertaking to raise money in a big way for the Local Association. Some of the ways in which this may be done are: (a) By the production of ama-

teur plays. (b) By holding garden parties. (c) By earning and contributing "talent" money individually.

The "talent" money was earned in interesting ways. One lady made and sold "the best angel cake in Canada." Another ran a taxi service to a golf club. One auxiliary had their troop make serving trays (24 inches square, a half inch ridge, to take a set of four plates), and rented these for use at parties at 10 cents per tray.

Each member of the Owen Sound auxiliaries pays a yearly fee of 25c into either the Local or General Committee, the fund thus created being used largely to purchase comforts for sick Scouts.

Last year the ladies raised and turned over to the Local Association nearly \$500 for the summer Scout camp.

As illustrating what an auxiliary may do in the case of sickness, the story was told of a Scout, a member of a family in poor circumstances, who was taken ill with scarlet fever. The family means did not permit the engaging of a nurse, and the mother had a number of other children on her hands. The ladies of the troop auxiliary solved the problem by providing all the family meals, fully prepared, thus releasing the mother so that she could give the necessary attention to the sick boy.

In summarizing, emphasis was again laid on the wider understanding of Scouting which resulted, and the encouragement given the boys in their Scout work. Previously one of the problems had been to get the parents really interested. On the point Provincial Commissioner Laurence contributed the observation that whereas in many places the boy has difficulty in making known at home just what he is doing and learning through Scouting, in Owen Sound "the ladies have Scouting at their finger ends," and as a result the Movement is fully understood and is going splendidly.

Before and After Patrol System

I BEGAN my troop by giving instruction in the Tenderfoot tests to the boys "en masse." They were practically all invested before P.Ls. were chosen. For the first six months or so the Patrol System was not emphasized. Since then we have been working it up. I can see now that we got a wrong start, and because of it the P.Ls. have not been too ready to shoulder responsibility. They had got in the habit of leaving too much to the S.M. and A.S.M. I can see that the more we use the Patrol System the more healthy spirit we have. The competitions in work and games has made the boys keen. They help one another for the sake of the patrol. The P.Ls. are developing initiative too. If their boys still look to the S.M. when they should look to the P.L. it is undoubtedly due to the habit learned at the start.

—From a Gillwell Course Notebook.

**HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR
REGISTRATION
QUESTIONNAIRE?**

Cubbing Hints

THE following circular of standardizing Cubbing hints was received by Cub leaders of Montreal from Cub Commissioner Jockel:

CUBBING

Immediate Aims: Joy and happiness for the younger boy.

Ultimate Aims: Character building by the Wolf Cub program that he may become a worthy member of a Scout Troop.

Always start a Pack by telling the Mowgli story as dramatically as possible. See that every new boy hears the story.

Never run your Pack with boys in a straight line—use Council Circle. Games are the exception.

Insist on all Cubs calling you "AKELA"—refuse to answer to any other name.

Have your Assistant named "Baloo" as above, and further Assistants, KAA, Shere Khan, Tabaque, etc.

Do not use a whistle, use word "Pack" called sharply. This is the call of the old wolf to his cubs.

Get boys into Council Circle by command, "Pack, Pack, Pack!" When they rush in have them also shout "Pack, Pack, Pack!"

To get boys from Council Circle to Six corners bark like a dog or howl like a wolf; make one command of this nature and stick to it.

Boys should run to Council Circle in Sixes with hands joined. Have the sixer number his Six, so that they always know their numbers, and always stand in their proper place.

Aims to Work For: Obedience, playing the game square in the team spirit, and manners. Always have your program prepared before hand.

Grand Howl: Have this under the charge of your Pack Leader.

To start the meeting, leave room, come back and receive the Grand Howl.

When Commissioners, District Scoutmasters, visiting Cubmasters or any other visitor enters the room, Cubs should drop everything and give the Grand Howl. This coming without any command from you is very impressive, and in the approved Cub spirit.

THE REGISTRATION QUESTIONNAIRE

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"This is a very good idea, and should be of great benefit to Scouting."—W. A. Anderson, 1st Mary's, Glace Bay, N. S.

"This scheme should have been tried years ago. We have been too parochial, and the vision of Scouting has been lost to the boys. What we have been getting for nothing we have not valued."—S. J. Wickens, 1st Killarney Troop, Manitoba.

"Troop is thoroughly in favour, but cannot pay in one sum. They have decided unanimously to increase their weekly subscription by 1c, thus providing funds for registration fees, for enlarging the scope of Scouting in Canada."—A. E. Eagar, 2nd Halifax (St. George's).

"Owing to foreign community in which I live being antagonistic to Scouts I have no troop now. But your scheme has my whole-hearted support. You need funds."—J. A. C. Clokie, Laird, Sask.

"Money is required, but we must go easy. Most troops have monthly fees, there are Prov. levies, and the poorer and majority of Scouts buy their own uniform and equipment. Scouting should not be made too expensive a hobby. Field Service, however, is certainly an urgent need."—Frank H. Hughes, 1st Naramata Troop, B. C.

A Winnipeg Pack Program

Time 7 to 8.15 P.M.

7.00 Greetings from Akela. Fees taken by A.C.M.

7.05 Senior Sixer in charge. Signal to form circle. Circle-enter Akela. Grand Howl lead by Senior Sixer.

Roll.

Inspection: Attendance, Neatness, etc., marked on Board. Akela in charge.

7.15 Tenderpads, Talk on Saw, Akela. Rest of Pack, Exercises, A.C.M.

7.20 Pack Circle. Follow Leader, Senior Sixer in charge.

7.25 Fall in for Instruction. Recruits form circle round Akela, in charge.

Tenderpads form circle round Senior Sixer.

1 Star Cubs form circle round A.C.M.

2 Star Cubs instructed in Badge work by Sixers.

7.40 Pack Circle, sitting. Short talk on First Aid, Akela. Story or something read, A.C.M.

7.50 Games. Jungle Dance. Relay Race.

8.00 Pack Circle. Marks. Badges given (if any). Akela in charge.

Investitures. Grand Howl.

8.05 Announcements and comments, Akela.

8.10 A few moments' silence. Lord's Prayer. Dismiss. Good night.

"The idea is a good one, and my Scouts are quite in favour of it."—R. Brant, 1st Drumheller, Alberta.

"I think it would give the boys a more serious idea of what a Good Turn really means."—G. Foley, 1st Edson, Alta.

"I am in favour of each Scout paying 50 cents per year, and we shall be only too pleased to do so."—Wm. Leigh, Clan William, Man.

"The boys all feel they should be doing something along this line."—F. G. Spackman, 1st Neepawa, Manitoba.

"I have often wondered why there was not some registration of this kind. Especially since receiving the benefit of the Gillwell course I have felt that something should be done by all

troops to support Dominion H.Q."—J. O. White, 1st Maple Creek, Sask.

"A good idea; hope it succeeds, and thus fills a long-standing want."—S. Platt, 1st Dunkirk, Sask.

"A topping idea. Boys would feel a definite responsibility in the greatest of all Movements."—H. L. Meredith, 1st Springside, Sask.

"The idea is splendid, and will draw us closer to H.Q. and extend the work. What is given for nothing is not appreciated."—W. G. Brice, 1st Parksville and Errington, B.C.

"I am in favour of a yearly fee for several reasons. If a boy is at all interested he will be more so if he feels that he is helping the whole Movement. If a boy wants to come to a Scout meeting just for a good time he will not pay the fee."—C. Ursenbach, 1st Lethbridge, Alta.

"Field work! We should say! Every Scout should register. So we shall be united the whole world over, from Australia to Labrador."—A. A. Aldridge, Holden, Alta.

"Fully in favour of Registration and Field Work scheme."—N. Fergus, 36th Troop, Montreal.

"I think the idea is good, and, apart from the financial benefit, would help to buck up many boys in various troops. It would give more of a sense of membership in a Canadian-wide enterprise rather than a merely local one. Would suggest setting one week as Registration Week throughout the Dominion. How about Easter holiday week?"—G. Gupton, 20th Montreal.

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A Study Circle Program

CUB Study Circle No. 1 has been organized at St. John, N.B. The following outline of its first meeting may be of interest to leaders organizing Cub Study Circles elsewhere. (An announcement re Study Circles appeared in the January Scout Leader.)

7.30 Break Flag. Repeat Cub Law in unison.

7.35 Game—"My Ship is Coming In, With What is it Loaded?"

7.45 Discussion of the first four questions of the Akela Course. One question taken by a leader who opened with a brief talk on the question, this followed by general discussion.

8.30 Game—Questions not to be answered by Yes or No.

8.40 Discussion of the last two questions of the Akela Course.

9.00 Game—Dressing a Sailor From Bombay.

9.10 Lower Flag. Repeat the Cub Promise in unison. Plans for the next meeting of the Study Circle, also for a joint gathering of three Packs for the following Saturday. Dismiss.

The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, and the games, which were the type that involved mental activity, and caused much laughter, were greatly appreciated. The leaders are looking forward to our next session, and we all feel that we will derive great benefit from our discussions, as we get many different viewpoints.

—Circle Leader L. L. Johnson.

A Composite Four-Night Troop Program

- 7.30 Patrol Corners; roll call, dues.
 7.35 Roll reports*. Flag Break. Scout Silence.
 General Inspection.*
 Special Inspection—
 (a) Staves.
 (b) Left shoe, right ear.
 (c) Hands.
 (d) Hair.
 Marks on Board.
 7.45 Lively Game—(Freeze)
 (a) Foot in the Ring.*
 (b) Whip Tag.
 (c) Push and Pull.*
 (d) Tag Ball.*
 7.55 Corners. Test and Badge work as scheduled by Court of Honour. (Freeze).
 8.10 Quiet Game—(Freeze)
 (a) Blind Man's Journey.
 (b) Compass Forfeits.
 (c) Compass Blind Man's Buff.
 (d) Challenger.
 8.20 (a) Sealed message in Morse.*
 (b) Sealed message in Semaphore.*
 (c) Morse Relay.*
 (d) Semaphore Relay.*
 8.30 (a) Tracking box problem.* (Freeze)
 (b) First Aid problem, impromptu*
 (c) Tracking.*
 (d) First Aid.*
 8.40 (a, b, c, d) Impromptu Scout Law play; two minutes to prepare, two minutes to act, each patrol.*
 8.50 Council Fire: Song, suggested, Camp Chief's Hat. Song. Scoutmaster's Five—(a) Community Good Turns. (b) Story illustrating good sportsmanship. (c) What we could do this summer to encourage reforestation. (d) Marvels of Insect Instinct. Suggested song. Stand, Scout Silence. Announcement. O Canada. King. Flag. Dismiss. Two points off for noisiness when leaving, or at door. One point off for last patrol out. Court of Honour.
 *Patrol Competition.

Notes on Four-Night Program

Foot in the Ring

Steam-off game. Troop in arm-length circle; drop hands. Three-foot circle chalked on floor in center. On whistle boys rush to center, and endeavor to get and keep at least one foot in the ring, standing. Freeze whistle blown in one minute. Count feet in ring, by patrols. Repeat, three times, with two minute rests. Competition points to patrols in order of total "feet." No mass rushing allowed.

Whip Tag and Dodge Ball described in Feb. Leader; Push and Pull in April, 1924.

Compass Forfeits

Sixteen boys form arm-length circle; drop hands. Another boy, chair or other object placed outside circle to mark North. Boys told to note, silently, the compass points they cover. Scoutmaster calls upon various "points" to change places, as: South and North-East! North-North-

West and South-South-West. Forfeit points scored against those making errors, and "paid" at conclusion by performing of stunts. Stunts (such as, "Crow like a Bantam, then like a Cochon"; or this by two boys) may be called for by P. L. of another patrol.

Compass Blind Man's Buff

Troop in arm-length circle. Blind Man in center, told direction he is facing. S.M. calls two "points" to change places. They do so on tiptoe, Blind Man endeavouring to intercept and touch one of them. Entire circle silent. One touched becomes It.

Challenger

Patrols lined up facing each other, ten feet apart. Beginning at one end, the boys alternately challenge one another to do certain things, as, "I challenge you to—" and the challenger stands on his head, or wiggles his ears, balances a stick on his nose, turns a handspring, etc.

Sealed Messages

Morse may be written thus:

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Semaphore may be written in simple "match stick" figures.

Sealed messages are given Patrol Leaders in Corners, and are opened on whistle. Patrol points given in order as P.Ls. reach Scoutmaster's desk with CORRECT translation. All patrol members participate in translation.

Morse or Semaphore Relay

Watch-timed. Patrol lined up at end of room. P. L. given flag or flags. Each boy given one word of a message. On whistle first boy races to marked spot at other end of room, turns and sends his word, runs back and hands flag or flags to second boy, and so on. Any word not sent correctly must be repeated, at its conclusion, until correctly sent. Note that correct flag position and style is of first importance.

YOUR OPINION ON THE REGISTRATION PLAN IS DESIRED. KINDLY FILL IN AND RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

A Troop Annual Report

ONE of the most interesting troop documents recently received by the Leader is the Fifth Annual Report of the 8th Vancouver Troop, Scoutmaster H. N. Pickles. The report, filling two legal sheets, neatly mimeographed, is addressed to "The Parent or Guardian," and consists of a general statement on the year's work, an appeal for increased attendance at the summer camp of 1925, a financial statement, and various tabulations showing individual, patrol and troop work standings.

The reference to the summer camp may contain a suggestion for other Scoutmasters:

"Please do all you possibly can to have your boy attend this camp, as I am sure the benefits derived from attendance far outweigh the slight expense involved. Ask the Scouts in the Troop who never miss our summer camp. Friendships become doubly deep and more real when cemented by the common experiences, delights and problems of camp life. Brother-

hood—the Fourth Scout Law—is only properly realized under camp conditions. . . . Camp life develops the quiet shy boy, and teaches self-discipline to the over-keen boy; while all learn self-reliance and the satisfaction of serving others. I appeal to you to let your boy attend our summer camp this year."

The CASH ACCOUNT shows dues paid in by the four patrols of \$18.50, \$17.25, \$16.50 and \$16.50. Expenditures for the year, given in detail, amounted to \$88.70. Books and equipment on hand were valued at \$52.00.

The tabulations showed Scouts on roll Dec. 31st, 1924, Tenderfoot, Second and First Class; proficiency badges; the year's Patrol Competition points for Attendance, Punctuality, Neatness, Discipline and Progress; names of boys who attended the summer camp, etc.

The impression of such a report upon parents could not but be excellent.

THE REGISTRATION QUESTIONNAIRE

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"For all purposes think the idea splendid."—H. Whiston, 92nd Montreal.

"I have visited practically all troops of this District, and boys are most enthusiastic." Fred Choppin, St. John, N. B.

"I think the Registration idea a corker. It will absolutely bring home to the boy his direct participation in a world-wide organization."—S. Chapman, 1st Grand Falls, N. B.

"This should be a great aid in N.B., where we may then be able to get a Provincial Office."—D. J. Gulliver, 1st Newcastle, N. B.

"This Registration system should be a boon for Scouting in Canada."—T. C. Goodspeed, 1st Dalhousie, N. B.

"It frequently happens that the province having the least Scout troops requires much more missionary work than a province well organized. Would it not be possible to devise a scheme whereby a portion of funds collected by this scheme in well organized provinces might be used in provinces where Scouting needs to be stimulated?"—W. H. Fuller, 7th Edmonton, Alta.

"I don't think it necessary to offer prizes for a slogan. We are Scouts, and our object should be to help the other fellow as much as possible, and for the love of it and not for what may be got out of it."—J. A. C. Bogart, 8th, Edmonton, Alta.

"I think this a big step forward in Scouting, and would suggest the registration be commenced before the camping season starts."—R. F. Corkran, 1st Beebe, Que.

Scoutmasters who have not yet filled in and returned the stamped and addressed questionnaire are requested to do so, in order that as representative an opinion as possible may be presented by the Chief Commissioner at the next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Canadian General Council.

An editorial announcement on the subject appeared in the December number of the Scout Leader.

The Q. M. Displays His Goods

"THERE'S nothing like meeting the fellows personally, and having them learn at first hand just what you've got, and the 'Scout' quality of it," said Q.M. George Ferguson after returning from the Ontario Conference. "This was my third year—and it was like an Old Boys' Reunion. We weren't particularly planning on business in Toronto—chiefly to display our new lines. But the fellows simply insisted on buying—when they weren't jollying me, or one another. And when the room wasn't so crowded that they couldn't get their hands into their pockets—or some other fellow's pocket."

After which you can readily appreciate that it is the Q.M.'s pet dream that some day the various provincial Annual Meeting-Conferences will so follow one another that he may be able to attend



every one of them, from Halifax to Vancouver; "meet all the fellows"—and (being Scotch) sell to them if they are really determined to buy.

Fergie insists, however, that "the big thing is to meet and know the fellows personally."

Of the articles shown in the top picture, particular attention was attracted by the board on the Q.M.'s right, displaying every known Scout Badge and Medal; and the miniature First Aid tent, its group of Scouts performing first aid, and the Tabloid First Aid Kits. Scout Rings, Compasses, Woodcraft and Clasp Knives and the Official Scout Hand Axe also drew much attention and buying.

The Cub in the background of the second view was not the Q.M. Junior, in spite of alleged resemblance. He was as well dressed, though, argued the Q.M., and declared "Billy" would score 100 per cent. on uniform inspection by the smartest Lady Cubmaster in Toronto.

Another feature of this section was the new Shiek Tent, with its anti-moisture, anti-bug sewn-in floor. Another that drew particular attention and close examination was the new specially made Canadian Scout Boot—water-tight, comfortable, and "almost refuses to wear out."

The full-grown, chesty Patrol Leader near the window had an unusually important role, in addition to the general duty of looking like the "perfect Scout." He wore the new Scout shirt, bearing above the right-hand pocket the new official sewn on badge, "BOY-SCOUTS—CANADA."

This innovation drew many favorable comments, including the obvious one that it was a desirable step toward eliminating the public impression that all boys wearing "apparently Scout shirts" are in fact Boy Scouts.

Of the very large number of books sold, Smith's *Games and Recreational Methods* and the new and enlarged edition of the *"Scout Camp Fire Song Book"* (a small advance printing) were the best sellers. Our friends the Girl Guides dropped in and took about a hundred of the last-named.

The new Spring Catalogue will be in the mails before the end of the present month.



A page of helpful ideas from wherever and whomsoever we can obtain them

THE DUFFEL BAG

If you have a good one worked out with your own Troop, please send it in.

Are You Ready for the Spring's Ice Accidents

HAVE your troop make sure that all danger spots on local skating places are marked with danger signs.

Assign certain Scouts to go on Safety Patrol whenever there is skating; these boys carrying lariats or other suitable lines secured to and wound about hockey sticks or Scout staves.

Give the troop an early Ice Rescue talk, with demonstrations. (See page article, "Scouts and Ice Accidents," in January Scout Leader, 1924.)

Rover Stuff

SOME dozen or more Rover Scouts from various patrols in the city spent a splendid week-end at the Rotary hut last Saturday and Sunday. Making their rendezvous at the Tenth Troop's headquarters, their loaded lumbermen's packs, hiking toboggans and snowshoes gave passers-by the idea that an Arctic expedition was setting out. Supper over, a jolly evening was spent Saturday with tales and songs and cheery conversation around the blazing logs of the open fire. Before turning in watches were arranged for the job of taking turns at keeping the fire burning throughout the night.

Sunday, in two's and three's various parties set off up the river on snowshoes and skis, the ambitions of some taking them as far as Weaslehead by the circuitous winding of the Elbow, and then back to camp over the hills.

A Scout's Own service around the fire concluded the outing.

—Calgary Herald.

All Can Learn

THE REAL Scout never knows too much to learn. A steadily increasing percentage of the leaders taking the Correspondence Courses—at present probably 50%—came up from Tenderfoot. The books of such leaders frequently contain a statement such as the following, when answering the question "Should Scoutmasters undergo a test?":

"The Part III (a) Winter Course is another great help to a Scoutmaster. He gets there the most up-to-date methods of running a troop. I know it helped me; I learned things that I never knew before."

The above was written by a Winnipeg Scoutmaster who thirteen years ago was a Tenderfoot Scout. Similar statements have been made many times at the summer Gillwells.

Camp Only for Progressive Scouts

YOU probably will agree with the Provincial Commissioner who submits this suggestion:

The Annual Scout Camp should be used by the Scoutmaster as an incentive to progress by his Scouts. No boy who loafs all year is needed or wanted at Camp. Between now and Camp time every boy who is not through his Tenderfoot Tests should at least complete those tests. Every

present Tenderfoot should complete at least some of the most important parts of his Second Class work. Every present Second Class Scout should finish a good part of his First Class work, and perhaps qualify for one or two good Proficiency Badges. And similarly the present First Class Scout should earn his right to attend Camp by making some substantial progress from his present standing in Scouting.

If the Scoutmaster will announce some such arrangement now, he will "start something" that will keep his troop busy until it is time to drive in the tent pegs. And his campers, too, will be much better prepared for their summer work than they will be if they do little more than attend troop meetings, play games and go home again.

Ye Scout Almanack

March 1st—St. David's Day, 1st Sunday in Lent.

March 17th—St. Patrick's Day.

March 20th—Last day of winter of 1924-25.

March 21st—First day of Spring. The usual Saturday hike, but have a weather eye for the Equinoctial Storm.

During March—Hikes, skating, snowshoeing and skiing as long as the snow and ice and cold weather last.

Also—make plans for troop participation in local Clean-Up Week. Begin talking Scout Gardens, particularly raising of flowers for hospitals, church and school decorations, etc.

Patrol Competition Ideas

Several new ideas for point-giving have been tried out by the 4th Vancouver Pathfinders, S.M. Leyland. One which aroused particular interest awarded 20 points to the patrol making something which would be of use to the troop or to the local association.

The results included a board with the necessary articles for the Blacksmith Badge, and a Notice Board, which were presented to the district office.

Another idea was that of having each P. L. give a short talk each week on some subject chosen by himself or his patrol. Points were awarded for subject matter, delivered, etc., a perfect score being 20.

Short of A.S.M's or A.C.M's?

"The Local Association advertised for an Assistant Scoutmaster in the town papers. Reading this, and having been a Scout in England, with the 155th Manchesters, I went round to do my best."

—From a Gillwell Notebook.

SENT IN YOUR REGISTRATION QUESTIONNAIRE?

DO IT NOW, WHILE YOU THINK OF IT.

The Meeting Without a Program

LAST week I met a Scoutmaster who keeps a record in a small pocket-book of each Troop Program he uses. I thought it a good idea. Looking through the book, I came across the following:

"Dec. 23.—Being sick last week, did not get a program drawn up, so ran meeting spontaneously. Result—meeting not as lively or helpful as should be. Promise, God willing, never to go to a meeting again without a program."

Bureau of Rover Instructors

AT THE first Rover conference of the Calgary district the chief subject of discussion was "Rovers In Relation To the Scout Troop." The discussion emphasized the desirability of close cooperation between Rovers and their affiliated Scout troop, and the opportunity offered Rovers of assisting Scoutmasters by acting as instructors on subjects at which they were expert. Other activities suggested included such jobs as Troop Secretary, Librarian, Editor of the Troop Log.

Probably the most important outcome of the conference was the decision to organize a Bureau of Rover Instructors, whose members would be available for service with any Scout troop in the district.

A committee was appointed to discuss plans for joint meetings of all district Rover patrols for the purpose of special Rover instruction, and for joint action whenever this should be desirable.

More Troops Should Do This

THE Seventh (South Calgary) Troop had a thrilling time at last week's meeting, when, by kind invitation of Fire Chief Smart they visited No. 1 fire hall to gain some pointers in their work toward their Fireman's Badge. The use of the safety net, the correct way to scale ladders and carry down an insensible person, methods of handling hose and many details in connection with the proper way to fight fire were explained to the troop, and apart from the valuable instruction the firemen cheerfully gave, the Scouts had the time of their lives. A further course of training will be given later, when it is hoped that there be several of the troop ready to take their Fireman's Badge.

—Calgary Herald.

The Older Scouts Rejoined

WITH the formation of Rovers in connection with the Seventh Calgary Troop, many of the old Scouts have rejoined this senior branch, and the Rover patrols now number fourteen members. The number of musicians in this group has augmented the troop's orchestra, and when the new music that has been ordered arrives, something quite ambitious will be attempted by them.