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Our 1928 Xmas

HERE we are, heading for Christmas again,—and the year's biggest coast-to-coast Good Turn, the Boy Scout Toy Shop Chain. And we are again to have the opportunity of making happy a goodly number of little New Canadians spending their first Christmas in the Land of the Maple—children who otherwise would make the tragic "discovery" that Santa Claus could not find them in the new land.

The Home Service Department of the Land Settlement Branch has indicated its readiness to again supply us with the names of children of new settlers not yet well circumstanced financially; and it is expected that the immigration departments of the two great railroads will do likewise.

Apparently British Columbia had the honour of making the first move, with a Toy Shop announcement several weeks ago. The bulletin included an offer to supply particulars and suggestions to troops new to the work. Toronto also has reported first steps, and New Glasgow, N.S., Moncton and Saint John, N.B., Montreal, Calgary and Edmonton carried over material to permit of an earlier start this year. Doubtless a number of other districts or troops are similarly prepared.

Several of the Toy Shop districts last year reported some expressions of surprise at the sending of toys to children in other parts of Canada. As soon as the purpose was explained, however—to help these new settlers realize that they were fully accepted members of the whole family of Canada—the plan was heartily approved. That this particular result was achieved was fully borne out in the numerous letters of acknowledgment received from parents, and occasionally from children themselves. Here are a few characteristic letters, the originals or copies of which reached Ottawa:—

Dubuc, Sask.

Dear Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies:

I thank you most earnestly for your splendid gifts to my children this, their first Christmas in this new country. I cannot explain how delighted they were with all

the good things you sent, and how pleased they were that good old Santa had not forgotten them. With an earnest hope that God will reward your kindness. For gifts and kind remembrance, accept the sincere thanks of

Yours gratefully,

Ruth T.

Duck Mountain, Man.

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am taking much pleasure in writing to you to thank you for the gifts sent to my children for Christmas. I think it was very good of you. I hope they had all you sent, as the parcel was badly torn. The kiddies were very pleased with them, and of course the boys, being Cubs in the Old Country, were very interested. My boy Kenneth asked me if we could go to live at Ottawa so he



SOME of the attractively-wrapped Christmas packages going from the Sherbrooke Scout Toy Shop to 105 Settlers' children on Quebec farms. The mailing was financed by voluntary cash contributions. A total of 731 children were provided for.

could join the Pack. Well I must thank you again, wishing the work every success,

Yours faithfully,

T. C. Baker,
Late Assistant Cubmaster of
Taffs-Well Pack.

Vermilion, Alta.

Dear Scouts:

Just a few lines to wish you a Happy New Year and every success, and to thank you for the toys which you sent to my children and to let you know how grateful we are to you for the parcel, as it was so unexpected and we were

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1000 Leaders Meet

"A MOST inspiring experience, a wonderful crowd of Scout men!" This was the comment brought back by the small group of Canadian leaders who were privileged to attend the gathering at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., September 5-12, of the thousand-odd Scout Executives representing every section of the United States who made up the Fifth Training Conference of the Boy Scouts of America.

Only a brief sketch of impressions and an outline of the outstanding features of the crowded week's programme is possible. These, however, may help Canadian leaders to realize the proportions and significance of the Scout Movement in the United States, and the support it has secured from men of national prominence in business, in banking, in the church, in education, and in the newspaper and book publishing world,—re-emphasizing the fact that Scouting is big enough to claim the patriotic interest of the biggest men in any community, state, province or country.

Although expecting it, one was impressed by the friendliness that required no introduction between any two of the thousand or more Scout leaders,—a friendliness so manifestly not merely "convention friendliness," a temporary thing, but the natural, mutually-expected cordiality of pledged friends and brothers, knowing no class or national barriers. In this respect one felt that the gathering visualized anew the possibilities of Scouting as a world peace movement.

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When going about from one to another of Cornell's magnificent buildings, one could not miss the tribute involved in the placing of these freely at the disposal of a Scout leaders' gathering by one of the world's greatest universities. * * *

The scale upon which the conference was organized,—with its 8.30 a.m. to 9 p.m. crowded timetable,—and the efficiency with which it was handled by the Chief Scout Executive, Dr. James E. West, and the National Headquarters staff, impressed one with the proportions of the American Scout organization, and the outstanding ability of the men at its head.

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B.-P. on Patriotism

WRITING on this subject in *The Scouter*, Sir Robert Baden-Powell, offered some criticism of the ultra-nationalism of small States. After alluding to the way in which numbers of small or young countries all over the world are busy in asserting their position as Nations, to an extent that has never before been the case, and saying that this spirit can be seen even nearer home among certain sections of England, Ireland, Scotland Wales, Sir Robert dwells on the desirability of extending the outlook of people beyond their own little internal idiosyncrasies to their great international relationships and responsibilities. "Here," says the Chief Scout "lies a service which Scouters can render to their respective nations, more especially when their country is a small and rising one. We should inculcate patriotism in our boys, but a patriotism that is above the narrow sentiment which usually stops at one's own country and thus inspires jealousy and enmity with others.

Our patriotism should be of the wider, nobler kind, which recognises justice and reasonableness in the claims of others and which leads our country into comradeship with, and recognition of, the other nations of the world. Through such goodwill comes permanent peace and consequent prosperity and happiness for all.

The first step to this end is to develop peace and goodwill within our own borders, by training our youth of both sexes to its practice as the habit of their lives; so that the jealousies of town against town, class against class, sect against sect, no longer exist; and then to extend this good feeling beyond our frontiers towards our neighbours of other races."

A Reminder

PRESUMABLY all Scout and Cub leaders have by this time learned from Provincial Headquarters of the proposal that there be presented to Sir Robert Baden Powell at next year's Jamboree a combined gift made up of small donations from Scouts and Cubs all over the world.

The idea has been taken up with universal enthusiasm, and it is felt that Canadian troops and packs will welcome the opportunity of subscribing to this world tribute to the originator of Scouting.

It is emphasized that subscriptions from Scouts and Cubs should be limited to 5 cents; that the number of subscribers is of first importance, rather than the amount. Contributions from Rovers, Scoutmasters, Cubmasters and Assistants, should not exceed 25 cents. Subscriptions from other members of The Boy Scouts Association, however, are not limited.

It would be appreciated if leaders would make every effort to have subscription lists completed and turned in to their Provincial Headquarters as promptly as possible, as it is desired to have all subscriptions in London by November.

Do not omit to give the number of subscribers.—Cubs, Scouts, Rovers, etc.

"It is very easy to dodge our responsibilities, but we cannot dodge the consequences of dodging our responsibilities."

A PROCLAMATION!

Extract from a Proclamation published in *The Canada Gazette* of September 5th, 1928, and designating the week of October 7th—13th as a National Fire Prevention Week:

6. Boy Scout leaders give instructions to the troops under their control as to the best means of co-operating with municipal fire departments in the prevention and extinguishment of fires, and especially as to the desirability of qualifying for the Fireman's badge.

6. Les chefs des jeunes éclaireurs donnent des instructions aux troupes sous leur contrôle sur la meilleure manière de coopérer avec les départements des incendies municipaux pour prévenir et éteindre les incendies et spécialement sur l'avantage d'obtenir l'insigne de pompier.

Just to show he could run a troop, Andrew K. Strachan, who relinquished the District Commissionership of Moose Jaw because of an expected year's visit to the Old Country, took the 3rd Moose Jaw Troop to the district camp, and carried off the camp's Grand Aggregate Cup, for best troop site, wood carving, wild flower collection and camp diary. Mr. J. B. Stedmond is the new District Commissioner.

CANCELLATION OF WARRANT

Notice is hereby given of the cancellation, for cause, of the Scout officer's warrant of L. de Villeneuve, 4, Rue de Vangiraud, Paris, France. Mr. de Villeneuve has been requested to return his warrant to Dominion Headquarters.

DOMINION REGISTRATION
ASSISTS FIELD WORK IN
YOUR OWN PROVINCE



The marksmanship team of the 1st Regina Troop were runners-up in the Empire-wide competition for the Duke of Connaught's Shield.

It is announced that the Government of New South Wales has made a grant of £5,000 to the Boy Scouts of that state.

A conference of Provincial Commissioners will be held at Ottawa October 9-11, for the purpose of discussing the 1929 Jamboree.

Over 400 Scoutmaster and Cubmaster Gillwellians assembled this year for the annual reunion at Gillwell Park, under the Chief Scout.

The Prince of Wales, wearing a kilt, was the chief visitor at the annual rally of Scottish Scouts at Glasgow, when some 12,000 Scouts and 20,000 spectators assembled at Hampden Park.

Vancouver troops have commenced the work of collecting and repairing toys for Christmas. A number of troops have opened work-shops in the basements of the homes of some of their members.

A baptism and a marriage ceremony performed by the Scoutmaster were novel features of the summer's camp "programme" of the 1st Melfort Troop, Sask. The Scoutmaster is the Rev. J. B. Bunting.

For the opening of the new Prince Albert, Sask., National Park, the local Scouts were invited to assist in handling the crowds and to form a guard of honour for Premier King during the reception at Primeau's Landing.

Considerable interest was created in Winnipeg by the presentation to the Manitoba branch of the National Institute for the Blind of the five large books of "Scouting for Boys" in Braille. The presentation was made by Provincial Secretary E. F. Mills on behalf of the Provincial Council.

Following the retirement of District Commissioner Fred Chopin, after some eight years of splendid service to Scouting in Saint John, N.B., Scoutmaster Eli Boyaner, of the 13th Young Judean Troop, and for some years a popular A.S.M. of the Maritime Gillwell camps, was appointed to fill the vacancy.

The summer's camp of the Scouts of Bear River, N.S., was located on the thousand-acre tract recently set aside by the Provincial Crown Lands Department as a wild life sanctuary and Boy Scout reforestation project. This is the third such project placed in charge of the Scouts of Nova Scotia by the provincial government. The first was the Waverly tract, near Halifax, and the second a large tract near New Glasgow, in Pictou County.

1,000 LEADERS MEET

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The physical size of the men attending the conference, and their obvious qualities of leadership, were impressive,—their initiative, their facility of speaking during the group discussions. And along with this spirit was the spirit of fun always near the surface—the spirit of the “game of Scouting for boys.”

The singing was a delight. The conference was in fact a thousand-voiced male chorus, that filled the big auditorium with the rich rolling harmony of a pipe organ. Seemingly every man was a singer, and the tone quality and precision would have done credit to any trained male choir. While a number of nonsense songs were sung, it was noted that preference was given to old songs of recognized standing.

Another pleasing feature was the presence at the conference of a large number of the wives and families of leaders,—following the habitual example set by Dr. West. Special arrangements were made for their entertainment, and a ladies' committee carried out an enjoyable social programme.

The keynote subject of the conference was “The Volunteer in Scouting.” In opening the preliminary session Dr. West affirmed that the wonderful record of achievement and public service of the Boy Scouts of America was to be credited to the men serving as volunteers. “Upon their leadership the Boy Scout Movement must rise or fall,” he declared. An address on various aspects of volunteer leadership by the Assistant Chief Executive, Dr. George J. Fisher, provided the opening topic of each day's programme.

The international aspect of Scouting was strongly emphasized, in decorations, programme features and a splendid international Scout exhibit. Bailey Hall, the conference auditorium, was picturesquely decorated with the flags of the 43 Scouting countries — “Albania to Yugo-Slavia”—affiliated through the International Bureau. In the centre of the stage hung the flags of the United States, flanked by the Union Jack and the Canadian ensign.

The international Scout exhibit, comprised of national and troop flags, equipment, publications, photographs, and Scout-craft work, filled all the available space in the rotunda of Willard Straight Hall, the conference headquarters. This exhibit, which attracted a great deal of attention, was in charge of Mr. George Ferguson, of Canadian Headquarters.

One of the high spots of the conference was “International Night,” — Sunday, September 9th—when the auditorium was filled to hear addresses by Mortimer L. Schiff, International Commissioner; Bolton Smith, Chairman of the Inter-Racial Committee; our own John Stiles, and Hubert S. Martin, of the International Bureau, London. Messrs. Stiles and Martin were given an ovation both before and

after their addresses. A feature of the evening was the presence on the platform of an “international” Scout troop, each boy of whom was in the uniform of the Scout of a different country. During the evening the French National Anthem was sung, and at the close “God Save the King” and “America.”

One of the interesting little incidents of the conference was the introduction by a Canadian leader of a Chilean Commissioner to the art of friction-fire making. The two, who had sought a quiet corner of the college grounds, were accidentally discovered by several of the national staff, and became the subject of an amused interest,—“Canada showing Chile how to make fire without matches.” It may be added that Senor Arriola proved an apt pupil, and has carried back to Chile a new Scouting activity. So far as he knew friction fire had never been made with Chilean woods.

The Programme

The daily programme (which was outlined in a 64-page booklet) opened each morning at 8.30 with a succession of addresses. These were follow-

The entire conference was in khaki Scout kit, with shorts, the distinctive note being the different coloured neckerchiefs worn by the leaders of the 12 different “regions.”

Some of the Speakers

Some of the speakers at the evening sessions: Walter W. Head, President of the Boy Scouts of America, former President of the American Bankers' Association; Chairman of the Y. M. C. A. Father and Son Committee and National Boys' Work Committee, of Rotary International, etc. Mortimer L. Schiff, international banker, and International Scout Commissioner and Vice-President of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Daniel Carter Beard, National Scout Commissioner. Dr. Merle N. English, Secretary of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Dr. Henry P. Fairchild, New York University. Dr. John H. Finley, editor, educator, and member of various international scientific and geographical bodies. Jeremiah W. Jenks, President Hamilton Institute and Director of Oriental Commerce and Politics, New York University. Dr. William H. Kilpatrick, educator, au-

CAMP Court of Honour of the 1st Perth, Ont.,—including the P.L. of the Sea Scout Patrol.



ed at 10.40 by discussions in some 16 groups, under nationally-known leaders, in lecture rooms of Goldwin Smith Hall (one of the largest of the college buildings, named after that distinguished Canadian educationalist). Luncheon was served at 12.45, in the great college drill hall, the serving being done as a good turn by a bevy of attractive Cornell co-eds. From 2 until 3 a long list of “electives,” discussed by prominent leaders, was available; and from 3 to 4.30 there were in operation some thirty exhibitions and demonstrations of Scout handicraft work, games, camping, cooking, archery, Indian dancing, nature study, axmanship, waterfront activities, etc.

At 7 o'clock the evening session in the auditorium was opened with a sing-song.

One of the popular afternoon electives was “Indian Sign Language,” by William Tomkins, author of “A Universal Indian Sign Language.” The possibility was discussed of this simple and effective sign language being used at next year's International Jamboree.

The Conference had its own “Daily News,” issued each morning from the university press, and distributed free at the drill hall, after luncheon.

thor, Professor of the Department of the Philosophy of Education, Teachers' College, Columbia University. William H. Leffingwell, of W. H. Leffingwell, Inc., publishers of business periodicals. George Palmer Putnam, of the international publishing house of that name. Dr. E. L. Palmer, of Cornell University. Charles F. Smith, of Teachers' College, Columbia University (author of “Games and Recreational Methods”). William Tomkins, author of the new “Universal Indian Sign Language.” Col. Theodore Roosevelt, former Assistant Secretary of the Navy, organizer of the American Legion, etc.

Ideas from the Discussions

MANY of the reports and discussions developed recommendations equally applicable to American and Canadian Scouting.

Re the Relation of Troops and Parent Institutions:—The governing body of the church, or other institution, should first be convinced of the desirability of a troop, should have a clear understanding of Scouting, and should accept as essentially identical the objectives of Scouting and the church's objectives as regards the boy; and on this basis should accept full responsibility for the organization and maintenance of the troop. The

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THE CAMP CHIEF'S PAGE

WHILE a considerable number of Scoutmasters have not sent in the Questionnaire report on their summer camp, those received and the indirect reports provided in newspaper clippings indicate another highly successful camping season. With the exception of four district camps, troops camped individually, or as combined troop-size units, and in the great majority of cases the Patrol System was used.

The health reports were excellent, the only exceptions being the development of contagious illness in one western and one eastern camp, in both cases contracted prior to camp. There were no serious accidents.

Close to 300 Scout-camp newspaper clippings were received, representing every section of the Dominion. A gratifying number made reference to the all-round success of the camps to the tidiness of the sites after the Scouts had left; to Scouts' Owns and Sunday evening sacred sing songs; to the number of boys who had learned to swim, badges passed and "plans for next year's camp."

A feature of the summer was the large number of camps headed by clergymen Scoutmasters, including representatives of practically every denomination, and Salvation Army officers.

An Experimental Camp

One of the interesting camps was an experiment with under-privileged boys of Cub age, held under the direction of District Cubmaster Pugh, of Fredericton, N.B., in co-operation with the local Gyro Club. The boys for the most part were from poor homes, and were under-nourished. The idea of the camp grew out of the problem presented by a number of the boys attacking Scouts and Cubs in uniform on their way to or from meetings. Police intervention became necessary, and finally the names of the boys were secured,—and the idea of the camp resulted. The Gyros outfitted the lads and financed the camp. The Cub programme was followed, under the leadership of experienced Cub Sixers; and the boys not only were greatly improved in health, but all became interested in Cubbing, became Tenderpads, and at the termination of the camp were distributed among various Fredericton packs.

Something New in Scout Camping

A new development in Scout camping was the invitation from Elk Lake, Northern Ontario, to the 1st Parklands Troop, of the Toronto district, to camp in the local tourist park. The invitation was accepted, and upon the troop's arrival by special car, some 40 strong, the boys were officially welcomed, and lunch was served by ladies of the town at Institute Hall. Visits were paid the Castle-Trethewey silver mine, the fire ranger's tower at Gowganda, and other points of interest. On their part the Scouts entertained

with a field day of water sports, and camp fire programmes. It is possible that next summer may see a number of "Old Ontario" Scout troops camping by invitation near New Ontario towns.

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Some N.S. Camp Notes

The Scouts of Bear River, N.S., camped on the thousand-acre tract recently set aside by the Crown Lands Department as a wild life sanctuary and Scout reforestation project.

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The 2nd Waterford Troop, camping under Rev. Fr. Myles Tompkins, did an eight mile over-night hike to spend a day with a troop of Sydney Mines Scouts, and returned by a "short cut over the mountains."



THE Canadian window in the Troop-Room at Gillwell Park, England.

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Enroll now by sending 50 cents to The Dominion Camp Chief, 172 Wellington Street, Ottawa, to cover cost of notebook, mailing envelopes and stamps.

The Halifax District camp, held at Miller's Lake, in the Waverly reforestation area, included several composite troops of boys from small troops, or from troops whose Scoutmasters were unable to come. Each troop camped on its own site, using the Patrol System. The camp was visited by Lieut. Governor Tory, Provincial Chief Scout, who expressed himself as greatly impressed with the efficient organization of the camp. Provincial Secretary J. O. Kaulbach was in charge.

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Two two-week camps were held at Beaver Cove by the Sacred Heart, St. Joseph's and Constantine troops of Sydney.

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St. John's Anglican and St. Giles' Presbyterian troops of North Sydney combined for a camp at Boularderie.

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Exceptional pioneering work and model sanitary arrangements featured the large camp of the 1st Truro Troop, held at Chance Harbour under S. M. Barrett. All work was done with lashings of spruce root. The camp was backed by the Truro Rotary Club, and several non-Scout proteges of the Rotary Club were included in different camp patrols. Under picked P.L.'s, the experiment proved successful; but the difference between these and the all-Scout patrols was noticeable.

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Rev. L. B. Wright, of Debert Station, held his twelfth camp at Folleigh Lake, with a composite troop of Scouts from Truro, Belmont, Debert, Great Village and Londonderry. Visitors' day brought some 150 friends and relatives.

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Scouts of the 1st Antigonish Troop camping under their Scoutmaster, Rev. E. Lockhart, were called upon for the grim task of patrolling the nearby seashore for the body of a man drowned there the week previous. For variety of experience two Scouts of the troop on an over-night hike awakened in the morning to stare into the face of a full grown cow moose.

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❖ Scouting from Coast to Coast ❖

"ON the lawn of Mr. F. F. Mann's home, Barnum Gulley, St. Thomas and Port Burwell Scouts last Sunday joined in an impressive Scouts' Own service. The choir of St. Luke's church assisted, and Rev. W. D. Cunningham delivered a sermon based on the Scout promise."

Montreal Scouts and their leaders accepted an invitation to inspect the new Australian cruiser, H.M.S. Australia.

62nd Winnipeg's C. of H. Programme

At a Court of Honour of the 62nd "A" Winnipeg Troop it was decided to emphasize proficiency badge work during the fall and winter season. The troop will be instructed in the arts of rug-making and wire work by Scoutmaster Stephenson, and the finished products will be sold, the proceeds going into troop funds.

Advertising space in the troop paper of the 17th London, Ont., "The Wolf Howl," is charged for at the rate of two cents for the first line and one cent for each additional line.

Melfort, Sask., has organized two Rover patrols under the leadership of Rev. J. B. Bunting.

Saint John Chaplain Invested by Clergyman S.M.

In the Sunday-school room, just prior to the regular Sunday morning service at St. Jude's Church, Saint John, N.B., Rev. J. H. A. Holmes, Chaplain of the church troop was invested by Rev. A. F. Bate, of Fredericton, as a Tenderfoot. The Scouts afterward paraded to the church for divine service. Rev. Bate delivered a sermon on the boy with the five loaves and two fishes.

At the annual concert of the 1st Port Credit Troop and Pack, the boys were assisted by members of the 33rd Long Branch and 3rd Toronto Packs.

The 32nd Vancouver Troop, which is comprised of Chinese boys, meets in the Chinese public school loaned by the Chinese Benevolent Association. Mr. C. W. Wiseman, the only white member of the troop, is Scoutmaster.

St. Thomas Scouts Keep Crowd from High-voltage Short-circuit

Returning from a Scouts' Own Service a group of 2nd St. Thomas Scouts noticed smoke coming from an electric light standard. Discovering the cause to be a short circuit, the boys formed a cordon around the post while one member was dispatched to summon the Hydro staff. A large crowd gathered and the Scouts forcibly held back many who wished to "experiment" with the wire, which was carrying 4,000 volts.

A week-end Patrol Leaders' Training Camp for Patrol Leaders of Montreal South Shore troops was held in mid-September. Seven troops were represented.

An early summer good turn of the 3rd Kirkland Lake Troop, Ont., was the clearing and levelling of the ground in front of the Baptist Church parsonage for seeding.

A custom of the 1st St. Catharines (St. Thomas) Troop is to occasionally devote an entire evening to games. Such evenings are always greatly enjoyed.

The City Council of Moose Jaw passed a motion to rebate the taxes on the Headquarters of the 1st Moose Jaw Troop,—as was done last year.

Scout Caddies Again Make Good

Fifty Toronto Scouts again occupied the Caddy Camp connected with Bigwin Inn, Muskoka, and rendered very successful service on the golf links. Time was found for a tennis tournament for the boys, a water carnival, a two-day's golf tournament, and as a wind-up they were tendered a banquet at the Inn in appreciation of the excellent service rendered. The Scouts were assigned to the work by District Commissioner O'Callaghan, of Toronto.

SUITABLE background was the only deficiency of the Model Patrol Site at the St. John, N.B., 1928 Exhibition. Details included woodcraft table, cup plate and knife rack, pantry rack for pots and pans, wash stand and spruce shelter, all made with lashings; trench fire place with swinging billy-bar, model sanitation, etc., etc.



Industrial hikes have been inaugurated in the 2nd Winnipeg Troop. Recent trips were made to the Hydro Steam-heating plant and the Canada Bread Company. At the latter place doughnuts were "sampled."

Radisson, Sask., Scouts invited members of the Trail Rangers, Tuxis and G.G.I.T. to a camp fire held on the lake. About 60 were present, including adults. Peanuts were supplied by a friend and the Scouts served cocoa and biscuits.

Edmonton Scouts' Lost-Children Filing System

Edmonton Scouts again maintained their Lost Children Bureau and Rest Tent at the local fair. An up-to-date filing system was adopted in tracing the more than 70 lost children. When parents reported such a loss, all particulars were jotted down on a blue card. Missing children found by the Scouts before the parents reported the loss were tabulated on yellow cards. By this means a complete check up was kept on all cases handled.

The first fall meeting of the 1st Kitchener Troop was held in their new headquarters in the basement of St. Andrew's Church. The former hut

used by the boys will be converted into a Scout library.

Scouts of Maple Creek, Sask., assisted the local police in a search for a woman who had disappeared from the Isolation Hospital. After tracking a distance of 10 miles the woman was finally located.

B. C. Cubs' Caterpillar Campaign

At the 13th birthday party of the Riverview Pack, South Vancouver, Grey Sixer Buck was awarded a prize for a collection of 36 pressed wild flowers, of which he knew the names of 29. Prizes also were given by the Municipality of South Vancouver in the pack's third annual tent caterpillar competition, in which a total of 44,300 egg bands had been collected and destroyed. The evening's programme included games for "Cubs and Dads."

Scouts and Cubs of St. Catharines, Ont., exhibited their pets at the Tag Day display of the local Humane Society. Honour ribbons were awarded for those pets showing most evidence of care.

At a meeting of the 2nd Sherbrooke Troop announcement was made that boys bringing in new members will receive competition points for their patrol.

Fort William-Port Arthur Scouts at Road Race

Prior to their Empire Day rally at the Central school grounds, members of the Fort William and Port Arthur Troops assisted the Times-Journal road race committee to keep immense crowds in line. The boys performed drills and games, then journeyed to Point de Meuron, where dinner was cooked and served. During the afternoon Commissioner Col. S. C. Young conducted an investiture.

An arrangement was made by the Lynn Valley Troop, North Vancouver, for a series of lectures to be given by competent instructors during August and September. An invitation was extended to all North Shore Scouts to attend.

At an outdoor meeting in Vickers Street Park, the 3rd Fort William Pack held an observation tour during which the boys made a list of the flowers and trees identified.

Saskatoon's Year Programme

The following district activity programme was drawn up at a meeting of the Saskatoon District Council: October, Scout Fair. November, Toy Shop and hockey. January, hockey and boxing. February, boxing. May, district Annual Meeting. June, Scout Jamboree. Annual provincial meeting. July, camps and exhibit at Saskatoon Exhibition. August, Scoutmasters' Training Course. September Scoutmasters' Training Course.

Committees were formed to handle the various items.

For their annual church parade to Our Lady of Mercy Church, the 3rd Sarnia Troop, headed by its colour party, and with all present, attended the 8 o'clock mass and received Holy Communion in a body. Monseignor Aylward delivered a special sermon.

The Nova Scotia Government has arranged to have the local Scouts undertake the reforestation of 1,000 acres of land in the Bear River area, Digby County. This project is similar to that being carried out in the Waverly district, near Halifax.

Calgary Scouts and Guides Make and Lay Wreaths

Calgary Scouts and Guides rendered valuable assistance at the Memorial Day services. The Scouts loaded the autos going to the cemeteries and also helped to lay the wreaths. The Scouts and Guides helped in making up wreaths and sprays from flowers sent for that purpose. As in previous years the colour party of the 10th Calgary laid a special wreath on the Central Park memorial.

A joint council fire was held at Finerty Camp by Scouts of the Fairfield and St. Michael's Troops, Victoria, B.C. After a weiner roast at the various patrol fires, the boys gathered at the central fire for songs and yarns.

The boys of the 29th Border Cities Troop, asked to aid in the search for a ring of auto keys lost at a lawn fete given by the Sandwich Home and School Club, promptly accepted the commission and combed the vicinity until the keys were found.

A 4th Yorkton Patrol Competition

In connection with a meeting of the 4th Yorkton Troop, the following announcement was made: Patrol competition next meeting will be based on: 1 Church attendance. 2 Clean teeth. 3 Neat appearance (uniform). 4 Knowledge of food which your patrol bird or animal eats.

A feature of the meetings of one of the Trenton, Ont., Troops is the assembling on the rectory lawn for flag raising and roll call.

On his departure for Regina, Mr. N. Kopel, for six years Scoutmaster of the 19th Calgary Hebrew Troop, was presented with a writing desk set on behalf of the troop. District Commissioner Florence made the presentation.

Inaugural Ceremony for B. C. Troop and Pack

In June, Cub Commissioner Ravenhill invested 13 Scouts and 8 Wolf Cubs at a very interesting ceremony at Mahon Hall, Ganges, Salt Spring, B.C. President W. E. Scott of the Scout and Cub Committee was chairman. The Cubs formed a circle, and two at a time came forward, and laying cap and scarf at the Commissioner's feet, made the promise. Caps and scarves were then adjusted by the Commissioner who also gave them their badges. This was followed by the Grand Howl, then disperse. Scoutmaster Crofton was then invested, and enrolled his troop. The Union Jack and staff used were presented by H. W. Bullock, and the Cub flag by Dr. Sutherland. Ladies of the Committee served refreshments to parents, officers of the I.O.D.E. and others present.

The 8th Port Credit Troop visited the 1st Troop at their camp at Grandview. During the visit Scoutmaster Geo. Jones placed a wreath on the Cenotaph, and the two troops paraded to Trinity Church where Rev. H. Earle conducted an impressive service.

The Rotary Club of Yorkton donated \$350 toward the expense of moving the



SCOUT pipe band at the Canadian National Exhibition this year.

recently acquired new headquarters of the local troop to a more suitable site. The building, situated west of the C.N.R. tracks, was formerly occupied by the Wodo Carpenter Company.

First Aid Training Made Good

Scout Verne Davidson, of the 18th Calgary Troop was highly commended for service rendered following a motor accident. He rendered first aid for a complicated fracture of the forearm, improvising splints; gave the necessary directions for calling an ambulance, and provided the authorities with a concise report of the accident.

The cup awarded annually by the 28th Winnipeg Troop to the most efficient patrol went to the Foxes. Each member of the patrol was awarded with a miniature patrol cup.

Working parties of the 1st Kitchener Troop are spending the fall weekends preparing a permanent camp on an island in Puslinch Lake. A log cabin and several lean-to's are being built.

A Carrot River Valley Jamboree

The First Annual Jamboree for Carrot River Valley Scouts was held on

Labour Day at Star City, Sask. Five troops participated, from Tisdale, Eldersley, Melfort and Star City. The latter troop which was organized only a few months ago made a splendid showing. The championship went to the Melfort Troop with a margin of but one point. At the conclusion of the afternoon programme the Scouts and visitors were banqueted in Masonic Hall by ladies of the Golf Club.

For the dedication of their flags by Bishop D. T. Owen, of Niagara, the Guides and Scouts of St. George's Church, Georgetown, Ont., formed a double line up the centre of the church through which the choir and clergy passed. They remained standing at attention until the completion of the ceremony, then took their seats.

The choir and rector of St. Luke's Troop, St. Thomas, Ont., were camp guests of the Scouts for two meals.

Stanstead Troop Committee Learns Its Duties

At the first Troop Committee meeting of the Stanstead Troop, Que., a thorough explanation was given of the objects and duties of the committee

and an election of officers held. Two members offered to donate materials to enable the boys to make signalling flags and ambulance splints.

The first fall meeting of the 3rd Hamilton Troop (Grace Anglican Church) took the form of a parents' and visitors' night. An invitation was extended all local Scoutmasters to attend and bring representatives of their troops.

One of the lost children restored by the Scouts on duty at the Central Canada Exhibition at Ottawa was found sleeping in a pile of hay amongst the horses in the Coliseum. The boy had during the day visited the Horse Show with his parents.

Lieut. Gov. Newlands Presents Scout Warrants

During a visit to Yorkton, Sask., Lieutenant Governor Newlands presented warrants to George H. Gilbert, District Commissioner, to Brother Wallace, Assistant District Commissioner and W. S. Hunter, Scoutmaster of the 1st Yorkton Troop. Warrants also were presented John Mowat and Miss J. Stuart as S.M. and A.S.M. of the Saltcoats Troop.

"The Boy Scouts of Diamond City have been very busy planting potatoes for the last two days on Mike Holland's farm, and hope to be able to sell the crop this fall, buying their Scout uniforms with the proceeds."—*Victoria Times, B.C.*

Kirkland Lake Scouts Clear Beach for Summer Visitors

Seven members of the 3rd Kirkland Lake Troop hiked to Bass Lake early in the summer and cleared the beach for summer visitors. The work included the tearing up of old ties from an unused railway siding and making two deep ditches to drain away the water on the west side of the old track.

A training troop for P. L.'s and Scoutmasters has been organized at Oshawa, Ont., meeting every Saturday. It is planned to turn these meetings into week-end camps in order that as many leaders as possible may attend. The initial meeting took the form of a get-together hike.

Entertain Toc H Children for Summer

When weekly meetings of the North Toronto Toc H ceased for the summer, Scouts were called upon to visit

2ND Prince Alberts, Sask., off on their 200 mile trip to the Saskatoon Jamboree of June last.



the Sheldrake Boulevard Preventorium, to entertain the children there. Games were played and first aid and signalling instruction given some of the older children.

Fredericton Scouts at Their Fair

A rest room effectively transformed into a cozy nook in the woods, with a realistic camp fire and rustic seats, was a much appreciated contribution of Fredericton Scouts and Cubs to the comfort of visitors at the Fredericton Fall Fair. The seats bore cushions of yellow and green. In addition the Scouts ran a refreshment booth and a cloak room.

Manager of C.N.E. Thanks Toronto Scouts

From General Manager H. W. Waters of the Canadian National Exhibition Association to Executive Commissioner O'Callaghan, of Toronto: "The service was rendered by the boys in such a way as to reflect great credit upon the Exhibition, and greater credit upon themselves and The Boy Scouts Association . . . The Boy Scouts have now secured for themselves a very important place in our Association. Their co-operation and help is almost indispensable, and certainly contributes a great deal to the success of the Canadian National Exhibition year by year."

THE YEARS' CAMPS

From B. C. Camps

Sea shore and river shore hikes and mountain climbing were frequently noted features of B.C. camps.

A climb to a camp site on Forbidden Plateau, from which elevation several climbs were made to higher points, and a 1,500 foot descent into the North Cruikshank Canyon made up the camp hike programme of the Courtenay Bay Scouts, B.C.

The Cowichan district camp brought together 44 boys from Duncan, South Cowichan, Salt Spring Island, and included two Lone Scouts from Quamichan and Royston. District Scoutmaster the Rev. A. Bischlager was in charge. During the camp a party of 11 older Scouts made a direct ascent of Mt. Maxwell, 1,430 feet, in a little over an hour.

Shelters made by themselves were used for the entire camp period by the Scouts of the Burnaby District, camping at Bedwell Bay under District Commissioner Corbett. The new power boat, the "Burnaby Scout," was

Wascana Beach.—Revs. Ralph Sampson, J. Hicks and F. J. Fife.

The Rotary and Lions Clubs and the Swift Current and District Football League contributed to the financial support of the camp of Swift Current Scouts at Antelope Lake.

The 1st Moose Jaw Troop camped in Wild Animal Park, near Moose Jaw, and were given the task of clearing up the park grounds. During their explorations an old Indian dug-out was found near the river's edge, long overgrown by trees and bushes. Old blazes on some of the bigger trees marked the course of the long unused path to the water, and at the shore other old markings apparently told of blazes made to identify the entrance to the path when approaching by canoe. Digging produced a number of arrowheads and other relics.

The usual excellent camp of the 1st Richards Scouts was held at Meeting Lake, and a large number of proficiency badges were earned. Stalking and tracking night games were popular.

A very successful affair was the visit of the 4th Yorkton Troop to the camp of the 5th Yorkton at York Lake, for the day and the evening's camp fire, the boys going and returning by truck. Following the close of the fire the 5th Troop accompanied their visitors to the truck, where the Scout Promise was repeated in unison.

The 17th Regina, the Lakeview Troop and Scouts from Glenavon and Pense camped on the Gillwell camp site at Lake Lebret.

An afternoon of the Moose Jaw District camp was given up to a programme of sports, when children from the Children's Home were entertained. Thirty-six local merchants contributed prizes. In the evening a programme of music was provided by the Salvation Army band. The camp was visited by a large number of visitors.

Mayor Shaw of Assiniboia, inspected the camp of the 2nd Assiniboia Troop, attended the evening's council fire, and saw a Court of Honour in session.

A feature of the camp of the 8th Saskatoon at Pike Lake was a completion of the first class tests by 12 Scouts, including the 24-hour journey.

A variation of camp cooking used successfully at the camp of the 1st and 2nd Gull Lake Troops, Sask. was patrol cooking of breakfast and supper, and the preparation of dinner for the whole camp by one patrol, in turn. For his fifteenth annual camp, but first official Scout camp, Scoutmaster Sweeting used the Patrol System, which he declared a perfect success.

Swimming tests for the First Class badge were passed by seven members of the 1st Radville Troop while camping at Trossachs.

used to transport the boys to and from camp, and for numerous along-shore trips.

A hike up Deadman's River and another into the Millstream country were big days of the Victoria District Camp at View Royal. Members of Toc H joined the Scouts for an evening's council fire.

As in previous years the various Vancouver Troops camped individually at Camp Byng. An incident of the camp was the rescue of a young deer, caught swimming off the coast and brought ashore in an exhausted condition. "After being fed and rested, it raced away into the woods, evidently bound for home." A cougar also was seen in the vicinity of the camp.

A novel week-end camping party of the Fairfield, B.C., Troop was made up of seven hikers, six cyclists, and two motorcyclists. The motorcyclists acted as supply transport for the hikers. The programme included a camp fire Scouts' Own and a climb to the top of Bamberton Mountain.

From Saskatchewan Camps

Three clergymen Scoutmasters were in charge of the troops from Tisdale, Eldersley and Star City, camped at

A Wednesday of the camping period of the 9th Regina Troop was given up to the entertainment of the Cub section, who were brought out from Regina for the day's picnic by ladies of the troop auxiliary. During the camp the First Aid Patrol found a good turn opportunity in carrying to the station on their stretcher a sick boy from the neighborhood who was being taken to Regina for treatment. At the station the balance of the troop formed a guard about the patient until the train arrived.

The combined Canora and Preeceville camp was directed by Scoutmaster Rev. C. M. K. Parsons, assisted by District Commissioner Rural Dean F. Pike, who superintended the cooking. A Sunday Scouts' Own was attended by a large number of parents and other visitors.

Visitors to the camp of the 1st Melfort, Sask., were impressed by the excellence of the meals prepared by the boys themselves. A feature of each evening's council fire was the reading of the camp daily paper, the "Kamp Chronicle."

An infant was baptized and a marriage performed at the camp of the 1st Melfort by the Scoutmaster, Rev. J. B. Bunting. The winning patrol of the camp was taken on a trip to Saskatoon and the Rosthern Experimental Farms.

Sparks From Ontario Camp Fires

A number of Western Ontario camps reported visitors from across the border.

The Scout Mothers of the 1st Galt Troop made all arrangements for the Cub camp, and provided camp mothers to be in charge. A mothers' picnic was held to the camp.

Ven. Archdeacon A. C. Mackintosh was in charge of the 24th Hamilton (Dundas) Troop camp, assisted by his son, former Scoutmaster Jack Mackintosh, of Picton.

When several cars of Kiwanians turned up at the Waterloo County camp during preparation of the evening meal on the patrol sites, the visitors were assigned in twos and threes to the patrols for supper.

A number of the Ontario camps were announced through the local press as "run officially under the rules of Provincial Headquarters."

One of the London, Ont., troop camps had as camp fire guests Indians from the Muncey Reserve, who discussed woodcraft and sang native songs.

Captain Gearing, of the Church Army Crusaders, conducted a Scouts' Own service in the woods chapel of St. Thomas Scouts camping at Port Bruce.

One of the neatest sections of the Hamilton District Scout camp at Maitland, on Lake Erie, was that of the

forty lads from the Boys' Home, guests of the Scouts and the Kinsmen's Club.

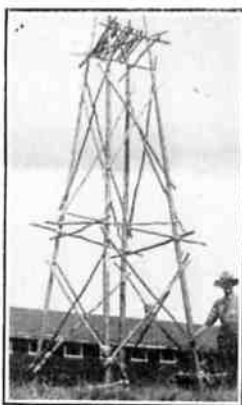
Kincardine Scouts camping on Sunday visited the Markdale-Shelbourne camp, for a social call and a combined Scouts' Own.

The camp of the 3rd and 4th Niagara Falls (Christ Church) troops was directed by Rev. Canon Guy Gordon and his assistant, Rev. William Brilinger, S.M. and A.S.M.

For the benefit of parents and friends the 1st Cochrane Troop, Ont., reported their camp in the form of a Camp Diary published in the *Cochrane Northland Post*.

Following the breaking of the combined Markdale-Shelbourne camp, the packed-up equipment and grounds were inspected by the Shelbourne Troop Committee, who reported "the tidiest camp ground they had ever seen."

Ladies of the Canadian Legion Auxiliary provided a treat of pies during the camp of the Christ Church Troop of Belleville.



FIFTY-foot lashed signal tower erected at Saint John Exhibition by local Rover.

The highly successful Brampton Scout camp on visitors' evening was visited by a party of nearly one hundred motorists, including a representative of the town council and Mayor Wegenast.

Paris, Ont., Life Saving Scouts while in camp celebrated "Founder's Day," in memory of William Booth, the father of the Salvation Army.

A combined camp of the 57th and 110th Toronto and 1st Bowmanville troops was known as Camp Bowanto. One of the camp visiting days brought the Bowmanville Rotary Club.

The "Sinkers and Swimmers" system was widely used. The Kincardine camp varied it to "Corks and Sinkers," and the rule was made that no "Sinker" could enter the water unless in the company of a "Cork."

A Sea Scout patrol, the Drakes, added a touch of variety to the appearance and activities of the 1st Perth Troop, Ont., in camp on the Rideau Lakes under District Scoutmaster Holmes.

The second annual camp of the 41st Ottawa French-Canadian Troop, held at Lake Deschenes, repeated its success of 1927, with a large attendance. Visitors included His Grace Archbishop Forbes and his vicar and a distinguished group of clergymen. The camp had its own chapel, where mass was celebrated each morning.

As usual the 6th Border Cities (St. Aiden's) Troop hiked to camp, with trek carts.

More than 30 troops of Boy Scouts left the city today on two weeks camping holidays. They include the 21st to Sturgeon Lake, 30th to Musseman's Lake, 35th to Orr Lake, the 51st and 64th go to Lake Simcoe, the 49th to Streetsville, 10th to Bowmanville, 65th to Meadowvale, 40th and 42nd to Markham.—*Toronto Telegram*.

Open air mass was celebrated in the camp of the 7th Border Cities (St. Alphonsus), out for their fifth session.

The fourth annual Waterloo County camp, under District Scoutmaster Wheeler, provided the *Gait Reporter* with a column of "Daily Camp News" which undoubtedly was appreciated by the parents. Visitors' day brought callers from Kitchener, Galt, Preston, Waterloo, Fergus, Brantford and Toronto. Several Old Country Scouts working on neighboring farms were given a specially warm welcome.

While in camp Port Arthur and Fort William Scouts entertained a party of 13 American Scouts from "across the line."

Some 800 people were reported present at a Scouts' Own on the lawns of the historic Talbot home, Port Talbot, Ont., held in connection with the London district Scout camp, with Rev. M. Clearey, of Tyrconnell, in charge. The service was followed by the investiture of Mr. P. R. Potter as Scoutmaster of the 17th Londoners. A large number of visitors remained for the Sunday evening singsong.

The camp of the 28th Border Cities was financed by the Independent Order of the B'Nai B'Rith.

When District Commissioner Buesnel, of Chatham, Ont., approached the owner of the 125 acre camp site used by Chatham Scouts during previous years, to arrange for its rental, he was informed that there would be no charge. "Since the Scouts have always left the site exactly as found, I see no reason why they should not be allowed to enjoy their vacation here, free," declared the farmer owner.

Scouts of the 2nd Edmonton Troop, camping at Kapasiwin Beach, were invited to an Indian Treaty Day picnic. A war dance was put on in their honour.

Their Scoutmaster being unable to go, the Glenwood, Sask., Scouts were taken camping by Committeeman Lester Lybbert and the fathers of several of the boys.

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just wondering what we were going to do for the kiddies as it was our first Xmas out here and things have been a bit hard with 5 kiddies to keep and clothe as we only had \$2.00 when we landed at Vermilion last April. But all the same we love Canada and don't want to go back to England.

I must now close, again thanking you, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. F. A.

Rife, Alta.

The Boy Scouts Association,
Toronto, Ont.

(Interpretation from Ukrainian)

I have received from you the presents for my children for which I thank you very much because you troubled over my children,

With care,

Boris Arsenink.

Florenceville, N.B.

Dear Boys:

Just to show you how grateful the children were to you for the nice presents they received the other day. I think they had been delayed a little. It was so kind of you to remember us strangers in a strange land and I do hope you all had a Merry Christmas and that you will have all you wish for in the coming year.

Best luck to you all and again thanking you all so much.

Ever yours truly,

Violet B.

Pleasantdale, Sask.

My dear friends:

We received your parcel quite safely, and I am sure we don't know how to thank you all enough. My little children were all delighted with the toys you sent us. They never had such a lovely parcel of presents before and they all join in sending their best thanks to kind old Santa for thinking of them this Christmas, the first in Canada.

Your sincere friend,

Florence W.

Cumberland, V.I., B.C.

Dear Boy Scouts and Girl Guides:

Just a line thanking you for the presents you sent my children. They were awfully pleased with them, and they were wondering who could have sent it. But it has been very good of you to remember all the new settlers I am sure, and we feel quite happy in this new land. I like your Canada very much. I will now close, thanking you again for your kind gifts,

Mrs. J. T. and family.

Cloverdale, B.C.

To the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides:

Thank you very much indeed for thinking of us this Christmas. We were so surprised to get the parcel and would hardly believe

it was for us. We were very pleased with the toys and candies.

We like Canada very much in spite of the snow and are going to try hard to grow up good Canadians and still be loyal British subjects.

Again thanking you and wishing you the very best of luck in the New Year,

Yours faithfully,

Frank, Gerald and Joyce W.

Kelso, Sask.

To the Boy Scouts:

I thank you very much for the nice parcel of toys my little boy received from you. He is delighted with them, for Santa had not much for him this year. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Mrs. C.

Elmwood, N.B.

Dear Sirs:

I herewith beg to acknowledge the receipt of two parcels which the Boy Scouts of Fredericton so very kindly sent for my children this Christmas. I need hardly say that they were highly delighted with your splendid gifts, more so as they came as a great surprise.



"WET bob"—the Drakes—of the 1st Perth Troop, Ont., cruising the Rideau Lakes

I am unable to describe in writing how pleased they were when the parcels were opened. Kindly convey my warmest thanks and appreciation to the Boy Scout Movement for their generosity.

Wishing the Movement every success.

Yours faithfully,

W. H. T.

From other letters:

"It was very kind and thoughtful of you all to ever think of sending us these nice gifts. It is eighteen months now since we left Bonnie Scotland, but when we got your parcel on Saturday morning it made us feel that we had many friends here too."

This also from a settler in Ontario:

"I can assure you it has given the boys great pleasure to sample the contents (of the parcel). For one thing they are both fond of reading, and out of necessity nearly all books had to be left behind when we came to your beautiful country. I should like to mention here that from the moment of disembarking at Quebec your countrymen have shown us much kindness."

Two English boys on a farm in Western Ontario had thought "that Santa Claus would not come here. They were getting a little bit down, but after the parcel came they thought it was all right that somebody had thought of them."

In some cases clothing was sent, and was greatly appreciated. One mother wrote: "My husband and I don't know how to thank you enough for taking such an interest in us, for it really worried us a great deal to know what to put on them to keep them warm as we only came to Canada last April and did not know what the winter was like until now."

Occasionally letters discovered former Cubs, Brownies and Guides from the Old Country, as noted in this B. C. letter: "We thank you very much for the nice presents you sent us . . . I was a Wolf Cub at home and my two sisters were in the Guides and Brownies."

Letters of welcome sent with the parcels were much appreciated, as in this: "I received your parcel quite safely which I thank you very much for it. I also thank you for the nice letter you wrote to me."

Another from B.C. expressed a sentiment frequently repeated: "We will try to make as good Canadians as we were Britishers. Thank you very much for the parcel. I hope sometime I will be able to send something to someone else."

A readiness to help in passing the Good Turn on was expressed in this:

"It was a great surprise to us. All the children were delighted and they all thank you very much. We would picture a lot of other poor children the same when we saw the faces of our children bright and delightful. We like Canada and our neighbors very much. Now if there be anything next year we can help you with, we will be too glad to do so."

"I was a Boy Scout myself before I left Scotland and I would like to re-join here," wrote a lad on a New Brunswick farm, "but being six miles from the nearest troop I find it impossible. We were well pleased with the presents which were about the only ones we had."

Another lad wrote:

"Thanks very much for the Pogo stick and book. I am now the largest hopping bird in this part of the country. It was kind of you to think of us and we very much appreciate it . . . We are all settled down and are enjoying the Canadian winter very much."—Dudley B.

And another mother:

"I write to thank you for the toys received all right. The children were very pleased with them, especially the doll's pram for the little girl. Just what they wanted."

This came from a little girl: "Dear Scout boys, thank you very much for the nice tobogun you sent us. We

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❖ The Scoutmaster's Five Minutes ❖

Friends to Animals

A YOUNG Scout figured, under particularly commendable circumstances, in an incident which occurred at Bachelor's Walk, Dublin. By some mischance a dog got into the Liffey, and, having swum some distance towards the Metal Bridge, accidentally entered the mouth of one of the sewer-valves near the latter spot, whence the howls of the creature attracted so much attention that a crowd quickly gathered at the quay wall above. Scout John Murray, belonging to a Dublin Troop, was at the moment passing home from his troop meeting. Upon hearing of the animal's plight, he unhesitatingly volunteered to descend upon a rope. This he did, the rope being lowered over the parapet and held by some men on the quay. It was not without difficulty that he reached the dog, as full darkness prevailed at the time. But he eventually did so, and was greeted by the hearty plaudits of the crowd, as he was hauled up with the frightened animal to safety.

Early this summer a horse was carried away backwards into the middle of the river Avon at Bath Road, England, owing to a tip giving way under the weight of the cart to which it was attached. The horse, harnessed to the shafts, was dragged and kept under water, and a crowd of onlookers thought that it must be drowned. Patrol Leader Weekes came on the scene, and remarking, "I can't stand this — one life is as good as another," swam to the animal and tried to release it, in spite of the risk of being kicked or drowned. Finding himself unable to unfasten the harness, Weekes swam back to the shore and secured a knife. With this he cut the horse free, and guided it to the bank, where it was hauled out by ropes.

The horse, together with its owner, was present on the occasion of the presentation of an R.S.P.C.A. medal to Patrol Leader Weekes at the Bristol County Scout Rally by the Lord Mayor of Bristol.

Sick Scouts a "Sure Cure for Grouching"

WRITING in the English press Sir Thomas Hughes, the Chairman of the Welsh Board of Health, relates how he had just returned from his last official visit of inspection in Wales, from the Kensington Hospital, St. Brides, Pembrokehire, one of the Welsh National Memorial Association Tubercular Hospitals, reserved entirely for children (T.B. Surgical). After saying how the sights he saw there touched him to the quick, he continued "I recommended a visit to Kensington Hospital as a safe cure for grouching, and a sound tonic for anyone. One ward has a gallant little Troop of Scouts, with scarves and belts and whistles all complete, but, alas, no shorts, because they cannot even walk."

Eight Fractured Bones and Still Whistling!

THE following true story of a Hampshire Boy Scout has just been revealed:—

A twelve year old Boy Scout was cycling along the street when he collided with a motor car. On examination, it was found that he had broken the thighs of both legs, his right leg, both arms, his left collar-bone and a couple of ribs. As he was carried into a neighbouring garage, he turned to his bearers and asked them to send for his Scoutmaster. The Scoutmaster arrived, and the Scout attempted to give him the Scout salute, and then, with a tremendous effort said, "I did not cry, sir. I kept my promise and tried to whistle."

The same faithfulness to Scout Law 8—"A Scout Smiles and Whistles under all difficulties"—was shown by this twelve-year old Scout during his many visits to the operating room of the Royal Portsmouth Hospital. There he kept a stiff upper lip, winning the highest praise from the hospital staff, and the admiration of his brother Scouts.

EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF DOMINION REGISTRATION TO YOUR COURT OF HONOR THE BOYS'LL FINANCE IT.

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have lovely hills to slide on here. Mary and I like the dollies you sent us and John was so pleased with the lovely engine. I hope you all have a nice Christmas too. Will love Evora and John Stafford."

This will help to realization of the occasional real need in certain of the new settlers' homes:

"They were ever so pleased with them, and were the only toys they had, as we were so very short of money and were wondering if they would have a Christmas dinner at all. So you will know how very pleased we all were with the bed quilt as well. The only sorrow was when we were giving them out that our little girl of 2½ years was forgotten, but we are sure that was quite a mishap of yours and strived to give her something."

Toy Shop Preliminaries

Within the troop.—Of course, discussion by the Court of Honour.

Participation of the Local Press.—The success of the outstanding shops of last year was undoubtedly due in a very large measure to the definite hooking up of the project by name with the established Christmas charitable activities of leading papers, such as the Vancouver Daily Province Santa Claus Fund, the Calgary Herald Sunshine Society, the Edmonton Journal's Christmas Sunshine, the Goodfellows' Clubs of the Border Cities Star and the Halifax Evening Mail. Doubtless other papers would

similarly identify themselves with the work if approached by the proper Scout authorities, and the significance of the toy distribution, including that among settlers' children, made clear.

Co-operation of Theatres.—A very substantial contribution last Christmas was made by the Capitol Theatre, of Calgary, through a special morning matinee, the admission to which was a toy. The house was packed with some 1,600 young people, and no less than 3,000 toys, many of them new, were taken away by truck to the Scout Toy Shop. Scouts acted as ushers, and the theatre staff gave their services free.

The Imperial Theatre at Saint John, N.B., gave free space for Toy Shop announcements in its weekly printed programme, threw Toy Shop bulletins on its screen, and made its entire top floor available for Toy Shop work.

Toys from the Public Schools.—The discovery of last years' Ottawa Scout Toy Shop was the Public School as a source of toys to be secured in large numbers in a short time. This permitted of their repair and early mailing to settlers' children in the west.

Apparently the effectiveness of the appeal lay in its emphasis upon the fact that the toys were to be sent to children out on the prairie farms. The request was conveyed in the following letter to city school principals from the Senior School Inspector:

"The Boy Scouts Association has been asked by the Dominion of Canada Land Settlement Board to send toys at Christmas to the children of new settlers. Mr. Currier, Acting District Secretary of the Boy Scouts Association, has appealed to the School Board for assistance. The Board has authorized me to ask you to assist in this worthy and patriotic effort. Will you announce at once to all your classes that donations of new and used toys for children of new settlers in Canada, especially for those in the Canadian West, will be received at school after and including Friday, December 2nd, and Saturday morning, Dec. 3rd. Mr. Currier will have someone call at the school for the toys.

(Signed) "J. H. Putnam,
Senior Inspector."

Toy Shop Headquarters. — Early Department of course is one of the most important departments of the Scout Toy Shop, and equally of course this is work for the girls. Hence plans for the co-operation of the Girl Guides, or where these are not available, other organized girl groups, should be made.

Toy Shop Headquarters. Early steps also should be taken towards securing a suitable Toy Shop location. This usually is a vacant store; and early inquiry may result in securing one in a particularly advantageous location on one of the downtown business streets.

1,000 LEADERS MEET

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church then should appoint its Troop Committee, and the Troop Committee should appoint the Scoutmaster.

(The weakness of the Scoutmaster making the first move toward the organization of an institutional troop, it was noted, was that in case of his leaving, the institution had no sense of responsibility for carrying on with the troop.)

The Troop Committee should be organized, instructed in its work and followed up, so that the mutual or related objectives of the institution and the Scout programme may be realized.

It was noted that too many gifts to the troop from the parent institution may be harmful.

It was suggested that local Scout organizations make a study of the boy-objectives of local institutions, to discover those whose objectives could effectively be assisted by the use of the Scouting programme.

A questionnaire report showed that the oldest troops are those connected with churches or other institutions.

Re Troop Committees:—The committeemen should be the Scoutmaster's partners. They should give him the comfortable feeling that he is being backed up.

Each committeeman may act as "Daddy" of a patrol, coming to meetings, in his turn, once a month.

Five members made up the favored troop committee: Chairman, Finance, Publicity, Advancement, Camp Man,—each with his special interest. The Advancement Man in various ways assists the Scoutmaster with the rank test and badge work.

Too much visiting should not be encouraged; a troop can be visited to death. Occasionally committeemen may attempt to do something which they do not understand, and destroy the work of the Scoutmaster. Common sense will adjust to conditions and circumstances.

A definite plan of Troop Committee co-operation was emphasized. A questionnaire showed that 46 per cent of the troops reporting had definite plans of committee co-operation, and of this number 84 per cent reported that it worked satisfactorily. In the case of one-half of the committees the chairman had been invited to take the position by the institution fostering the troop.

Committees were reported as helpful with finance, securing parental co-operation generally, and in securing camp registrations.

The Process of Character Building

WHILE many Scoutmasters have little interest in the study of boy psychology and theories of character building, regarding this as "mere theorizing," there are few who would not have acknowledged the obvious soundness and practical helpfulness to the Scoutmaster of the address of Dr. William H. Kilpatrick, of Columbia University, on the "Process of Character Building."

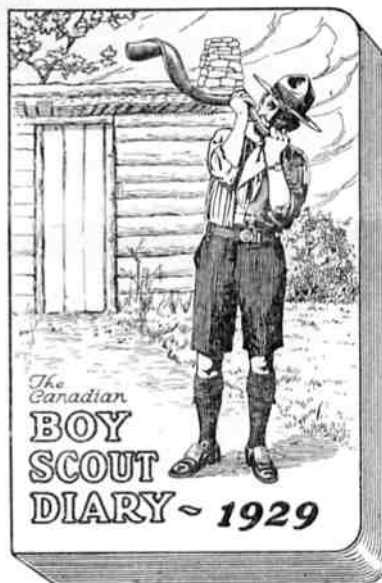
The importance of intelligent teaching methods was thus illustrated: A father, tired from the day's work, is

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seated at home trying to read the evening paper. The children are making a disturbing noise. The mother appeals for consideration for the tired father. The children presently make more noise. Then the father threatens, "You'll keep quiet or go to bed." The children then keep quiet.

Have they learned **consideration**? No, they have learned **prudence**.

Again, a father punishes a boy. If the boy regrets having done the wrong, he learns not to repeat the wrong. If he regrets only that he was caught, he has learned to try to escape the next time.

In other words, it is what goes on within the boy that counts. Is he glad when he succeeds, and sorry when he fails?

"That is why it is bad business to put a programme over on him. Any programme must be practised by a boy who wants to succeed, or he learns not to do it. So it is your business in Scouting to get the boy to work at things that appeal to the deepest within him, then the finest will be brought out, and the quicker and deeper will be the learning. Get the finest in him at work on the varied Scout programme, and it will work."

Dr. Kilpatrick thus analyzed the process of character building:

Character is a habit that will carry on itself. The steps of acquiring a habit are: I see! I can! I will! A sense of fairness, for instance. The boy is led to practice fairness, inside and out, until it becomes a habit,—it repeats itself in any situation,—fairness has become part of his character. And character is the guarantee of future conduct.

Fake Scout Hikers

Henry Pallett, announcing himself as one of sixteen participating in a round-the-world hike starting from London on May 1st last, and claiming to be a Troop Leader of "All Souls' Troop" of London, during the summer appealed for financial assistance at Montreal, Toronto, Windsor and Dearborn, Mich. He is unknown at London Headquarters, and Dominion Headquarters has been advised that no assistance should be given him.

—Ludwickson, claiming to be from Montreal and "going to Prince George to take charge of a Scout patrol." Last reported at Trail, B.C.

Otto Hyrland, Paul Schmidt, Aksel Bithnass, three young Danes, who are connected with the Frederik III Troop, Copenhagen, but who are not Scouts, are travelling round the world without permission. They have wrongly obtained possessions of registered green badges of Det Danske Spejderkorps and will probably try to obtain assistance from Scout associations. No assistance whatever should be given them.

Is it Fair to Overlook This?

A LARGE percentage of town boys must leave home to "seek their fortune." The fact that a boy is carrying an up-to-date Scout Registration card may decide whether or not he is given a particularly desirable position and start in life. No character card has such universal value.

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.

A Composite Four-Night Troop Programme

- 7.30—Patrol Corners; roll call, dues.
Points off for late-comers.*
- 7.35—Flag Break. O Canada. General inspection (points for general appearance, Sunday-school and Church attendance).*
- Special Inspection—*
- (a) Hair (chiefly for parting).
(b) Finger-nails.
(c) Garter tabs and right shoe.
(d) Ears.
- 7.45—Lively Game—(Freeze)*
- (a) Patrol Bottle Ball.*
(b) Poison Circle.
(c) Foot in the Ring.*
(d) Zig Zag Relay.
- 7.55—Patrol Corners. Test and Badge work as arranged by Court of Honour. (Freeze)*
- 8.10—Quiet Game—
- (a) Checker Relay.
(b) Find the Watch.
(c) Signalling Dominoes.
(d) Knot Baseball.
- 8.20—Morse and Semaphore messages and relays.*
- 8.30—(a) Hand Signals.*
(b, c) Tracking problem (outdoors).*
(d) Schafer Resuscitation.*
- 8.40—(a, b) First aid problems, such as might occur at camp, i.e., cut in foot, finger, sprained ankle, bruises, bumps, ivy poisoning, heat prostration, burns, etc.*
(c, d) Charades on breaking of strangle holds by drowning persons.*
- 8.50—Council Fire: Songs. S. M.'s Five. Round singing. Announcements. Scout Silence. Repeat Promise. First meeting of month, repeat Scout Laws. Name Duty Patrol. King. Lower Flag. Dismiss.
- Court of Honour.

*Patrol Competition.

A Camp Report for the Troop Archives

A MODEL 1928 camp report was that turned in by Scoutmaster E. C. Conn, of the 13th Border Cities Troop, of Walkerville, Ont. This was a stoutly-bound 8x11 book containing a complete neatly typewritten record of the camp doings,—its preliminary arrangements, its daily programme, its patrol competition schedule and results, list of visitors, menus, a large number of photographs, and a complete account of expenditures. Such a report contributes to troop spirit and tradition, and provides a valuable reference for future camps.

Add This to Your Scout Column Heading

A boy is NOT A SCOUT merely because he has attended or is attending Scout meetings. A boy is NOT A SCOUT UNTIL he has passed certain tests, studied and learned the meaning of ten Scout Laws, and has taken a very solemn promise.

IT is suggested that where possible the above box be carried permanently as part of the heading of local Scout news columns. The reasons:—

The majority of people assume that as soon as a boy begins attending Scout meetings he is a Scout. One result is the persistence of a very casual idea as to the significance of Scouting; another and not infrequent result is the discrediting of Scouting by the actions of boys wrongly supposed to be Scouts, who may merely have attended one or two meetings.

Scout Dates

October

- One of the best hike months.
- 6th—Bird Migration observation hike.
- 7th—Fire Prevention Week. Consult your Fire Chief for suggestions.
- 13th—Weed seed hike. Tracking games.
- 20th—Coloured leaf hike. Stalking games.
- 27th—Hare and Hounds tracking hike.
- 31st—Big Hallowe'en party. Good Turns instead of pranks. Annual Scout Census.

November

- 1st—All Saints' Day.
11th—Armistice Day.
12th—Thanksgiving.

Running Kim's Game

THE Oaklands, B.C., Troop has been carrying out a series of "monthly sport challenges," devised by Patrol Leader Banning. A recent programme consisted of swimming and diving, cross-country running and a short road sprint, a message relay and a "running Kim's game." For the latter game various odds and ends are strewn about on a course, and the runners record what they see as they run. Points are so arranged for this event that speed has a value, but the first boy home, if he has an incomplete list, may be beaten by the last home if he has a full list.

In two days the 23rd Ottawa Troop collected 2½ tons of newspapers, which they sold at \$10 per ton, and 1½ tons of coated-stock magazines, which brought \$12,—or a total of \$48 against their camp expenses.

"A Strenuous Afternoon" Out-of-doors to Demonstrate Scouting

TO help the organization of a troop at Navan, Ont., the 9th Ottawas, in charge of District Scoutmaster Proctor and Acting Secretary Currier, journeyed to that place to put on the Scout play, "A Strenuous Afternoon," out-of-doors. Big spruce trees in nearby grove provided a realistic setting.

This Canadian play, by the way, provides an exceptionally effective and actable exposition of Scouting, and might well be used more frequently in helping the organization of troops in nearby communities.

Discuss These With Your Court of Honour

IF you have not already done so, make a good Fall start by discussing the following list of subjects with your Court of Honour:—

1. The rank standing of each boy in each patrol, and advancement plans for the winter.
2. Registration of troop at Dominion Headquarters.
3. Co-operation of the troop with activities of the church or other parent institution.
4. Saturday and holiday Fall hikes.
5. Troop Committee Night, to renew the committee's touch with the troop and its activities.
6. Parents' and Visitors' Night,—at least one before Christmas.
7. The Christmas Toy Shop, including plans for the sending of toys to new settlers' children.
8. Troop and Patrol Good Turns.
9. Exchange of visits with other troops.
10. Helping the organization of another troop in another church or neighbouring community.
11. Organization of a Pack, if one is not already connected with the troop.
12. Organization of a Rover group, if older boys are available.
13. Use of members of the Troop Committee for Badge instruction and examination.
14. The annual entertainment and banquet.
15. Funds for next year's camp: Shall we start a 1929 Camp Bank?

Inter-Troop Good Turns

AS a Good Turn to a troop less fortunately situated, the 1st Troop of St. John's, Que., entertained the 63rd Montreal (Griffintown) Troop over a week-end. Cars were sent in for the city boys and their leaders. The programme included a big Saturday night camp fire in which all four St. John's troops participated, and a Sunday afternoon church parade. After a sumptuous supper the 63rd boys were motor-ed back to Montreal. Early in the year the 70th Montreal banqueted the 63rd.

1928 CAMP QUESTIONNAIRE

The splendid response to the Camp Questionnaire of last year produced much valuable information on this important Scouting activity. We hope this year to receive reports on at least 200 camps. Will you not make yours one of these? Do not think because your methods seem to you commonplace that an outline may not contain some idea helpful to other Scoutmasters. The fact that your plans worked successfully is worth knowing. Also these reports are being studied and filed as a basis for our projected Canadian book on Scout camping, which we hope to publish before next summer. In this connection and also for possible use in The Scout Leader, any good camp activity pictures would be much appreciated.

It is suggested that the Questionnaire be filled out while the camp experiences are still fresh in your mind. Its receipt will be acknowledged. Thank you.

Appreciatively,
The Dominion Camp Chief,
Boy Scouts Association,
Ottawa.

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1. No. of days in camp ? Where held ?
2. Did your Troop Committee help in working out camp plans ?
How ?
3. Total cost of camp ? How met ?
4. No. of Scouts in camp ? No. of Tenderfoot Scouts ?
5. Camping system used: Patrol ? Mass ?
Patrol except for cooking ?
6. State reasons for method used, and whether it worked well in
all respects ?
7. Did you run a camp Patrol Competition ?
8. What were your Woodcraft activities ?
9. What were favourite camp games ?
10. How many Scouts learned to swim ?
11. How many completed 2nd Class Tests ? First Class ?
12. Did you use your own tents ? If not, state whether you
procured them from the Dept. of National Defence ?
Rented or borrowed them locally ?
Used some form of substitute ?
13. Any accidents ? Sickness ?
14. Name some of the Good Turns performed by the Troop while in
camp ?
15. Had your Troop camped before ?
16. Additional Remarks:

Scoutmaster

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