



Notes from the 1927 Conferences

Manitoba

THE 5th Annual Conference of Scout, Rover and Cub Leaders of Manitoba brought together some seventy-five delegates from Winnipeg and outside points at the Fort Garry Hotel on the afternoon and evening of February 4th. Following the invocation by Commissioner Charles Rich of the Salvation Army, Sir James Aikins, delivered the opening address.

One of the significant remarks of the Chief Scout for Manitoba was his reference to the expected results of registration at Dominion Headquarters. "Although we are now dependent financially upon voluntary contributions," he said, "backing no doubt will be forthcoming as the enrollment increases."

Sir James again expressed his conviction that the Scout Movement was the best educational movement of modern times; one that would prove extremely useful in furnishing the right kind of leadership in all kinds of future community effort. In view of the small percentage of elementary school boys who were able to take university training, Sir James thought that some of the funds now spent on universities should be spent for the benefit of the many who could not attend universities, and suggested the suitability of the government devoting part of the present secondary educational grants to the Boy Scout Movement.

The following was the interesting programme of papers and discussions: "Keeping the Out in Scouting," by G. W. Bartlett, Eriksdale, and E. F. Mills, Winnipeg. "Geology for Scouts," by Prof. R. C. Wallace, University of Manitoba. "How to Run a Nondescript Pack," by A. H. Gammon, Portage la Prairie, and Miss I. Webster and J. K. Sparling, Winnipeg. "Lashings and Splicings," T. E. Paul, Winnipeg. "The Lariat," Field Scout E. H. Davison, Winnipeg. "Relationship of the Scoutmaster to the Home," Frank Foulds, and H. J. Hansell, Winnipeg. "Leadership Training," C. A. Hill, Winnipeg. "Troop Programmes," S. Lightfoot, Souris. "Methods of Rovering," G. W. F. Howard, Winnipeg. "Starmanship," Rev. T. W. Morton, Winnipeg. "How to Attract Young Men of 18 to 25 to Leadership," Sir James Aikins.

(Details of the papers and discussions have not become available to **The Scout Leader**.—Ed.)

Preceding the conference the annual meeting was held, with Provincial Commissioner F. Stanley Long presiding. The reports presented showed a substantial increase in membership and a satisfactory financial outlook. The provincial officers were re-elected.

Ontario

PROBABLY the dominant impression left by the annual Ontario Scout Leaders' Conference, held in the Auditorium of the Royal Connaught Hotel, Hamilton, Feb. 10-11, was its size,—close to 300, with an out-of-town registration of a little over 200; next its splendid spirit of scoutly friendliness; next the further general advance in the standards and understanding of Scouting reflected in the papers and discussions; and, last but not least, the perfection of the conference arrangements and the incidental entertainment features provided by District Commissioner Van Someren, Secretary Wyburn Hill and the local Scout leaders and their committees. The increased use of singing—not only preceding sessions, but between papers and discussions—was a successful and popular innovation.

The repeating of the Scout Promise by every one present, standing, provided an impressive beginning. The chairman, District Commissioner E. S. Wigle of Windsor, then formally opened the conference, Rev. Dr. Barclay of the Central Presbyterian Church pronounced the invocation, and Controller

Charles Peebles, on behalf of Mayor Treleaven, extended the welcome of the city.

The Chief Commissioner's Key-Note

In his key-note address, which followed, Dr. Robertson laid stress on the fact that Scouting is an educational movement, and that education is something of slow growth; something that cannot be hurried.

No man, he said, can afford to despise specific training for his job,—including those in Scouting. Scout leaders should each year participate in some form of training. The projected **Handbook for Commissioners** was a step in this direction,—the goal being "Every Scout leader, from A.S.M. to Commissioner, a man with training for his job."

He spoke of the desirability of more frequent conferences, including smaller district conferences. The better use of games was suggested, and a better realization of their object,—including the principle, win or lose, of "playing the game."

Referring to Scout registration at Dominion Headquarters he stressed the feature that the boy who has through registration contributed to give another boy the Scout training, has learned one of the most important principles of good citizenship.

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First Conference of Ontario and Visiting Commissioners, Royal Connaught Hotel, Hamilton, February 9th, 1927.

LEFT TO RIGHT AROUND THE HORSESHOE—F. W. Thompson, Winnipeg; E. O'Callaghan, Toronto; A. S. Buessnel, Chatham; L. Wheeler, Galt; D. W. F. Nichols, Windsor; E. R. Paterson, Montreal; Rev. H. A. Sims, Fort William; W. U. C. Hill, Hamilton; J. A. Stiles, F. E. L. Coombs, Dr. Jas. W. Robertson, Ottawa; Col. E. S. Wigle, Windsor; F. C. Irwin, Toronto; A. W. E. Van Someren, Hamilton; Rev. A. S. Mitchell, Markdale; Lt.-Col. D. E. Macintyre, Owen Sound; Rev. Brother Silvin, London; J. J. Turner, Peterborough; E. M. Doull, Perth; RIGHT TO LEFT WITHIN HORSESHOE—J. T. Hornsby, Lindsay; G. E. Bredenberg, Windsor; L. I. Bishop, E. T. Jones, Toronto; W. B. Tomlinson, Simcoe; J. R. Scott, Welland; G. R. de P. Vantom, Espanola; D. F. Thomson, Brantford; E. H. Barnes, Millbrook.

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Ring the Curfew at 9:30!

"I SHOULD like personally on each meeting night to ring the curfew for every Scout troop in Canada at 9.30," said the Chief Commissioner, Dr. James W. Robertson, addressing the annual banquet of Montreal Scout leaders in the Windsor Hotel, "regardless of the importance of the activity in hand."

"Do not forget," he cautioned, "that Scouting is only for the spare hours. First comes the home,—the school next; the church has the third claim on 'the boys' time,—and then comes Scouting."

Viscount Willingdon Suggests a Tax-Reduction Contribution to Scouting

THAT a portion of the income tax reduction provided in the Government's 1927 budget be set aside by those benefitting as a contribution to local Boy Scout work was the suggestion made by His Excellency the Governor General, speaking as Chief Scout for Canada at a joint luncheon of Ottawa service clubs held to inaugurate a financial campaign for the local Scout Association.

His Excellency declared that he counted it a real privilege to be Chief Scout for Canada; and said he believed the Scout Movement to be of enormous value to the country; that it was a part of our national life. He indicated that he had not yet found time to take the active interest in Scouting that he planned to take.

As an illustration of the important part Scouting was playing within the Empire, the Chief Scout declared that no organization had been more effective in creating a better understanding between the various races and religious divisions of India,—where he had served as Governor of Bombay and Madras, and also as Chief Scout.

His Excellency mentioned his visit to the Ottawa Scout Toy Shop, and the inspiration there was in watching the lads so busily at work mending toys for other boys and girls. From what he had so far been able to see generally, he had gained the impression that the work of the association throughout the Dominion was being very effectively carried on.

He referred to the organization of his own troop in the village of Willingdon, Sussex, shortly after Sir Robert

Baden-Powell started the Movement in 1908, his own son being one of his Patrol Leaders.

The address was broadcast by Station CNRO.

The Scoutmaster and the Local Service Clubs

THAT it is not always necessary to bring in an outside speaker in order to secure the support of local service clubs has again been demonstrated, this time in Kingston, Ont. Early in the winter Scoutmaster Leslie Miles of the 1st Kingston Troop (a newcomer, formerly of Montreal, a Gillwellian) addressed the local Kiwanis Club on the underlying and working principles of Scouting. Members of the club were invited to visit his troop, and did so. Results:—the club made the support of Scouting in Kingston one of its major activities; an old school building was secured for a headquarters; a campaign is under way to secure suitable men to take training for Scout and Cub leadership; prospects of a substantial expansion of the Movement, which has been on a "low curve" locally for several years.

Needless to say such an address must be carefully prepared; and the invitation to visit your troop should not be overlooked.



LAYING a track problem at the Nova Scotia Gillwell.

Toronto Troops Registering

THE 27th Torontos, one of the smart city public-service troops, of which Executive Commissioner E. O'Callaghan is Scoutmaster, claimed the honour of being the first local troop to register its boys at Dominion Headquarters under the new missionary-fund individual Scout registration system. Because of a technical difficulty arising out of local organization and the provincial quota system of supporting Provincial Headquarters it was not possible earlier to put the registration into effect in Toronto.

"Three-quarters of our troops are definitely identified with churches or other distinctly religious institutions," said Assistant Provincial Commissioner Irwin of Ontario, addressing the Owen Sound Rotary Club. "Scouting is one of the church's strongest allies. It supplies means that the church may use effectively in making and maintaining contacts with its boys."

Troop registration at Dominion Headquarters assists field work in your province, and provides each Scout with a "character" card that sooner or later may be of important value to him.



More splendid provincial conferences,—of inspiring camaraderie and practical helpfulness! Hope you didn't miss yours!

The Winnipeg Council of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada has invited local Scouts and Rovers to attend the bi-monthly lectures of their organization.

The Kiwanis Club of Kingston, Ont., which has made Scouting one of its major activities, is carrying on a publicity campaign to secure young men for training in Scout and Cub leadership.

On behalf of the Boy Scouts of America, Lone Scout Richard Grubb, formerly of Saranac Lake, N.Y., was presented with a life-saving Certificate of Gallantry at the annual February banquet of Montreal Scout Leaders.

An international conference of Scout leaders of the Pacific-Northwest will be held at the Seattle Boy Scout Camp on Hood Canal, April 29—May 1. The programme will cover camping methods and equipment and other outdoor activities.

The provincial Government of Nova Scotia, through its Chief Forester, Mr. Otto Schierbeck, has offered the Pictou County Boy Scouts Association 1,000 acres of Crown lands, as a combination reforestation and permanent camp-site project.

In a report recently made to the Medicine Hat Rotary Club on the Scouting activities backed by the club it was stated that the probationary officer of the city had yet to find a Scout among the boys coming before him for discipline.

As in England, Toc H in Canada is a natural big brother of Scouting. Toc H of Toronto and Winnipeg have their Rover groups, and Talbot House of Vancouver recently invited the local Rovers to a get-together.

On the occasion of the 17th birthday of the Boy Scouts of America in February, the 1st Brandon, Man., Troop and Pack sent letters of congratulation and good will to troops in 18 towns bearing the name of Brandon in various parts of the United States.

In recognition of his eight years of valuable service to Scouting in Montreal, District Commissioner T. H. Wardleworth has been awarded the Honorary Silver Wolf. The Chief Commissioner, Dr. James W. Robertson, made the presentation.

During a brief visit to Montreal His Excellency the Governor General found time to meet and make the acquaintance of a representative group of Montreal Scout leaders. In the course of an informal talk His Excellency credited Scouting with producing some of the Empire's finest citizens.

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The Chief Commissioner concluded with a parable describing the arrival at the gates of Heaven of a Scoutmaster who for ten years had trained twenty boys in Scouting principles, and who thus was able modestly to claim to be, like Christ's disciples, a "fisher of men," with a "string" of 200 boys set on the path of good living and service to others."

Rovering

Points from the address of the Assistant Chief Commissioner on "Rovering and the Older Boy"—

Rovers have arrived at the "my pal" age, the age of traveling in pairs,—as against the "gang" age of the Scout and the herd or pack age of the Wolf Cub.

They do not wish to be called nor considered as older boys. This is one reason of their dropping out of troops at 16-17. Call them young men, until after 21. Then they like to be called boys again.

The boy of Rover age is more sensitive—that is, his feelings are more easily hurt—than the boy of Scout age. He is critical of older people; he hopes, and believes, that he will accomplish bigger and better things. He has dreams and ambitions. And these should be encouraged; he should never be disparaged.

The ideal Rover leader is not easily found. His role is that of a confidante and advisor; and he must have education and understanding, and sympathy and patience to a degree.

Scoutmasters are always concerned over losing their older boys. This loss can be averted by Rovering, properly used and directed.

Rovers should be associated with a troop. They should meet on a different night, or in a separate room on the same night. As a rule they should be in the troop room during a Scout meeting only for the purpose of assisting the Scoutmaster.

Experience has shown that the majority of each Rover group should be old Scouts.

The speaker expressed his conviction that Rovering was coming; that the Movement needs Rovers, that young men need Rovering, and that Canada needs young men with Rover training and Rover ideals and spirit of service.

He hoped he would live to see an Ontario Rover Moot, at which young men would consecrate themselves to service to Canada through their chosen trade or profession,—declaring the intention to be a dentist, "and the best dentist in town," or a carpenter and builder, "and the builder of the best houses in their community," etc.

In conclusion a long list of possible Rover activities was read.

Securing the Support of the Community

Speaking on the above subject, Assistant District Commissioner C. S. Allen of Montreal said a better title would be "Selling Scouting to the Community." He drew an illustration from commercial selling: that you must show your goods. But first of all, you must thoroughly sell Scouting to your boys; must make Scouting interesting and worthwhile for them.

This point was given further emphasis by the quotation of American

Scouting figures showing 49 out of every 100 boys dropping out during the first year. Canadian figures were not available, but presumably the greatest loss would be shown during the same period. In other words, a considerable percentage of boys were not being thoroughly "sold to Scouting" upon joining the troop. In turn, this meant ineffectively planned meetings.

So the starting point in securing the community's support was making the troop meetings, hikes and camps interesting to the boy.

Next, see the parents personally, and make sure that they know what is being done in the troop. Fathers frequently are too busy to keep in close touch with their sons' doings, and regard Scouting as merely some form of play, and boys seldom can or seldom will tell just what they do at troop meetings. Have occasional parents' nights, with regular work in progress, and "Parents and Scouts" banquets, or "bean feeds," or parties,—with games in which all join.

Mothers are easily interested; give them some jobs to do for the troop. If you have not already the backing of such an organization, have a Scout Mothers' Auxiliary organized.

Ninety per cent. of the parents will give the Scoutmaster and Cubmaster all the support desired if they understand just what is being done. Several personal-experience stories were told to illustrate this,—including one of a farmer who ceased opposing his son joining a troop when Scout rope work was explained to him, and its usefulness on the farm suggested.

Next, the Scoutmaster must thoroughly sell Scouting to his Committee. An effective way is to use them on every possible occasion.

Do something for the community. As an example mention was made of the endowment by Montreal Scouts of a cot in the Children's Hospital.

Hold a display, field day or entertainment at least once a year.

Finally, make full use of newspaper publicity; and in the local Scout news column include some miscellaneous information regarding the Movement and its programme of activities.

Schafer Resuscitation and Jumping-Net Demonstrations

Most interesting demonstrations of reviving from electric shock, and of work with the firemen's jumping net were given during the first day's noon intermission,—the first by a team of expert demonstrators from the local office of the Ontario Hydro Commission, and the fire net by Honorary Field Secretary Lionel Bishop, of the staff of the Ontario Fire Marshall's Office. The net was loaned by the Hamilton Fire Department. In demonstration, after a talk on the manner of holding the net, Mr. Bishop jumped from the auditorium gallery, and was caught safely.

A second jumping net that attracted considerable attention was of a type that Rovers can make, for possible local service.

The Conference on Rovering

An invitation of the Assistant Chief Commissioner to an impromptu and unofficial conference on Rovering at the conclusion of the afternoon's annual meeting brought together at 4.45 a group of forty extremely interested leaders who were loath to break up at 6.15.

The following points and suggestions not already noted in the summary of Mr. Stiles' paper of the morning session were brought out:

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Ontario's
new
Chief Scout—
Lieutenant-Governor
the Hon. W. D. Ross.

THE CAMP CHIEF'S PAGE

OUTDOORS IN MARCH

Study the bird observation and flight identification hints in *The Canadian Scout Diary*, and watch for the return of the following bird migrants: Horned Lark, Kildeer, White-rumped Shrike (in the west), Migrant Shrike (in the east), Mourning Dove, Meadow Lark, Bronzed Grackle or Crow Blackbird, Cowbird, Robin, Bluebird.

Look for the first of these flowers: Adder's Tongue or Dog-toothed Violet, Trailing Arbutus, Hepatica, Spring Beauty, Skunk Cabbage.

Watch for the year's first butterfly, the Mourning Cloak, — dark wings edged with gold.

Watch for the first bees on the Balsam Poplar buds, collecting propolis.

During hikes, as the snow melts, watch for signs of bird and mammal tragedies of the winter. Reconstruct the story if possible.

THE WINTER COURSES

Part III-A running—Powell River, B.C., under Scoutmaster W. Crowther. Regina, Sask., under District Commissioner C. H. Goddard. Brandon, Man., under C. A. Hill, and Earle Davison of Winnipeg. Fredericton, N.B., under District Secretary Fred Barnes. Acadia College, Wolfville, N.S.; Provincial Normal School, Truro, N.S.; New Glasgow; Pine Hill College, Halifax, N.S., all under Field Commissioner J. O. Kaulbach. Projected—Montreal, Chatham, Ont.

Part III-B running—Montreal, under Provincial Secretary E. R. Paterson. Projected—Winnipeg, Man.

Part II Akela running—Calgary, Alta., under Provincial Secretary W. Solway. Projected—Winnipeg, Man.

Akela Study Circle running—Moncton, N.B., under Cubmaster Ruby E. Young.

Vestibule Courses projected—Medicine Hat, Taber, Alta.

THE STORY OF ORION

During March the constellation of Orion is in an excellent position for observation. The story of Orion from mythology will help interest the boys. According to the ancient myth, Orion who was the son of Neptune, was a handsome giant and a mighty hunter. From his father he had the power to wade through the depth of the sea. For many years he was a hunter with the goddess Diana. This much displeased Diana's brother Apollo. One day, observing Orion wading through the sea with just his head above water, Apollo pointed it out to his sister, and maintained that she could not hit the black object with an arrow. The archer goddess took the challenge, released a shaft, and killed Orion. The waves rolled the body to land; and bewailing her fatal error with many tears, Diana placed Orion among the stars. And there he appears as a giant, with a girdle, sword, lion's skin and club. Sirius, his dog, follows him, and the Pleiades fly before him.

The Pleiades were daughters of Atlas and nymphs of Diana's train.

One day Orion saw and became enamored of them, and pursued them. In their distress the nymphs prayed the gods to change their form, and Jupiter turned them into pigeons and made them a constellation in the sky. Although their number was seven only six stars are visible, for Electra, one of them, left her place that she might not behold the destruction of Troy, which was founded by her son, Danaus. The spectacle also had such an effect upon her sisters that they have ever since been pale.

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

CARBON monoxide gas is the principal poisonous substance in the return air from mine fires, in illuminating gas, in gases after mine explosions and in the exhaust gases of automobile engines.

Of recent years, owing to the remarkable increase in the use of the automobile and the custom of keeping them in small private garages, generally unheated, there are continually



Quebec City Scouts carved a splendid camp site out of the virgin forest on Lake St. Joseph.

occurring cases of carbon monoxide poisoning, due to allowing the motor to run in the closed garage.

Another modern danger is the extensive use of gas ranges for cooking, especially in small kitchens or kitchenettes. These ranges are often not connected with a flue, and in unventilated kitchens the accumulation of carbon monoxide is sometimes sufficient to produce partial or complete poisoning or asphyxiation.

This gas is odorless and tasteless, and its effects are insidious and rapid. A person is overcome so suddenly that he is unable to crawl away.

The symptoms are unconsciousness or semi-unconsciousness, patient very weak, and breathing rapid but weak.

The treatment for this poisoning is to get the patient into the fresh moving air as quickly as possible, send for a doctor and commence at once restorative activities, preferably the Schafer method of resuscitation, with, if possible, the administration of oxygen.

Notes on the Alberta Annual Meeting—Jan. 17th.

THE meeting was opened with the repeating by the forty delegates of the Scout Promise.

His Honour Lieut. Governor Egbert, the Provincial Chief Scout, presided.

Field Secretary Solway's report credited a major part of the progress made during recent years to the seventeen District Commissioners of the province, — described as "commissioners who really commish."

The field report showed over 5,000 miles traveled by train and car during 1926, to hold 170 meetings and 5 training courses—4 Vestibule courses and a summer camp.

An interesting section of the report was that concerning Scouting among boys on the farms in the scattered districts. Seventy-five of these, mostly New Canadians, had passed their Tenderfoot tests, and a number had advanced further.

It is hoped during 1927 to extend this work, with the aid of funds made available through troop registration at Dominion Headquarters. The plans include the addition of an office secretary, to handle the increased correspondence necessary to keep in touch with individual boys or small groups.

Particular appreciation of this practical contribution to the making of good-type Canadians was expressed by Lieut. Governor Egbert, by Mayor Bury of Edmonton, and by the Provincial Commissioner, Dr. G. H. Malcolmson.

The first report on Scout migration work showed that sixteen Old Country Scouts had passed through the provincial office, and were located on farms. A number of these boys have been visited by the Field Secretary, and all are being kept in touch with by mail. The boys were reported as happy and contented.

Striking Paragraphs from the Addresses

Lieut. Governor Egbert: "It is an education for our boys which will leave its imprint upon them, and one which should be encouraged in every way possible."

Mayor Bury of Edmonton: "The other principle for which you stand, the principle of service, is surely the most valuable, and one of the greatest Christian principles which we know of. The spirit of the Christian Church, and of the great Christian leader, when he said, 'I am among you as he that serveth,' is the spirit of the Scout Movement. And that is why so many of us have so much faith in it."

Provincial Commissioner Malcolmson: "The main principle behind the Scout Movement is contained in the Promise,—'on my honour.' Since I have been connected with Scouting I have thought more about the word 'Honour'; and I believe it to be the biggest word in the English language. The majority of boys, when they give their word, stick to it . . . There are too many men who will agree to do certain things, then fail to keep the promise . . . What we have tried to do is to build honestly and well upon a basis that is going to stand."

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❖ Scouting from Coast to Coast ❖

SEVERAL weekly Scout columns are publishing the standing of the local patrols in the patrol competition, giving the name of the patrol, the Patrol Leader and the figures.

The sponsoring of the 7th Moose Jaw Troop has been taken over by the Times Herald Newspapers, and the troop will be known as the Times-Herald Troop.

At a meeting of the older Scouts of three Winnipeg troops held in Linwood School a Rover patrol was formed under the leadership of Mr. R. Belden, former Rover leader of Kenora, Ont.

The first Harrow Troop, Ont., have been given the use of one of the local Fair buildings for a troop headquarters. The boys are putting the building into first class condition,—improving it for use during the Fair.

Local Rovers were invited to attend a "get acquainted" gathering of Toc H at the Vancouver University Club. The speaker was Archbishop the Most Reverend A. U. de Pencier, D.D.

The Stanger Troop, Alta., is composed entirely of farm boys and can meet only twice a month. Nevertheless the boys are making progress. "The Owl patrol is working hard on the Second Class, in order to equal the Onoway and Padstow Scouts, who are determined to have their Second Class badges before camp."

The 94th Montreal (St. Augustine's Anglican) presented a Chaplain's pin to their newly appointed rector, Rev. J. D. Ellis.

To permit the boys to attend hockey matches in which they were particularly interested the meeting hour of the 2nd Kincardine Troop, Ont., was advanced to 7 o'clock, those desiring leaving at 8, and the remainder working on badge tests.

The Anglican Scouts of the 1st Melfort Troop, Sask., have engaged to be responsible for the church's janitor work during 1927.

The Scouts of the Portland United Church, Saint John, N.B., debated with a team of girls of the church C.G.I.T. group on the subject, "Resolved, that winter sports give more pleasure than summer sports." The Scouts had the negative,—and lost.

The fighting of bush fires provided a topic for a January meeting of St. Mark's Troop, Edmonton.

S.M., A.S.M. and P.L.'s of the 1st Harrow Troop, Ont., accompanied Assistant District Commissioner Bredenberg on a visit to reorganize the 1st Leamington Troop.

The Mothers' Auxiliary of the 1st Asbestos Troop, Que., meets monthly at the homes of its members. At a recent meeting Scoutmaster Reakes explained certain points of Scouting.

Presentation of the troop charter by District Commissioner Hargrieve brought out a large gathering of parents and friends of the 45th Winnipeg at St. Paul's Parish Hall, Fort Garry. Provincial Commissioner Long gave an interesting address on the world aspect of Scouting.

The 35th Toronto uses a question box into which members of the troop may drop queries and suggestions.

In the course of an address before a gathering of Masonic Lodges at Courtenay, B.C., Mr. D. W. Sutherland, Most Worshipful Grand Master of British Columbia, paid a warm tribute to the Boy Scout Movement. He emphasized the benefit to the boy himself from the performance of his Good Turn every day.

Recording observations of a Scout with uniform details out of order, one boy of the 1st Darlingford, Man., reported that the subject "had his rubbers on upside down."

The Kincardine, Ont., Rovers took a course of instruction with the local fire department, and are now qualified to take over in case of emergency.

A mounted prairie Troop—of Taber, Alberta.



A programme preceding their February monthly banquet was provided entirely by the boys of the 1st Cranbrook Troop, B.C. Items included a parody describing various members of the troop, and a "very effective pantomime of a meal in camp, with trees, camp fire, and all the other scenes," by two Scouts. The "beans" were followed by a sing-song around the camp fire.

A Six competition continues to make lively meetings for the 17th Saint John (Trinity) Cub Pack. The 17th closes its meetings with patriotic songs and the "Cub Silence."

As an opening to the annual winter indoor council fire rally of the Border Cities Scouts the boys were led by S.M. Arthur Paddon in an Indian-file dance about the space beyond the chairs,—in alternate leaping and crouching steps, the pace being gradually increased, and ending in each Scout giving the call of his patrol, then taking his place in the fire circle. It was very effective.

Every boy of the 1st Abbey Troop, Sask., brought his dad out to an evening of games followed by a bean supper.

At the annual banquet of the 14th Saint John (Victoria St. Baptist) Troop a report of the year's activities was read by Assistant Scribe Wilbur Mabee.

A Rover Advisory Board has been organized for Greater Winnipeg. The executive consists of a President, Mr. A. K. Harvie; a Vice-President, Fr. T. W. Morton; Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, J. Y. Reid; and Mr. Max Steinkopf, of the 1st Winnipeg Rovers.

The 5th and 10th Edmontons are included among troops completely equipped with natural wood staves.

The third annual winter rally of Border Cities Scouts and Cubs brought together 500 boys and their parents around an indoor council fire at K. of C. Hall. During the evening the Gilt Cross was presented by Judge J. Coughlin to Scout Ernest Brock, in recognition of the good work done by him when a companion suffered a severed artery in the thigh.

The 1st Melfort, Sask., Troop was given a talk and demonstration by Mr. Fred Trent of Pathlow on the making of window screens.

A comprehensive and interesting outline of the Scout programme was given the Rotary Club of Vernon, B.C., by Scoutmaster C. W. Morrow of the 1st Vernon Troop.

An exposition of Scout training which proved interesting to the Medicine Hat Rotary Club (backers of Scouting in "The Hat") included a blackboard demonstration of track reading and trail signs, and a modern Scout camp lay-out. Mr. T. B. J. Harding was presented with his warrant as District Commissioner.

The 5th Saint John (St. Jude's) enjoyed a lecture on "The Work of the Post Office in Canada," by Postmaster Rupert Taylor of East Saint John. Boys of the Kirk Troop also were present.

A contest in troop singing was a programme item of a Saturday afternoon rally of Scouts and Cubs at Adelaide Hoodless School, Hamilton, Ont. Other items included ambulance work, bridge building, pyramid work, signalling, and single sticks. First place and the Scott flag went to the 6th (Central Presbyterian) Church Troop, with the 22nd

(St. Andrew's) second and the 25th (St. Patrick's) third. The Cub competition was won by the 2nd (St. George's) with the 16th (Westminster) second, and the 6th (Central Presbyterian) third.

As one of its winter activities the 16th Halifax has been making a trek cart.

Boys of the 2nd North Vancouver, B.C., spent an evening at the local Fire Hall and were shown everything connected with the operation of the apparatus. An alarm was staged for the boys.

"The necessity of an entirely different programme was very noticeable at a joint meeting of the Pack and Troop. The joint meeting should be held occasionally. It helps both bodies, and especially the leaders."—2nd Sherbrooke Notes.

A "Tulip Ball" given in the City Hall by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Owen Sound Boy Scouts Association was most successful, socially and financially.

At the monthly Court of Honour of the 1st Melfort, Sask., Troop it was decided that every Patrol Leader and Second must aim to have all Tenderfoots pass their Second Class tests and all Second Class Scouts their First Class tests before camp. One boy was appointed to take charge of all first aid equipment and it was required of each patrol that they have at least six bandages, two long and two short splints and a card of safety pins. It was also decided that a money prize awarded each month to the Scout with the highest standing in school be given direct to the Scout, and not credited to the patrol, as was the former practice. It was requested that the money be used either for dues or equipment.

The 1st Annapolis Royal, N.S., Cub Pack held a church parade and listened to a special sermon by the Pack Chaplain, Rev. S. J. Woodroffe, rector of St. Luke's.

The two Montreal Greek Troops, the 108th and 111th, held a joint meeting at which parents and the Troop Committees were invited. District Commissioner T. H. Wardleworth also was present.

At a banquet provided by the ladies of the Troop and Pack Committee of St. Martin's Winnipeg it was announced that the Cubs during the three previous months had raised \$65 for missionary work. The Pack provided a Christmas tree and gifts for the Denevour Indian Hospital.

A community troop being organized in Amherstburg, Ont., is backed by the Amherstburg Board of Trade.

A Valentine Tea in aid of the camping fund of the 103rd Toronto Troop (Cooke's Presbyterian Church) was held at the home of the minister, Rev. Dr. L. B. Gibson, the pastor and his wife acting as hosts.

At their first open meeting the Cubs of the newly organized Robertson Memorial Pack, Winnipeg, entertained their parents and friends to a lively programme, and the investiture of a number of Tenderpads. Cubmaster Marks of the Herzle Pack, who was present with his colour bearers, gave test cards to the four best Cubs of the Robertson Pack.

Professor R. Pugh of the University of New Brunswick was invested by District Commissioner LeBaron Bull as Cubmaster of the Fredericton Cathedral Pack.

Each member of the 19th Edmonton (St. Joseph's) Troop promised on his honour that he would attend every meeting until June, and that the only excuse keeping him away would be sickness.

From the annual meeting report of the Chatham, Ont., Association: The council decided to pay the railway fares to the Hamilton Conference of one delegate from each troop. A donation of \$100 to the hut building fund

A
British Columbia
Patrol camp site—
of the
1st Rutland
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of the 2nd Troop was authorized; also payment of the annual assessment to provincial headquarters of \$100. The Scoutmaster's Club was instructed to proceed with the appointment of two Scoutmasters or Assistants to attend the Gillwell training camp at Ebor Park in July.

A campaign to secure supporting memberships in the Sherbrooke Local Association produced a list of 111 names, as published in the *Sherbrooke Record*.

Rosslund, B.C., "Scouts and Dads" enjoyed a special Sunday evening service at the United Church and on the Tuesday following a "bean feed."

At a meeting in the Sweet Grass High School, the 1st International Troop of Coutts, Alta., and Sweet Grass, Montana, was re-organized by Scout Executive Baptist of the Glacier Park Council. Mr. La Branche of the Imperial Oil Company is Scoutmaster and Mr. Holgate of the R.C.M.P. his Assistant.

The Court of Honour of the 1st Chatham, Ont., decided to take the name of "Tecumseh" for the troop.

The head of the famous Indian chief will be embroidered on the point of the troop scarf.

Scouting in Fort William has lost a valuable leader through the departure of J. Howard Ross, of Knox Church Troop, for Kimberley, South Africa, where he will take a position with the DeBeers Mining Corporation.

Debates have proved interesting to the boys of the 1st Parrsboro, N.S. Questions discussed included, "Resolved, that the railways are of more benefit to the public of Canada than are motor cars"; and "Resolved, that reading is of more educational value to the young person than travel." The P.L.'s, T.L. and A.S.M. provided the debaters.

In the absence of the Scoutmaster, a 5th Saint John troop meeting was taken by Troop Committeeman Vincent, assisted by Troop Leader Whipple and District Secretary Hoyt.

The boys of the 10th Edmonton voted to get together on Saturday

morning each week "for bettering the troop's work."

A dog race on the ice was one of the amusing items of the annual ice carnival of the 1st Espanola Troop, Ont. Other items were a game of ice tennis and broom ball, and the usual races and costume contests. A long list of articles for prizes was donated by business men and other friends of the troop.

London, Ont., Scouting has suffered a loss through the transfer of District Commissioner the Rev. A. S. H. Cree to a parish near Chatham. The Movement in the latter district undoubtedly will profit.

As a means of raising funds the 22nd Winnipeg Troop has started a patrol competition in collecting waste paper. Points are awarded according to the quantity collected each week.

In co-operation with the local Curling Club, Trail, B.C., Scouts put on a masked ice carnival, the receipts going toward their summer camp fund.

The weekly Scout column in the *Saint John Times-Globe*, N.B., continues to run paragraphs on proficiency

badge requirements for the information of general readers.

News notes of the 16th Halifax mention: A Morse buzzer set (the gift of Mr. John Dwyer) connecting two rooms; presentation by the troop of a Scoutmaster's ring to S.M. Gerald Hayes and Scout Diaries to Troop Secretary Mahar and A.S.M. Duns-worth; arrangements for a talk on fire prevention by Fire Chief Churchill; two boys working at the local Government Experimental Station for their Fisherman's Badge; two teams in the Wallace Nesbitt Junior competition; an active Rover group.

Boys wishing to join the 35th Toronto hand in a parents' written consent to a Patrol Leader, who lays this before the Court of Honour. The Court appoints a Scout to be responsible for the candidate's Tenderfoot training.

In appreciation of his services as instructor in first aid, Captain Short of the Lethbridge, Alta., Fire Brigade, was presented with the Thanks Badge by Scoutmaster Ursenbach in behalf of the 1st Lethbridge Troop.

The 1st Portage la Prairie, Man., has been giving some special attention to weekly patrol Good Turns.

The 1st and 2nd Kamloops Troops, B.C., are competing for a flag which will be presented by Mr. J. E. Andrews to the troop earning the largest number of proficiency badges during the six months' period.

The well known local astronomer, Mr. W. B. MacKay gave the 1st Halifax Troop a star lecture that set a number of the boys studying for the Starman's badge.

Simcoe, Ont., Scouts held a highly successful skating carnival in the local rink, with a "hot dog" and hot coffee stand on the side. A large number of prizes were given, including for oldest couple on skates, oldest person, youngest child, largest skater, and worst skater, in addition to the usual costume and speed prizes.

A natural wood staff carved with the troop emblem, the falcon, and the Scout emblem, was presented by the 10th Edmonton Troop to District Commissioner M. J. Hilton.

A troop composed entirely of Ukrainian boys between the ages of 17 and 20 has been formed at the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Winnipeg. No other boys will be admitted until the present members have reached Second Class.

The "last lap" of the winter work of the 1st Vernon, B.C., Troop includes classes in pioneering and ambulance.

Thirty-five members of the 1st New Westminster Troop, B.C., on a Friday evening "hiked over the river to the gravel pit on the highway. When they arrived, there was a big camp fire blazing, with logs rolled into place to form seats. The programme for the evening consisted of story telling, songs and a 'weiner roast.'"

In its weekly news column in the **Portage Graphic**, the 1st Portage la Prairie solicits camp fund jobs "requiring from one to a dozen Scouts."

A map case was the prize received by the winner of a badge competition of the 1st North Vancouver Troop, B.C.

Plans already are being made by the 35th Toronto for the observation of the troop anniversary in May. The troop paper of February 1st suggests that the boys give "birthday presents" to the troop,—preferably made by themselves. A notice board is suggested; patrol boxes, signalling flags, rope ends, etc.

It takes a column solid to tell of the week's doings of the 19th Edmonton (St. Joseph's) in the **Edmonton Journal**,—and it's all most chattily interesting and informative for the general reader.

At the 14th annual meeting of the 2nd Sherbrooke Troop Court of Honour the treasurer's report showed \$300



THE building behind the signal tower of the 1st Moose Jaw Crows was given the Troop for a H.Q. by the Robin Hood Mills. The city gave a 100x150 ft. site.

earned during the year, most of it expended on troop equipment, and a balance on hand of \$31.65. The Troop Quartermaster presented a complete inventory of the troop property. It was announced by D.S.M. Giovetti that A.S.M. Blake of the 2nd Troop was being transferred to the leadership of the 2nd Cub Pack, "in order to round out his experience in boys' work."

The 17th Halifax (St. Matthias) pledged themselves individually to give their full support to Scoutmaster A. J. Candow during 1927, and "to look even wider for Good Turns."

The boys of the 1st Espanola Troop, Ont., last year cleared \$168 on their printing plant and \$43 from an agency sale of cut flowers. A skating carnival netted \$90. The boys take care of all the troop running expenses; for four years they have contributed half of the Association's provincial quota assessment.

The Cubs of the 1st Vernon, B.C., Pack donated \$10 towards a window for the new Vernon Scout Hall.

From a letter of fraternal anniversary greetings to Troop 3 of Anaconda, Montana from the 10th Calgary: "We still feel we have a special interest in your Troop through Scout James Sinclair, who was with you in 1924, and who is one of our keenest Scouts in the Tenth Calgary, and a real good advertisement of the good work of the 3rd Anaconda in teaching him his Tenderfoot tests. As on February 8th last year, Jim will have the honour of hoisting the Stars and Stripes at next Tuesday's meeting, to fly beside our own flag that evening, to keep us in mind of your red letter day in Scouting, and as a token of respect to you as members of our world wide brotherhood."

Impromptu first aid problems were a feature of a recent half-day hike of the 17th Halifax. Fire lighting and cooking tests also were passed, in carrying out the plan that every boy shall be at least a Second Class Scout before the date of the local spring Jamboree.

Each boy brought a contribution to the spread when fifty Morden, Man., Scouts and Cubs sat down to their first annual banquet in Alexandra Hall.

The Kincardine Rovers have offered their services to the Dominion Government to maintain a life boat crew at that Lake Huron port. The boat formerly stationed there was removed during the war.

Moncton, N.B., Scouts are being given instruction for their Fireman's badge by Fire Chief G. A. Ackman.

The presentation by Assistant District Commissioner Dr. F. Kincaid, of a troop flag, the awarding of badges, service stars and the Cardinal Cup to the most efficient patrol, followed by games in which all participated, then refreshments, made up the programme of a very successful reception tendered parents and friends of the 4th North Vancouver.

The Yarmouth, N.S., Trinity Church Troop contributed \$20 to the crippled children's fund of the Yarmouth Rotary Club.

Scoutmaster H. M. Field of the Fairfield Island Troop, B.C., has announced three prizes to be awarded this year, as follows: To the first boy gaining his First Class; to the first boy earning his Pioneer, Ambulance or Fireman's badge; to the patrol winning the inter-patrol shield for the year.

The Kingsville, Ont., Scouts staged an informal dance in the Town Hall for the benefit of a local hospital fund.

Over 150 Scouts and their Scoutmasters of Fredericton, N.B., attended a special lecture on physics given in Memorial Hall, University of New Brunswick, by Prof. H. B. Hachey. Interesting experiments were performed, and the boys then taken to

the engineering department and shown the x-ray and other apparatus.

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The Scout Mothers' Association of the 6th Edmonton Troop has raised \$250 for the building of a clubhouse for the 6th Troop and 2nd Girl Guide Company.

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After an address by Scoutmaster J. Foggo at a luncheon of the Associated Canadian Travellers of Nelson, B.C., it was suggested by School Inspector D. H. Sheffield that a boys' worker be employed by the municipality.

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Middleton, N.S., Scouts are making it their duty to look after the small odd jobs around the Middleton Memorial Hospital.

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The third birthday party of the 49th Winnipeg Troop was held at the Hebrew Free School, with Scoutmaster Abramovich presiding. A huge birthday cake presented by a lady supporter was decorated with the name of the troop in coloured icing.

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Members of the local Kiwanis Club were visitors at a recent meeting of the 1st Kingston, Ont., Troop.

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The 19th Edmonton (St. Joseph's) discovered a new kind of winter "hike"—on a string of bobsleds towed behind a car. At the end of the trail patrol fires were built and hot meals prepared, in spite of zero weather.

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A talk on infection by Scoutmaster Greig opened a first aid course for the 1st North Kamloops Troop, B.C. Patrol Leaders were then instructed in the folding of bandages and the making of broad and narrow arm slings.

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As an expression of appreciation of his several years of valuable service to local Scouting, Rev. A. S. H. Cree, resigning as District Commissioner in consequence of his transfer to another ministerial charge, was presented at the annual London District dinner with a gold pen and pencil. In similar appreciation of his interest in the 12th London as Honorary Scoutmaster, Mr. Cree was called upon, to receive a handsome club bag at an entertainment of the troop. The bag was the joint gift of the Troop Committee, of which Mrs. R. Thompson is chairman, of the Troop and the Cub Pack. The presentation was made by Scoutmaster West.

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Through an unfortunate mixing of captions, a picture of Scouts on a snowshoe hike in the January Leader, and of a Cub field day in the February magazine, should have been credited to the 1st North Bay, Ont., Troop and Pack,—two of the most active Scout units in Northern Ontario.

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Rossland, B.C., Scouts were credited by the Nelson Daily News with giving effective service at a serious fire in the business section of the town.

The Honorable Charge as an Akela Leader was presented to Mr. H. M. Jockel, Wolf Cub Commissioner for Montreal, at the annual banquet of the Montreal leaders. The Chief Commissioner also presented the Gillwell beads to Provincial Secretary E. Russell Paterson and the Akela beads to Messrs. C. W. Foote, K. L. MacMillan and G. Phillips.

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One of the important subjects to come up for discussion at a conference of Scout leaders of the district of London, Ont., was that on the relation of the Troop Committee to the Scoutmaster, led by Assistant District Commissioner D. W. F. Nichols of the Border Cities. The conference, the first of its kind, was declared a great success.

A Composite Four-Night Troop Programme

- 7.30 Patrol Corners; roll call, dues.
- 7.35 Roll reports.* Flag break. Scout Silence. General Inspection.* Special Inspection—*
- (a) Neckerchiefs.
- (b) Scout hats or toques.
- (c) Contents of pockets for usefulness.
- (d) Left hand, right ear.
- 7.45 Lively Game —(Freeze)*
- (a) Poison Circle.
- (b) Chain Tag.
- (c) Foot in the Ring.*
- (d) Elephant and Whale.*
- 7.55 Corners. Test and Badge work as arranged by Court of Honour.
- (Freeze)*
- 8.10 Quiet Game—
- (a) Strange Scout.
- (b) Knot Baseball.
- (c) Sleeping Pirate.
- (d) Spies.
- 8.20 (a) Semaphore Relay.*
- (b) Morse Relay.*
- (c) Sealed Message in Semaphore.*
- (d) Sealed Message in Morse.*
- 8.30 (a) Hand Signals.*
- (b) Tracking box problem.*
- (c,d) Ice Accident problem.*
- 8.40 (a,c) Scout Law Charades.*
- (b) Scout Law Baseball.*
- (d) First Aid problem.*
- 8.50 Council Fire: Songs. S.M.'s Five. Songs (rounds). Announcements. Scout Silence. O Canada. King. Flag. Dismiss. One point for patrol making least noise when leaving.
- Court of Honour.
- *Patrol Competition.

A number of the older boys of the 1st Galt, Ont., Troop have been organized as a special older boys' patrol, this permitting of promotions and making room in the troop for the "going-up" of a number of Cubs from the Pack. All members of the new patrol are First Class Scouts. They aim to become an "all King's Scout Patrol."

During a Hamilton game of Scout hare and hounds the hares were discovered in a sand pit mounting guard over an abandoned bootlegger's motor truck,—which was turned over to the police.

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Following a banquet tendered the 1st Chilliwack, B.C., Troop and Committee by the Committee of the Fairfield Island Troop, a totem pole was presented to the latter troop by Mrs. S. L. Brice and a handsome pipe and case given Scoutmaster H. M. Field by his T.L., P.L.'s and Seconds. A council fire with songs, stunts and yarns completed a most enjoyable evening's get-together.

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Community Good Turns of the 1st New Glasgow Troop, N.S., included keeping an open air rink free from snow for the entire season and assisting in gathering food stuffs for the Aberdeen Hospital. The Troop earned 62 proficiency badges.

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Cubmaster Phillips, recently arrived from the Old Country, is in charge of the newly organized Wolf Cub Pack of the Chatham, Ont., Baptist Church.

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The 2nd and 21st Border Cities Troops held a joint hike during which the boys paired off for the cooking of the evening meal.

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With the presentation of King's Scout badges and All Round cords to Scouts J. Arthur Peebles and H. M. McLuhan by Scoutmaster C. S. Hill, the number of King's Scouts in the 28th Winnipeg Troop was brought up to thirteen.

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A lantern lecture in the Cloverdale, B.C., United Church by Rev. Frank Chilton netted \$15 toward the expenses of organizing a Cub Pack.

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During the Christmas holidays Scout James Don of the Padstow Lone Patrol, Alta., was a visitor of the 1st Onoway Troop. The boys went on a hike and practiced various outdoor tests for their Second Class badge.

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A Scout flag was presented to the 23rd Toronto Troop by Sir Henry Pellatt, at a gathering in St. Clement's Parish Hall. Dedication of the flag was made by the rector, Rev. Mr. Nicholson.

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On a Sunday afternoon Salvation Army Boy Scouts of Stratford, Ont., visited an aged lady who was seriously ill and cheered her by singing and prayer.

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Sixty boys of the Victoria St. Baptist Troop, Saint John, N.B., sat down to the annual banquet, served by the ladies of the church. The troop's annual report showed receipts of \$478.15, and a substantial balance on hand; 48 boys and 2 adults at the 10-day summer camp; winning of the 1926 District Scout Baseball championship; donation of a ton of coal to the church. The pastor, Rev. E. R. MacWilliam, is the troop chaplain.

NOTES FROM THE CONFERENCES
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The Rover Movement is still in the experimental stage, but rapidly taking form.

The general opinion was that the minimum age for Rovers should be 17, with Scoutmasters or Rover leaders using their own judgment as to accepting boys under that age.

The main qualification for a Rover leader is that he should possess a sound philosophy of life.

It is important to remember in Rovering that self-government does not mean self-license. The Rover leader must influence and control, but keep himself in the background.

Admitted that one of the aims of Rovering is to train young men for A.S.M.'s and A.C.M.'s, but it must be recognized that not every Rover has the necessary qualities for leadership.

Any boy may be a Rover, whether previously a Scout or not; but a Rover Patrol of 50 per cent. non-Scouts is a difficult problem. Where a Rover patrol has been formed of Scouts and non-Scouts, a longer period of probation should be required of the non-Scouts.

For a new Rover patrol entirely composed of non-Scouts it is best to first concentrate on the Scout tests, taking up Rovering later. This class of patrol requires particularly capable leadership and careful handling.

Rover dens are most useful and desirable, but it should be seen to that they are properly looked after. Under no circumstances should "rough house" be permitted.

If the Rover patrol spends an evening with its affiliated troop, it is a good plan, for game purposes, to have the Scout patrols choose the Rovers, one by one, as in a spelling match.

The Rover leader carries the rank of Assistant Scoutmaster. In the absence of a Rover leader, a Rover patrol may carry on temporarily under the guidance of a Rover Mate.

At the Banquet and Council Fire
The conference banquet, and the council fire which followed, were as enjoyable as always, with a capacity gathering. A new incidental banquet feature was a succession of amusing stunts put on by Hamilton Scouts.

Some excellent demonstrations by the 22nd Pack and several local troops made up the first part of the council fire programme,—pack formations and marches; the building of a full size bridge by the 25th Troop, pyramid building by the 22nd, signalling and single sticks by the 6th and some excellent part singing by the 6th troop and Boys' Home Cub Pack.

Outstanding incidents of the council fire proper were the presentation by the Dominion Camp Chief of the Gillwell beads to Honorary Field Secretary Lionel Bishop and Scoutmaster Alfred Davis of Creemore; greetings from Winnipeg brought by the Assistant Provincial Commissioner for Wolf Cubs, Frank W. Thompson, and from Montreal by Assistant District Commissioner Claude S. Allen; and addresses by Mr. John O'Connor, former president of the Toronto Association; Mr. George Luck, owner of Ebor Park (the provincial Gillwell training centre), and Provincial President J. W. Mitchell.

President Mitchell concluded a stirring talk with an appeal that for this year Ontario Scouting in all things set an example of good sportsmanship,— "playing for the fun of the game, not first to win; playing for the team; being equally good sportsmen when in the audience—applauding all good plays of opponents, accepting the ruling of umpires without criticism."

Fire Chief Wallace T. James of the Hamilton Department, who was called away, left a message for the conference in which he said in part, "I am glad to know that the Fireman's badge heads the list of proficiency badges. By such training these boys automatically become fire preventionists, and the training must leave a lasting impression... In this work I am satisfied that the Boy Scouts Association is doing a real service for our country."

The council fire was concluded with a quiet talk by the Chief Commissioner, who left with the silent, fire-lit circle of leaders the thought and reminder, for the year, "A Scout's honour is to be trusted."

(Continued in April)

Conference of Ontario Commissioners

THE first conference of provincial Scout commissioners, held at Hamilton Feb. 9th, previous to the provincial Scout leaders' conference, brought together 27 commissioners of various ranks from every section of Ontario, and one representative each from Manitoba and Quebec. The purpose was the discussion of the suggested contents of a Canadian Handbook for Commissioners. The outline was approved and a number of suggestions contributed for the expansion of certain sections and the additions of others. The gathering was regarded as most successful: and incidentally as gratifyingly significant of the extent to which Scout leaders in Canada have been developing a common viewpoint and common appreciation of the true intent and spirit of the Scout Movement.

Quebec Provincial Conference

The annual get-together of Quebec leaders will be held at Sherbrooke, March 18-19. Leaders from other provinces are cordially invited to "drop in."

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THAT you can never tell where a Good Turn 'may end' has been exemplified in a number of unexpected ways in connection with our Scout Toy Repair Shops. The following letter reveals in the distribution of toys to children of immigrant families (begun last Christmas at Halifax, Winnipeg and Calgary) a new contribution of Scouting to future Canadian good-citizenship.

The letter was received by the Calgary Boy Scouts Association from the District Supervisor of the Department of Immigration, Mr. W. S. Woods. It reads:

"This branch desires to express to the Boy Scouts their deep appreciation and thanks for the donation of a large number of toys left over after your Christmas activities.

"These toys will go into the homes of newly arrived immigrants from Great Britain, and they will be distributed during the travels of our field supervisors to those homes where the men see the need of a toy. You may rest assured that they will bring a lot of pleasure to the little ones to whom they go....

"Kindly contributions of this nature do a lot towards laying a foundation for good Canadian citizenship in these newcomers. The department, on behalf of these 'new Canadians,' extends its thanks to the Scouts responsible for these very welcome gifts."

FAKE SCOUT HIKERS, according to recent advices from the Boy Scouts International Bureau: Johann Jos. Nivelstein, of Holland, travelling Europe in imitation Scout uniform, begging by selling postcards. Erik Danielsen and Jack Steen, Danes, wearing the uniform of the Danske Spejderkorps; last reported in Belgium, begging by selling postcards.

Under date of February 4th the International Bureau also passes on a request from the Boy Scouts of Roumania that any letters signed by Valerin Tebeica, falsely claiming to be a Scoutmaster of Bucarest, be ignored, and the communications forwarded to Prof. Constantin Nedelcu, Asociatia Certasii Romaniei, Str. Latina 10, Bucarest, Roumania.

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Baden-Powell in South Africa

THE following sketch of the visit of the World Chief Scout to South Africa, received from Imperial Headquarters, will be read with interest by Canadian Scout leaders:

The biggest Scout camp yet held in South Africa took place in honour of the Chief in the Rosebank Show Grounds, Cape Town, Sept. 24-27. On the Saturday there was a fine Wolf Cub rally, and in the evening a most impressive camp fire concert, at which the Chief read messages of greetings and good wishes from the Duke of Connaught and the Prince of Wales. On Sunday a Scouts' Own was held, conducted by the Rev. E. Y. Tilley, when the Chief spoke on brotherhood among Scouts as a preparation for comradeship when grown up. Nine hundred Scouts were present and a good attendance of the general public.

The Chief arrived in Kimberley on October 2, and received a civic welcome. A camp of about 150 Scouts was visited and a joint camp fire of 200 Scouts and 150 Guides was a great success, and attended by a very large public.

Mafeking was reached on October 5 and a smart lot of Scouts turned out. Owing to the weather, the joint gathering of Scouts and Guides had to be held in the Town Hall, and this was followed by a Mayoral at-home. Unfortunately, here the Chief got rather worn out, and we heard by cable from the Transvaal that many engagements had to be cancelled. We are assured, however, that there is no cause for anxiety. The Chief arrived at Livingston on the 8th and started his tour of Northern Rhodesia. There are already a number of excellent troops, and a rally in Livingston was attended by about 300 Scouts and Guides. Some of these had travelled 600 miles to be present.

A fleeting visit was paid to Bulawayo in Southern Rhodesia on the 11th. There was an afternoon rally of Girl Guides and later a Scout camp fire. In his address the Chief spoke of the energy, discipline and self-sacrifice of the pioneers who fought the Matabele and started Rhodesia, urging the same qualities among the Scouts for the future building up of the country.

On October 14 the Chief was in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia. The next day he addressed an enthusiastic audience in the Prince's Hall—the biggest hall in South Africa. Gwelo was reached on the 19th. The High School here has both Scouts and Guides, and a very good all-round display was given. The Chief later returned to Bulawayo, continuing to visit troops, although none too well after touring in a temperature of 96 degrees.

Bulawayo was left on the 28th, the train being stopped for fifteen minutes at Plumtree to enable the Chief to see three troops, a pack, and some Rovers. The boys were formed in double horse-shoe round a camp-fire lit by torch-flares. Ladysmith on the 31st, and a rally, attended by a good many Scouts, including Dutch from outlying districts. The Chief's address was on Team Work.

On November 5th the Chief addressed the Pietermaritzburg Rotary Club at luncheon, and later a very res-

ponsive audience of about 1,000 in the Town Hall, with the Mayor in the chair. Between these meetings, the new Headquarters of the 3rd Maritzburg Troop was opened. This troop is under Professor Hattersley, one of the Assistant Commissioners for Natal. There was also a joint rally of Scouts and Guides in the Royal Agricultural Show Grounds.

On the 12th the Chief luncheoned with the Durban Rotary Club, and thanked them for their successful "drive" earlier in the year, which had brought in nearly £1,800 for the Local Association. This was followed by a public meeting at the Pavilion. The next day there was a well-organized joint rally of Scouts and Guides, with efficiency everywhere apparent. On the 14th an impressive combined Scouts' Own took place in the Town Hall. In marching out the procession of Scouts' and Guides' Colours saluted a memorial in brass put up to the memory of Scouts who fell in the Great War. Owing to sickness the Chief had unfortunately to cancel his visit to Zululand. He went, however, as far as Tugela, where Scouts and Guides came to see the two Chiefs from as far north as Nongoma and Eshowe, and other parts of Zululand. The rally took place in the hotel grounds, the Chief Scout being presented with a Zulu walking stick of ivory wood and the Chief Guide with a carved stick.



Our Westminster Abbey Scout Singer Guests

THE visit of the Westminster Abbey Boy Scout singers, under the auspices of the National Council of Education, has proved to be a Scouting event wherever the boys have been heard and entertained,—which to date includes cities on the western half of their tour.

Everywhere the special concerts for boys and girls have drawn capacity gatherings, of whom Scouts and Guides have formed a conspicuous percentage; and the instructive talks of Mr. Sidney Nicholson, Scoutmaster of the choristers, and the singing of the English Scouts was received with the greatest enthusiasm. Unquestionably as a result Scout troop singing in Canada has been given a new interest, and will in future have a much more important place in our troop activities.

In the course of the programme rendered before the city school choirs and some 1,500 Scouts and Guides in Win-

nipeg, Mr. Nicholson made frequent references to the growth of Scout singing in England, unaccompanied part singing particularly. Many English troops now have musical patrols, the boys of which act as tutors to other Scouts.

Many services to the community, he said could be rendered by singing Scout troops.

At Vancouver Mr. Nicholson made a plea for the ignoring of jazz. "Then," he said, "Canadian boys and girls might begin to discover what a large number of very quaint old folk songs can be learned, with far more lasting benefit and fun." Singing achievements, he believed, should be regarded in the same light as those other ideal matters for which boys and girls of such Movements are continually striving.

One of the most popular of the "sing-song" numbers was the old nursery song, "Oh Dear, What Can the Matter Be?" the audience carrying the air, and the choir boys the harmony. Other favorites were "Derby Ram," "Michael Finnigan," "June, Lovely June," "Hooray, What Shall We Do With the Drunken Sailor?" (an old sea chantey), "John Peel" and "Alouette." The latter, of course, was widely known by our Scouts.

As to the entertainment provided the visiting Scouts, seemingly no typical Canadian winter fun was overlooked, and the banquets and other spreads would have given concern to the leader

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of any group of boys less fit. A buffalo steak dinner, an address of welcome by Mrs. Blue Cloud of the Stoney Indians, and a dance song by her husband, Chief Starlight, were features of the characteristic luncheon provided by the Calgary Scouts. At a dinner given in the pavilion of Stanley Park, Vancouver, each Scout chorister's placard was a model totem pole, the gift of the Girl Guides. The memento from the Vancouver Scouts was a miniature maple leaf. The dinner was followed by a shopping trip through Chinatown and a sight-seeing tour.

At Edmonton, Yorkton, Regina, Brandon and Ottawa similar care was taken to make the visit of the English Scouts an enjoyable one. As a parting gift at Ottawa each boy was given a copy of the Canadian Scout Leaders' Diary containing his name.

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A Few Hints About Games

- 1.—**Make your games interesting.**
Use all your dramatic sense. If a game entails pirates or highwaymen, dress the characters for the part with anything handy. An old Scout hat is easily made into a three-cornered highwayman's hat, and a few Scout scarves and burnt cork make a thoroughly realistic bloodthirsty pirate.
- 2.—**Be descriptive.**
Give your instructions clearly and concisely before the game begins. See that everyone understands. If the game is staged "on a South Sea island" describe vividly the coconut palms, the sky-blue sea and the sea-blue sky of the tropics, etc.
- 3.—**Keep a games box.**
In this you will store old balls, bean bags, coloured paper, wooden daggers, and other dress-up material. Your games box should not hold anything else but "props" for games. Don't, for instance, keep the First Aid kit in it.
- 4.—**Keep a games book.**
Write in this all the new games you come across and index it. Encourage the Troop Scribe to keep a newspaper clippings book about games.
- 5.—**Be punctual.**
Don't let a game drag on until the boys have lost interest. Have a game begin and end at a stated time, even if it is not finished by then.
- 6.—**Never be stumped.**
Never decide you cannot play a game because you have not got the apparatus necessary. Think first if you cannot find substitutes for the missing apparatus. For instance, you can draw a circle on the floor with other things than chalk. A rope ring often suffices.
- 7.—**Be tidy.**
After the game is over see that the articles used are put away in their places.
- 8.—**Vary your programme.**
Don't play, for instance, sense training games all evening. Intermingle them with P.T. games, quiet games, and so on.
- 9.—**Be a disciplinarian.**
A game is not a game unless it is played by its rules and unless rowdyism is suppressed. You can call it a pandemonium if you like, but don't pretend it is a game unless it is disciplined.
- 10.—**Make use of youth's inclination.**
Remember, if you can teach it by a game, you need never waste time on a lecture.
- 11.—**Study the shirker.**
The shirker and all the lazy dogs are problems always beside us. Curses seldom cure these diseases. It is well worth studying the effect of encouragement, example, and health. Try these in different doses and you will get some surprises.
- 12.—**Devise fair methods of scoring.**
Big boys and little boys, strong boys and weak boys, quick boys and slow boys all go to make a Troop. Make out some method of scoring in each game, so that the prize does not always go to the strong. The weak will not then be discouraged.

—Long Panther, in *The Scottish Scout*.

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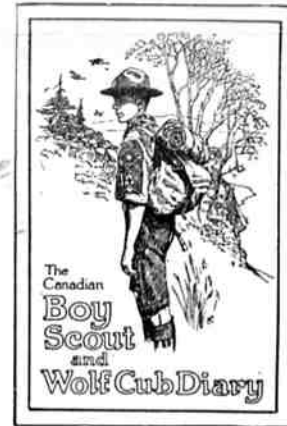
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THE DUFFEL BAG

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

A Pack Programme

- 7.00 Akela arrives officially. Grand Howl. Prayers.
- 7.05 Attendance. Dues. Inspection. Marks on board.
- 7.10 Games—Three Deep. Dodge Ball.
- 7.20 Instruction—Sixers on Star work. Baloo, class in Semaphore. Akela, class in Knotting.
- 7.35 Jungle Dances.
- 7.40 Game—Jumping Staves.
- 7.45 Story period—Akela reads short story or another chapter of continued adventure story.
- 8.00 Council Circle — Songs, Three Blind Mice, Bear Went Over the Mountain. Short talk. O Canada. King. Prayers. Announcements. Grand Howl. Dismiss.

Securing Staves Locally

WHERE it is not possible to secure satisfactory natural wood staves, it may be possible to have staves turned at a local wood working plant. As an illustration, the 1st Kamloops Troop, B.C., were able to secure staves at the Kamloops Sash and Door Factory. Every effort should be made, however, to secure natural wood staves.

Another Messenger Game

HERE is a very simple but interesting messenger game played by Scoutmaster Carswell of the 1st Darlingford Troop, Man., which meets in the local school house: "One boy was chosen to take a note to a certain house in town, have someone at the house to sign the note, and the messenger return it to the Scoutmaster. The rest of the Scouts were to try and catch him, search him and find the note." Two boys made the trip without being caught.

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A Winter Night's Tracking Game

LEAVING Headquarters at 7 p.m., the boys proceeded to the river where four boys, comprising a "pursued patrol," were given a two minute start, with instructions to flash a light at regular intervals. It early became evident that this patrol was making for Kildonan Park, and a stern chase followed. On arriving at the east side of the park the pursuers for some time could find no trace of their quarry, but a careful examination and consultation led to two of the boys being located on the branches of trees. Owing to the absence of moonlight, however, only one boy could be identified. The two remaining boys of the "pursued" patrol remained securely hidden and had the satisfaction of hearing the plans of the "pursuing" patrol discussed within a few feet of their hiding place.

A rendezvous had been previously arranged at the main entrance to the park, and following this, a return was made to Headquarters, where coffee and refreshments formed a welcome conclusion to the evening's fun.

Next Friday another outdoor programme will be carried out, but its exact nature will not be decided until the meeting of the Patrol Leaders and Seconds Tuesday next.

—22nd Winnipeg Troop.

A Rover Tracking Competition

THE Brocks and Tecumseh of the Kincardine, Ont., Rovers have a new tracking competition idea. Each Rover sketches on paper a problem in animal or bird tracking, and this is handed to a member of the other patrol for solution. The patrol presenting the best answer wins.

The Patrol System "Carried On"

DURING the attendance of the Scoutmaster and Assistant at the Provincial Scout convention Friday, the 2nd Troop carried on as usual under Patrol Leaders McCrea, Ployart and Wilson. The Patrol Leaders got through the whole schedule of instruction and games only five minutes behind time. A good observation game was staged and knot instruction given.

—Manitoba Free Press.

A Live Camp Announcement

VANCOUVER already has issued its Camp Byng prospectus for 1927. An Easter camp will be held for a limited number of Scouts. "The only cost will be the return boat fare . . . The camp will be organized for the purpose of improvement work on the camp site. In other words, there will be an enjoyable Easter camp with big hearty meals, the possibility of the first swim of the season—Ugh! Chilly nights around a big log fire, and steaming hot cocoa! And for good measure some land clearing and stump pulling to create man-size appetites, develop muscles of whip cord and make Camp Byng a 'bigger, better camp.' Oh Boy!"

For Your Talks on Fire Prevention

FIRE Chief Churchill of Halifax, speaking to the 16th Halifax Troop, emphasized the danger of replacing a burnt out fuse with a copper cent. Many people, he said, do not consider this dangerous, but as a matter of fact many fires have been caused by the practice.

During a talk before Markdale, Ont., Scouts, Lionel Bishop, of the Provincial Fire Marshall's Office, laid stress on the inflammable nature of all celluloid articles and warned against allowing children to play with celluloid dolls and other similar toys. Celluloid rimmed glasses were included in the dangerous class. Fire Chief Alton of Markdale was present, and explained the local system of fire alarms.

The '27 Spring Catalogue—listing new equipment, books, etc.—will be mailed beginning March 15. Kindly as soon as possible post the Q.M. on number of boys for whom you will require copies.

Make Sure Boys Know Test Requirements

AT a recent examination of Scouts for the Pathfinder's badge it was found that many boys who come up for trial are not familiar with the various towns in the county. One of the qualifications for the badge is a good knowledge of the city and county so that should necessity demand wearer of the badge could direct a person to their destination. While writing this about badges, it is well to ask Scouts not to ask for any of the badge tests until they are familiar with the conditions and are really sure that they are proficient enough to pass them.

—Chatham News Scout Column.

MISSIONARY CHURCHES ARE THE SPIRITUALLY ALIVE CHURCHES—THE SAME WITH SCOUT TROOPS

What a Saskatchewan Troop Found To Do in 1926

THE report of the year's activities presented by Scoutmaster C. F. Kempton at the annual meeting of the committee and associate members of the 1st Moose Jaw showed the troop to be in a most flourishing condition, with a substantial bank balance, a permanent headquarters (a building provided by the Robin Hood Mills, and erected on two lots provided by the city) and an active Troop Ladies' Aid. The statement on community service included: parking cars and selling ice cream for the I.O.D.E. on Dominion Day; assisting at fall fair and supper; gathering and burning over 10,000 black knots from cherry trees, and destroying tent caterpillars and eggs in city parks; cutting out and burning grub-infested ash; weekly visits to hospitals, and taking flowers and books to boy patients; participation in Dominion Day, Decoration Day and other parades.

Scout Dates

March

- 1st—St. David's Day. Shrove Tuesday or "Pancake Day."
- 2nd—Ash Wednesday.
- 6th—First Sunday in Lent.
- 17th—St. Patrick's Day. St. Patrick is the Patron Saint of Ireland.
- 20th—Last day of winter of 1926-1927.
- 21st—Vernal Equinox. First day spring. Watch for the Equinoxial Storm.

During March

Hikes and all outdoor winter sports as long as the snow and ice and cold weather last.

Begin talking about gardens and raising of flowers for hospitals, churches, etc. Make plans for troop participation in local Clean Up Week.