



## That Puzzling "Older Boy"

*THE following discussion of that "Older Boy" who sooner or later worries and mystifies every Scoutmaster, will be found unusually interesting and convincing and helpful. It was specially prepared for THE SCOUT LEADER by one of our most experienced and thoughtful leaders, Provincial Secretary E. Russell Paterson of Montreal.*

THE present tendency in Canadian Scouting seems to emphasize the importance of programme and activities as against psychology and a theoretical knowledge of how boys develop. This tendency represents a swing of the pendulum in boys' work in Canada from what was probably an over-emphasis on theory 15 to 20 years ago. At that period the first thing a prospective leader of boys was called upon to do was to study "boy psychology," and until he could identify and describe the various stages in the complicated development of an individual youth he did not consider that he was capable of directing the activities of any group of boys. Nowadays we are prone to think that any man who can keep boys interested in a "programme" may be thoroughly satisfied with his capabilities as a leader.

The truth of the matter, as in most questions affected by pendulum swings, seems to lie somewhere between the two extremes. The ability to keep boys actively interested is a sine qua non of leadership for any man, but a thorough understanding of the psychology of the boys he is dealing with helps him in two important ways: He knows what to expect from them, and he has the chance of moulding the programme of activities to bring it into line with the best of their natural tendencies. In other words, the leader of a programme will lead a better programme if he understands the process of natural development through which his boys are passing.

Further, it is not logical to expect that every leader will come to an understanding of this process through his own unaided efforts in studying it. Much has been written by men who have made a life-study of the subject, and the wise Scoutmaster will accept at least a few of the principles discovered by the scientific investigators as a basis for his own study. This is the only way in which human knowledge of any subject has progressed.

The difficulty is to know where to secure from the mass of boy psychology literature the few simple principles that may help a practical man.

One of the most baffling, and therefore most interesting problems of the Scoutmaster whose troop comprises boys of widely differing ages is that of the natural behaviour of his senior Scouts. The secret of the success of many a leader who retains the allegiance of his seniors to the troop is their personal friendship and loyalty to him, but often the things they think and do bewilder him. He would be saved much worry, and might possibly be able to adapt his programme of activities even better, if he understood the period of development through which these boys are passing.

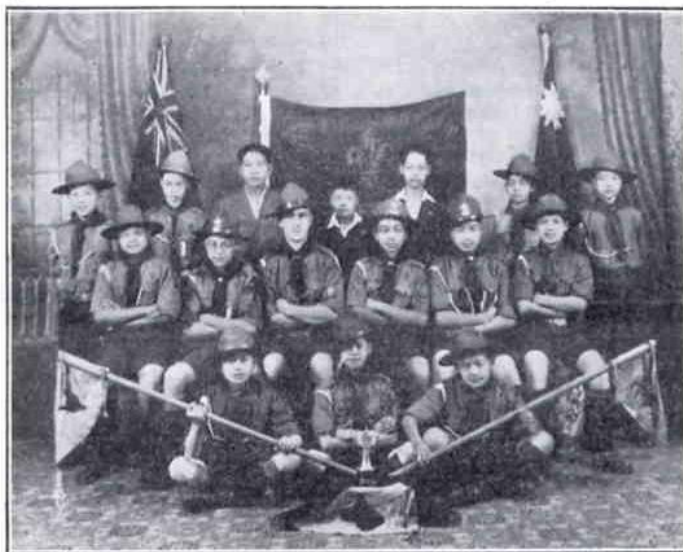
The secret of this development lies in the sudden speeding-up that comes in the growth of a boy at about 14 or 15 years of age. During the years immediately preceding this, nature, as it were, lies low, building up a reserve and preparing for the change that is to take place. Then there comes, in two or three years, a growth physically and an unfolding mentally that eclipses all the development that has taken place up to that time. And the problem arises because there is not a

correspondingly sudden increase of the powers of control to keep pace with the new abilities that are so quickly trust on the youth. In the language of motoring, the accelerator has been stepped on, but there is an inexperienced hand on the steering gear.

The way in which this situation normally affects the boy may be better understood if one thinks of the usual effect of a sudden legacy coming to one who is unprepared for it. The "nouveaux riches" caricatured in the humorous periodicals will serve as a type. This simile will not be pressed in what follows, but the naturalness of the behaviour of senior boys in the circumstances will be appreciated if one thinks of the things that are supposed to happen when an unexpected increase of wealth opens up sudden opportunities for people untrained to use it with control.

One of the most marked characteristics you will expect to find in a boy who has just entered on this sudden development is a spirit of independence, and an irritation at anything that seems like control from the outside. This comes with the realization that he has acquired powers that up to this time he has always considered the rightful prerogative of adults,—

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ONE of British Columbia's keenest Scout Troops—the 32nd Vancouver (Chinese), Scoutmaster Charles Wiseman. It was organized in April, 1928, by three Chinese Scouts of other troops, who secured a meeting place in the Chinese Public School, and applied to Scout Headquarters for a Scoutmaster. The boys have made excellent and rapid progress. The troop flag was presented by one of the Scout's mothers, and a silver patrol competition cup by Mr. Yip Mow. Several of the boys are clever artists, and have made various Scout charts for their troop room. They shared in the Christmas Toy Shop work with the other troops of the city.



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### The Year's Big Good Turn

ONCE more we have taken a step ahead with our big annual National Good Turn, the Scout Toy Repair Shop work,—in the happiness carried into needy homes locally, and those of new settlers on the farms, and in the number of Scouts who again, or for the first time, participated actively in something which spelled "happiness for others."

All this meant work,—real work. Anything so well worth while means work—planning, organizing, following up this and that; long hours of actual work in the Toy Shop after the day's work in shop or office; in many cases incidental personal expense.

But it was worth it, and spiritually as well as practically. The over 600 letters received in response to a postal card inquiry to last year's new settlers again proved that this phase of the toy distribution alone is well worth all we can put into it. Indeed, he would be a curious, mis-called Scout who could read any of these letters, visualize the pleasure given both children and parents, and then say, "I would not have troubled myself to bring that about."

Columns could be given up to brief paragraph quotations from these letters. A few will be found on the Scoutmaster's Five Minute page.

A gratifying feature of the settlers' distribution this year was the meeting of the cost of postage, in various ways, by the Toy Shops themselves, with but one or two exceptions,—making the job as nearly as possible a 100% Scout Good Turn to these appreciative new brother and sister Canadians. In a number of cases service clubs and lodges met the cost of postage; at Ottawa several generous donations for the purpose were received following a broadcast Toy Shop appeal from CNRO, and other donations were left by persons who dropped in at Dominion Headquarters to see the distribution pin maps.

A pleasing note of the Toy Shop reports in the frequent offer to repeat next Christmas, such as that from Fort William:—"It has been a happy time for us all, and I am sure a happy one for the children; and you can rest assured that Fort William will be in the game next year." Or that from Scoutmaster (Rev.) Ernest E. Long, of Tillsonburg:—"Having thus discovered the

possibilities of the work, and our own capacities, we shall be ready to do greater things next year."

Let us all plan to do still greater things next Christmas!

### As One Clergyman Finds Scouting

WROTE an Ontario clergyman Scoutmaster recently:—"Last Sunday I held a preparation service in the church at 10 o'clock for the Scouts who have been confirmed, using the form of service in the Church Scouts' Prayer-book. It turned out so well that we have decided to hold it before each Communion Service. At the Communion Service eleven Scouts went up in a body to receive the Holy

### The New Leaf

"The most practical, beautiful and quotable New Year's poem I know—and one which I use every year of my life in some manner," says Dr. W. L. Stidger of the following verses in his "Question Box" in *The Homiletic Review* (New York). He does not know the author.

*HE CAME to my desk with  
quivering lip,*

*The lesson was done.*

*"Have you a new leaf for me, dear  
Teacher?"*

*I have spoiled this one!"*

*I took his leaf, all soiled and blotted  
And gave him a new one, all un-*

*spotted,*  
*Then into his tired heart I smiled:*

*"Do better now, my Child!"*

*I went to the throne, with trembl-*

*ing heart.*

*The year was done.*

*"Have you a New Year for me,  
dear Master?"*

*I have spoiled this one!"*

*He took my year, all soiled and  
blotted*

*And gave me a new one, all un-*

*spotted,*  
*Then, into my tired heart he smiled:*

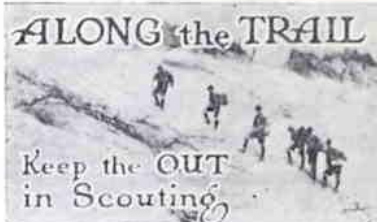
*"Do better now, my Child!"*  
—*The Literary Digest.*

### Communion.

"If Scouting can make such a contribution to any church it is worthy to be received by that congregation."

"If every boy in the United States between the ages of 12 and 17 could be placed under the influence of the Scout programme, we would hear few pessimistic words as to the future of our nation."—President Collidge, Honorary President of the Boy Scouts of America.

A VALUABLE IDENTIFICATION  
AND CHARACTER CARD GOES  
WITH SCOUT REGISTRATION



### Thought for the Coming Year

*Let us be the first to give a friendly  
sign, to nod first, smile first, speak first,  
give first. And should this be necessary—  
let us forgive first and forget first.*

—*The Scout Sign.*

The 1929 Ontario Scout Leaders' Conference will be held at London, Ont., February 22 and 23.

Widespread mention appears in December troop meeting reports of special prayers for the recovery of the King, and the singing of the National Anthem with especial feeling.

The Scout leaders of Sarnia, Ont., formed an association to be known as the Lambton County Scout Leaders' Association. The purpose of the organization is to "enable Scout leaders to pool ideas and co-operate."

Jackson Dodds, retiring Chairman of the Manitoba Provincial Council, prior to his departure for Montreal was decorated with the Honorary Silver Wolf. The presentation was made on behalf of His Excellency Viscount Willingdon, Chief Scout for Canada, by Sir James Aikens, Chief Scout for Manitoba.

These are the officers of the recently organized Provincial Council for New Brunswick: President, Allan G. McAvity; Vice-President, Professor P. W. Pugh, Fredericton; Provincial Commissioner LeBaron Bull, Fredericton; Honorary Provincial Treasurer, Mrs. G. Wilfred Campbell; Provincial Secretary, Albert T. Linton, Saint John.

The *Winnipeg Tribune* of November 24th carried pictures of Sir James Aikens, Chief Scout for Manitoba, and the three new officers of the provincial organization—Mr. Justice Kilgour, Provincial Commissioner; Mr. R. G. Perse, Chairman of the Provincial Council, and Lt. Col. Hugh F. Osler, Vice-Chairman.

The election of Allan G. McAvity as President of the new Provincial Council for New Brunswick was an especially suitable one. Mr. McAvity has for years been active in wild life conservation, has been President of the New Brunswick Fish and Game Association since its inception, and owns a private game sanctuary in East Saint John.

The occasion of the retirement of Scoutmaster C. V. Strevett of the 1st Border Cities Troop, after 18 years of leadership, was made a memorable occasion at the gymnasium of the Church of the Ascension. Those present included many old boys now grown to manhood, and on behalf of the members of the troop past and present Rev. H. B. Ashby presented Mr. Strevett with a gold watch.



## Our 1928 Job for Santa

*"Splendid! Simply Splendid!"*  
THIS was the final, summarizing comment of His Excellency the Governor General after spending some time at Dominion Scout Headquarters in studying the settlers' Christmas toy distribution pin maps, and learning details of the sending of Scout Santa Claus parcels to more than 5,000 little New Canadians by Scout Toy Shops representing every part of the Dominion.

"The importance of this remembrance to these new people, particularly those spending their first Canadian Christmas on western farms, none of us perhaps fully realize," His Excellency declared. He made it clear that he regarded the work as an important national service to Canada.

The Chief Scout also took the time to read a number of the letters received from last year's settlers in response to our postal card inquiry as to whether they needed a re-visit from the Scout Santa Claus, and was visibly touched by several of them.

He expressed surprise and gratification on coming to the Toy Shop Chain map, on which a straggling line of 74 blue pins, each representing a Scout Toy Shop, (the number was later increased to 88) "marched" across the Dominion from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Previously His Excellency had visited the two Ottawa Toy Shops. While in the packing and mailing department, where settlers' packages were being prepared, he noted with particular interest a box of handsome beads made by the blind boys of the 1st Brantford Troop of the Ontario School for the Blind, as their contribution. The Chief Scout picked up and examined several of the strings, and commented on their beauty and workmanship.

### Our 1928 Job for Santa

While final reports have not yet been received from a number of Toy Shops, including several of the largest, a conservative estimate places the number of children of needy families visited by the Scout Santa Claus throughout the Dominion at well over 50,000, including a little over 5,000 children of new settlers. These gifts were provided by a chain of 88 Toy Shops (as reported to date), and a few troops which took a number of settlers' children although not operating a Toy Shop.

### The 1928 Chain

The 1928 Scout Toy Repair Shop Chain as reported to January 1st numbered 88 shops, as follows:

**British Columbia.**—Anyox, Chilliwack, Cowichan, Duncan, Kamloops, Ladysmith, Nanaimo, Nelson, North Vancouver, Prince George, Prince Rupert, Trail, Vancouver, Victoria.  
**Alberta.**—Calgary, Cardston, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Red Deer.  
**Saskatchewan.**—Balfour, Dahninda-Avonlea, Gravelbourg, Lloydminster, Loversna, Moose Jaw, Regina, Saskatoon, Weyburn.  
**Manitoba.**—Brandon, Swan River, Winnipeg.  
**Ontario.**—Almonte (Guides), Amherstburg, Beaverton, Braeside, Brantford (School for the Blind Troop),

Brockville, Chatham, Cobalt, Dundas, Dutton, Fort William, Galt, Guelph, Hamilton, Kingston, Kincardine, Kirkland Lake, Lindsay, London, Markdale, Mille Roches, New Toronto, Oshawa, Ottawa, Owen Sound, Perth, Peterborough, South Porcupine, St. Thomas (Firemen assisted by Scouts), Tillsonburg, Toronto, Trenton, Waterloo, Welland.  
**Quebec.**—Brownsburg, Kenogami, Lachute, Montreal, Montreal East, Sherbrooke, St. Johns, St. Lambert, Three Rivers.  
**New Brunswick.**—Belle Isle Creek, Fredericton, Moncton, Saint John.  
**Nova Scotia.**—Antigonish, Bear River, Digby, Halifax, New Glasgow, Stellarton, Sydney, Truro, Waterville. **Total 88.**

Non-Shop Troops or Districts taking care of a number of settlers' children. —Medicine Hat, Alta.; Melfort and Yorkton, Sask.

### Toy Shop Notes

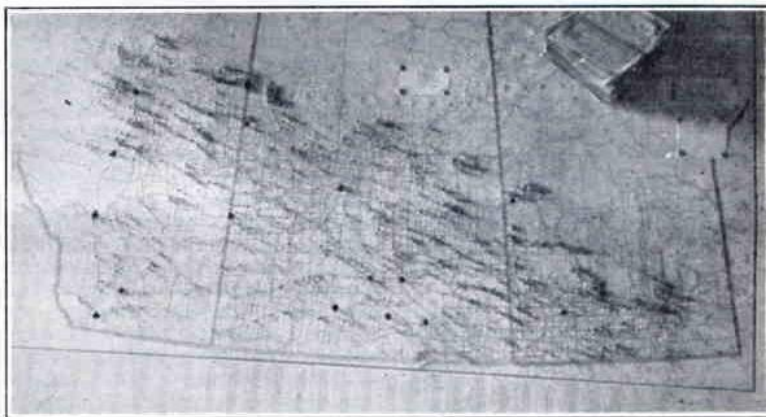
The Gravelbourg, Sask., Toy Shop, directed by Scoutmaster Thomas, won the distinction of taking care of the largest number of children assigned

that paper.

The Saturday morning Toy Shower Matinee of 1927 was repeated at the Capitol Theatre by Manager Hazza, with the same success in producing a great quantity of toys. More than 1200 children were present to see a special Jackie Coogan picture and song and dance numbers by juvenile actors. More than 4,500 toys were distributed by the Toy Shop.

The Saturday-morning Toy Shower idea, taken up by the Daylight Theatre, Saskatoon, Sask., also resulted in a large attendance of children and a big truck load for the Saskatoon Toy Shop. In addition to visiting more than 300 homes in the city and district, the Saskatoon shop took care of 146 settlers' families. The directors provided a fine example of willingness when on receipt of a telegram from the Toy Shop Secretary at Ottawa inquiring whether they could handle additional families forwarded from Regina, they replied, "Have handled all lists so far with ease, can handle more if necessary."

The Montreal Shop, including a branch at St. Lambert, distributed a



THE pin map of the three Prairie Provinces on which were located with variously coloured pins, 1,001 settler's families needing a visit from the Scout Toy Santa Claus. The colour of the pins made effective photographing difficult. The families averaged a fraction over 3 children per family. The large dark pins mark the Toy Shops. In the upper right corner is a wall file of requests for lists of settler's names received from various shops.

to a single-troop Toy Shop. The boys applied for 75 names, and were sent 53—all of whom were taken care of generously. "The cost of mailing was met by the troop, largely by the boys out of their own pocket—a considerable item, since many of the toys were quite heavy."

The Scouts and Brownies of the 1st Balfour Toy Shop, under Scoutmaster Fergus Imlach, did a notable piece of work by providing 122 gifts for boys and girls along the railroad within 20 miles east, 30 miles west and 40 miles north.

A feature of the 1928 Calgary Toy Shop was its direction entirely by Rovers and Rangers, under District Rover Leader Gooch. With the exception of the doll section, handled by the Rangers, each department was headed by a Rover who was in that line of work professionally. The result was an unusually smooth running "plant." As in previous years, the shop worked in close co-operation with the Sunshine Society of The Calgary Herald, and received generous support from

little over 7,000 gifts through various local charitable organizations, and from the St. Lambert Community Christmas Tree, in addition to providing for 380 children of settlers. Time spent in the shop was credited to Scouts in connection with the Citizen badge, as "useful public service." One Troop Leader, employed all day in a shop, gave 100 hours, representing practically all of his leisure time for five weeks. A total of 2,072 hours was given by 334 Scouts and Rovers of 57 units. A large number of dolls were handed over to Y.W.C.A. classes for dressing, and were donated by them direct and not included in the Toy Shop total. One Anglican church for the third year in succession held a Sunday morning "Toy Service," when members of the congregation brought toys, piling them in the rear of the church.

The Three Rivers Troops, under Dist. Scoutmaster Jones, began work in October, in order to send their annual gift of toys to children on the Magdalen Islands by mid-November.



The shop also took care of a number of western children.

The five troops of St. Johns, Que., took up the work this year enthusiastically, under the patronage of Mayor St. Germain, and with the full support of the two local papers *The St. Johns News* (English) and *Canada Francais* (French). The shop was located in the furniture store of Mr. O. Langlois, who placed his workshop, heated and lighted, at the service of the Scouts free. The shop was directed by Scoutmaster Dubien, assisted by the leaders and A.S.M.'s of the other troops and Assistant District Commissioner Roy Wilson. The shop took care of 70 settlers' children, and offered to take more.

Long lists of persons contributing toys or money for the mailing of settlers' packages from the Sherbrooke, Que., shop were published in *The Sherbrooke Record*. The shop was directed by Vice-President J. T. Morikill of the Local Association, assisted by several Scoutmasters and Cubmasters.

Upwards of 500 children of local families received gifts from the Saint John, N.B. shop, in addition to several hundred settlers' children. The shop was directed by District Secretary A. T. Linton. Girl Guides dressed the dolls in a separate shop.

In addition to 400 settlers' children the Winnipeg Scout Santa provided toys for the Peguis Indian Reserve, the Elkhorn Indian Industrial School, St. James' Welfare Society, the Winnipeg kindergarten Settlement, Robertson House, Immigration Halls Nos. 1 and 2 and the Winnipeg Tribune Empty Stocking Fund. Guides assisted with the dolls.

Through the courtesy of Division Superintendent J. J. Napier, the Brandon Scout Toy Shop was located in the basement of the C.N.R. office building. Scoutmaster F. E. Adolph was in charge and the distribution of toys was made locally and to settlers' children in the western part of the province.

A busy little Manitoba Toy Shop was that of the 1st Swan River Troop, run by P.L. William Bray, in the cellar of his home. Two outlying settlers' families were taken care of, in

addition to a number of local children.

As in other years "Christmas Inc.", the Halifax Scout Toy Shop was run with the support of the Halifax Evening Mail, and duplicated its excellent work previously under the new direction of Scoutmaster Bob Cutler. The shop offered to take care of 400 settlers' children.

Scoutmaster P. J. Power, who had directed the Halifax shop annually since 1924, and who during the year had been moved to Sydney, organized and directed a very successful toy shop in that active Scouting city.

Candy and nuts donated by local business firms completed the parcels sent to settlers by the New Glasgow, N.S., and Stellarton Toy Shops, and the New Glasgow Rotary Club took care of the postage. Dolls were dressed by the C.G.I.T. of St. Andrew's Church, and toys were selected by a committee of ladies associated with Scouting.

A new experiment of the Truro, N.S. Toy Shop was a letter box in the Post Office, where children were invited to mail letters to Santa Claus, without postage. The scheme proved very successful in discovering the needs of certain families not learned otherwise, and the attention attracted through the interest of the children brought many contributions of toys and books to the Toy Shop. President Kent of the Local Association supplied heated quarters for the shop, the telephone company installed a free telephone ("Santa, 1928"), and the electric light company installed a special meter and provided light free. "In fact we had all the co-operation anyone could wish," reported Secretary Mrs. Howard Davidson.

An application for ten settlers' names came from one All-Guide Shop, —that at Almonte, Ont., run under the direction of Mrs. J. R. Kelly. Their Alberta children were provided for with characteristic Guide thoroughness and taste.

The first application for settlers' names came from Scoutmaster Vernon Andrew, of the 1st South Porcupine Troop, Ont., and generously called for 50 names. It was felt that 50 was a rather large proposition for

a single-troop Toy Shop, even in the gold country, and 35 were sent,—and taken care of.

The Toy Shop of the 1st Perth Troop, Ont., was "more than able to fulfill our promise to supply 35 settlers with presents." A large box of toys and books was provided the Salvation Army.

Brantford, Ont., was represented in the Toy Shop Chain by the blind Scouts of the troop at the Ontario School for the Blind. Although having but little time before breaking up and returning to their homes for the Christmas holidays, the boys made three dozen beautifully arranged strings of beads, of generous length, strung on fine wire. They took a great deal of pleasure in the work, and in the thought that they were thus able to co-operate with other troops throughout Canada in the year's big Good Turn. They will be keen to participate next Christmas.

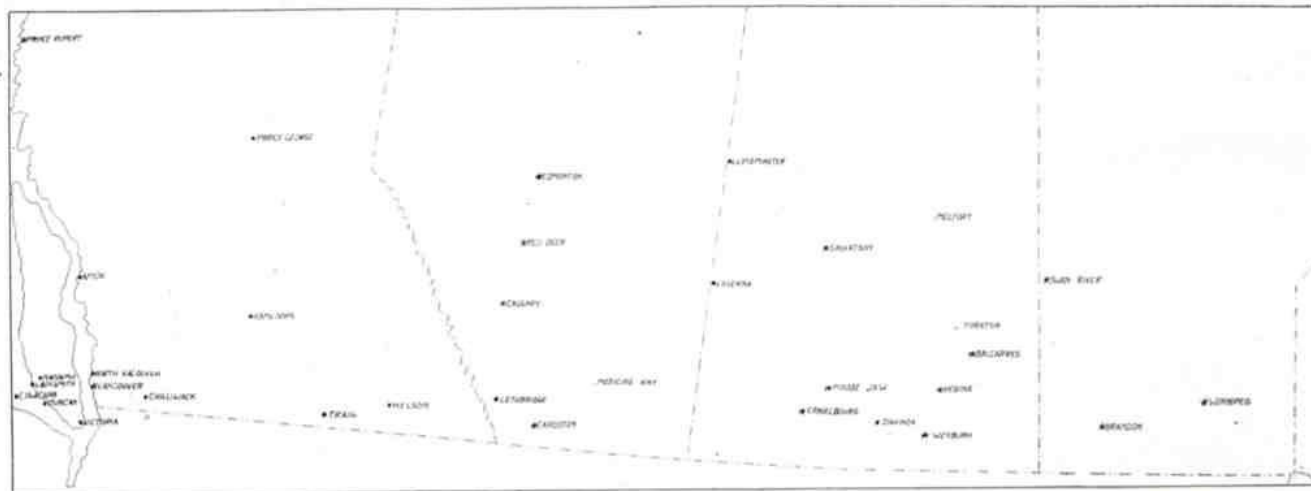
Windsor, Ont., reported itself in the unusually happy position of enjoying such prosperity that there was no local need for a Scout Toy Shop, and consequently none was organized.

Kincardine, Ont., specialized on books, the Scouts calling at every home in town for them. Fifty older children of settlers requesting books, including a number of foreign born boys and girls who are learning English, were taken care of with reading matter for a good part of the winter.

London, Ont., operated its first District Toy Shop with excellent success under District Scoutmaster Palmer in close co-operation with *The London Free Press*. The dolls were dressed by St. Paul's Cathedral and Knollwood Park Rangers, and Mrs. A. H. West of the 4th Londoners. Western Ontario settlers were provided for. The 4th London Troop in addition to district shop work supplied toys to some 70 children in its section of the city.

There being practically no local field for toy distribution the 1st Markdale Troop again, as last year, took generous care of a number of children in Saskatchewan. A.S.M. Dundas was in charge.

The Vancouver Shop, operated in association with the Santa Claus Fund



THE 1928 BOY SCOUT CHRISTMAS TOY REPAIR SHOP CHAIN. Troops at places not starred took a number of to the making of the map—Stellarton, N. S.; St. Lambert, Que.; Dundas and







## ❖ The Scoutmaster's Five Minutes ❖

### Some Letters

*THESE representative letters picked here and there from the more than 600 replies received from new settlers whose children were sent Scout Santa Claus gifts in 1927, will help to visualize for your boys the problems in the homes of other boys and girls.*

**FROM P.E.I.:**—"I would very much like to receive a present of toys for my children, as I am not in a situation to buy them any myself. I was very grateful for the presents last year. It made them feel more at home, and something like Christmas."

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of your card. My wife and I appreciate very much your kindness in again offering your Santa Claus to visit us, and we gratefully accept. I wrote to you last year telling you of the joy the beautiful presents you sent gave to our children, and although a year has elapsed, some of the clockwork toys are still surviving. Although the little girl has grown out of the splendid boots you sent her, one of the little boys is still wearing them. This year we were again almost sure Santa would not pay us a visit, but now with his wonderful generosity he is to again come. As we progress with the years ahead, and with God's help, we hope to give you our assistance so that other children who come to make Canada their home may be made happy on their first Christmas here."

**From Nova Scotia:**—"In answer to your welcome P.C. of the 3rd, you did indeed visit our home last Christmas, and if you could have seen our little ones' faces, I am sure you'd have been pleased and satisfied. Well, dear Santa, I am sorry to say we do need your visit, and will be very pleased to have you call. We had a little addition to our family circle October 19th, which makes your card more than welcome. As to gifts, we'll leave that to you, and will appreciate whatever you can send for our little ones."

"Having received a P.C. from you about the Boy Scout Santa Claus, I must say it was very kind of them to think of our children, as I may say we did not think anyone would think of them in a new country. The parcel they received was lovely, and they were quite delighted. I would be very grateful for anything you care to send them this Christmas, as I have no work, and having had doctor's bills to pay have not left much for Christmas."

**From New Brunswick:**—"I should be ever so pleased if you could spare my little boys a little toy or something. The toys you sent them last Christmas were the only toys they have seen since they came to Canada. My baby still runs around every day with the doll you sent him. It has lost its legs and one arm, but he loves it all the more. I was in hopes our Christmas

was going to be brighter this year, but if potatoes do not take a jump soon I am afraid it will be duller. But we are not down-hearted."

"I am ever so glad you have sent a card from Santa Claus. Yes, someone sent my boy a Christmas parcel, but I failed to acknowledge it because I was at a loss to know whom to thank. Believe me, it was thankfully received. He is a fine boy now. Canada has made a man of him. His fellow Cubs at Blundell-le-Sands, Liverpool, would not know him now. Anything you feel disposed to give will be appreciated to the fullest extent."

**From Quebec:**—"It is more than kind of you to remember us again this year. If you only knew what a lot the kiddies thought of your lovely parcel you would be delighted. You asked us if we would like Santa to visit us again this year. I don't think any body ever refuses Santa a visit and we'll be delighted to receive him again, as we have had bad luck this year. If you kind folks know of other kind folks who have any left off clothing that they do not really need any more, I would gratefully accept them, as I can make over anything."

**From Ontario:**—"In answer to your kind card received on Tuesday to the delight of the boys, who thoroughly enjoyed your unexpected gifts last year, and for which I now take the pleasure of thanking you. Having no address, could not do so before. . . . I would like you to have seen the pleasure your parcel brought to my two boys their first Christmas in a strange country. The choice of gifts I leave to you."

"In answer to your very kind P.C., I will be ever grateful to the Boy Scouts for any gift they may send us. I will be unable to be Santa Claus this year, and as I have five small children and they think that all you have to do is just write on a piece of paper what you want and send it to Santa. I would have been very down-hearted at their disappointment. They will be very pleased to get anything, as you will have lots of other poor children."

This came from a Manitoba settler's neighbour: Mrs. Ackerman gave me the enclosed card asking me to beg you to make her children a little Christmas present if possible. Any little toy will be greatly appreciated, and I might say the family is worth it. They started farming without any capital, and work hard to earn a living. Mr. Ackerman is at present out in the lumber camps, and will be there all winter and Mrs. Ackerman is looking after the stock and doing all the chores around the farm."

"I received your card this morning, and must thank you for your kind thought for the children this Christmas. We received gifts for them last Christmas from you, but as there was no address I could not write and give you our grateful thanks for such goodness. I would like to accept your

offer to remember the children this Christmas, as money is not a great thing with us just at present. But we are not complaining, we are all happy here, and ever so glad we came, but we have nothing to spare for Father Christmas."

**From Saskatchewan:**—"I must say I am deeply thankful for your offer of Christmas toys. We had a good crop this year, and things were bright until we lost all our crop that was stacked ready for threshing through a bush fire, whilst my husband was away helping to thresh a good few miles away."

"We would appreciate it very much if you would be able to send our two little girls something at Christmas, as we will be unable to get them anything, and they cannot understand. So they are still expecting Santa Claus. Thanking you for the surprise which you gave them last Christmas."

"Yes the Canadian Boy Scout Toy Shop Santa Claus visited our home last Christmas, and the presents pleased the children very much and made our Christmas glad. Otherwise it would have been a very dismal one. The children still have happy times. We are pleased to know that you are still out to bring gladness into other homes this Christmas. I am pleased to say we will be able this time to make things more Christmassy for our children."

"We think it is a grand idea of you to help the children and make them happy at Christmas time, for it also helps the mothers too, as there is many a mother that loves to give her children lots of toys, and knows that the money is needed for other things, as there is such a lot to buy the first year or two."

"We thank you for the presents received last Christmas. We are delighted to think that there is always someone in Canada with the good spirit of always trying to make children happy when their parents can't afford to do so. We were just wondering whether Santa was going to visit us. I shall be very grateful if you send anything at all, except a doll for the girl, as she already has yours sent last Christmas."

"Your card just received and I must tell you that you can scarcely realize how greatly we appreciate your kindness and thought for our kiddies at this season. Last year your parcel came as a complete surprise, and their delight knew no bounds, whilst we, their parents, felt that we indeed had some real friends, though we were so far away from our old home. The children would indeed be pleased to have your Santa visit them again this year, for the frost ruined our small crop, making it very difficult to get any sort of Christmas for them."

"It was very good of you to think of our boys as you did last year. It

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## ❖ Scouting from Coast to Coast ❖

THE Scouts of the 6th Sherbrooke (St. Andrew's) "arrived at the hall fifteen minutes before the meeting started, and when the troop was called into horseshoe all the patrol corners were screened off, and looked very home-like."

A hike to a cabin in the woods on Carren's Lake and a dinner of moose steak made a good December Saturday for the 1st Bear River Troop, N.S. For extra measure, following the moose steak dinner Scout Reid gave a cooking demonstration in his Camp Cook proficiency test.

### B.C. P.L.'s Debate on Camp Cooking

The 1st North Okanagan convention of Patrol Leaders was held at Vernon, B.C., December 8th. The subjects discussed included the question of using a camp cook, presented as the subject of a debate,—"Resolved, That a Camp Cook is an Asset in a Scout Camp." The wearing of proper uniform was given prominence in the afternoon session. A demonstration investiture and camp games were other programme items.

The 17th Hamilton Troop participated in an evening's District Jamboree at St. Catharines. The boys were billeted over the week-end and attended special Sunday services.

"The raising of funds and general assistance in the carrying on of the activities of the troop" was noted as the purpose of the newly organized Ladies' Auxiliary of the 1st Regina Troop.

### Calgarians Banquet Retiring Commissioner

At a farewell banquet in the Board of Trade rooms, retiring District Commissioner Sir A. C. Macdonell, K.C.V., C.M.G., D.S.O., was presented by members of the Calgary District Council, Scoutmasters and Cubmasters with a handsome marble writing set as an expression of their esteem. The presentation was made by Col. G. E. Sanders, C.M.G., D.S.O. Mayor F. E. Osbourne paid a high tribute to the departing commissioner.

A December tracking and exploration hike proved interesting to the 1st Fergus, Ont., Troop. A number of old buildings and several caves were found along the river bank.

"A substantial cheque received for 1½ tons of wastepaper collected by the pack has been placed to the credit of the pack funds."—Soongy-tay-ay, Winnipeg.

### Open New Moose Jaw Headquarters

The new Scout hall of the 9th Moose Jaw Troop on Cartier Avenue was formally opened by Provincial Secretary Selby of Regina. The new hall was crowded to capacity by Scouts, Guides and friends. On behalf of Provincial Commissioner Dr.

A. H. Ball, Mr. Selby presented the troop with a beautiful framed picture of "The Pathfinder", and District Commissioner Stedmond a Union Jack, pole and holster, the gift of Captain Harry Monger. Mr. Edward Manley, President of the Troop Association, occupied the chair; refreshments were served by the ladies' auxiliary.

The Scouts of the 3rd St. Thomas (Knox), 4th (St. John's), and 5th (Trinity) were December guests of the management of the Trivoli Theatre to witness a Tarzan picture.

Monthly meetings of the Sherbrooke Local Association are held at the Y.M.C.A. Eighteen were present at the December meeting.

### Tree Grafting for Annapolis Valley Scouts

An expert demonstration in tree grafting was arranged for the boys of the 1st Bear River Troop, N.S., seven of whom had completed the necessary gardening work for the Gardener's proficiency badge. The expert, Warren Frazee, with a full set of grafting im-

A Scouts' Own is held regularly each Sunday afternoon "around a warm stove" in the headquarters of the 1st Granby Troop, Que.

The 69th Toronto Troop has a bagpipe band. The boys wear the Ross tartan, and are under the patronage of His Honour Lt.-Governor Ross.

### Have You Any Raisin Pie You're Not Using?

When a bear cub was presented to the Moose Jaw Wild Animal Park it was handed over to the 1st Moose Jaw Troop for care during the winter. Snug quarters were fixed up in a barn at the rear of the troop headquarters. The boys have discovered that the job of feeding a bear is quite a large one, and have been somewhat stumped by its insistent preference for such things as raisin pie. In consequence an appeal in *The Moose Jaw Times* was made for "any raisin pies left over after Christmas dinners." The bear was found in the Flinn Flon district by a grading contractor.

On December 1st thirty boys of the 31st Vancouver (Dauntless) Pack

A SNOWDRIFT provides a windbreak for the luncheon of these two Saturday hikers of the 1st Ste. Anne's, Que.



plements demonstrated the preparing of scions for grafting, inserting them in the branch and sealing with wax. The 1st Bear River is one of Nova Scotia's most all-year-round active troops.

The 20th Hamilton Troop through the local Scout news columns invited Scouts of all other troops to attend a special Scout Service to be held on Sunday, December 23rd at the Neighborhood House.

For its annual social evening and supper the 6th Winnipeg Troop (St. Jude's) issued an invitation "to all members and past members."

### A Bird Identification Game

A new kind of bird identification game was invented by A.S.M. Jackson of the 2nd Chatham. Names of birds were "hidden" in sentences and patrol points given for identification. All were guessed but one. This sentence, which will illustrate, ran, "The second Chatham Troop will organize a Glee Club,"—the lark being referred to.

hiked to Seymour Creek. Two meals were cooked, each Six having its own fire under its Sixer.

The presentation by the 1st Guelph Troop of a Union Jack to the newer 3rd Guelph Troop formed an important proceeding at a joint meeting of the two troops at the headquarters of the former.

### A Good Talk Title

"What a Scout is and What is Expected of Him" was the subject of a short talk by Scoutmaster Kent of the 2nd Dartmouth, N.S., at a banquet in Christ Church parish hall, prepared by the Girl Guides. Some 30 boys sat at tables arranged in horseshoe. The troop is completing a large log cabin on the district reforestation site.

Taking advantage of the open weather, the 2nd Brandon Troop under S. M. Booth, enjoyed several December Saturday afternoons of skating, hockey, tracking and observation at Marsden's Lake.

Fifty points are awarded in a patrol competition of the 1st Deloro Troop.



Ont., to each Scout making fire without matches. A tie was decided by special games and a fire lighting test.

#### 18th Calgary's Trek-cart Hike

During a week-end trek-cart hike camp of the 18th Calgary, Patrol Leader Scott passed his First Class cooking test while preparing a supper which was declared a big success. During the night the boys in pairs kept a fire watch, in 1½ hour spells. Exploration expeditions included a visit to a beaver dam.

The Rover group of the 2nd Border Cities Troop very successfully took charge of one of the regular December meetings.

At a "Patrol Leaders' Night" of the 6th Sherbrooke Troop, P. L. Powers acted as Scoutmaster and P. L. Hall as A.S.M., while Scoutmaster Trussler took charge of the Antelope Patrol and A. S. M. Raffon acted as P.L. of the Crows.

#### Brandon Scout-Cub Museum

The Sunday-school room of the 1st Presbyterian Church, Brandon, was turned into a museum to display art work, coins, stamps and nature study collections and models exhibited by the Scouts and Cubs of the district in competition for shields donated by the pastor, Rev. C. S. Oke. The Scout shield was won by the Beaver Patrol of the 2nd Brandon Troop and the Cub shield by the 4th Brandon Pack. A silver collection was made for the Brandon Toy Shop.

A summer cottage on Puslinch Lake was secured by the 1st Kitchener Troop, Ont., for use as a winter hike headquarters.

"On four occasions last month St. Dunstan's Pack (Fredericton), found opportunities for assisting the Ladies' Social Club of the church, and the Cathedral Pack helped the ladies of that church in connection with a church sale and supper."

#### Londoners Assist at Church Service

Scouts read the scripture lesson, made the announcements and acted as ushers at a special Sunday evening Scout service at Hyatt Avenue United Church, London. Rev. G. K. Bradshaw took the text, "The Glory of Young Men is Their Strength," and spoke of strength as from three sources — self-knowledge, self-reverence and self-control, urging the importance of a Christ-controlled life.

At a meeting of the 4th Sherbrooke (Trinity United) Troop Rev. Dr. W. S. Lennon gave an interesting talk on the Ninth Scout Law—"Thrift."

"Keenly interested in the work their boys are carrying on, the Mothers' Committee of the 10th (Edmonton) Troop Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs reviewed a busy and encouraging year at their annual meeting on Tuesday."

#### Practical Appreciation for Wolfville, S.M.

Following an address expressing appreciation of many years successful work with the 1st Wolfville Troop, N.S., a cheque for \$300 was presented by the Local Association President, Mr. L. E. Shaw, to Scoutmaster E. P. Brown. The gift was accompanied by the suggestion that it be used by Mr. Brown toward his expenses in attending the 1929 Jamboree in England. The presentation was made at a banquet in the dining room of the Baptist Church.

The Mothers' Council of the 15th London Troop (Church of the Redeemer) held a concert to raise funds for the purchase of flags for the troop.

"A typical programme of the Boy Scouts of America" made an interesting December meeting for the 6th Sherbrooke Troop. The meeting was directed by A.S.M. Fraser Shaw of a St. Johnsbury, Vermont, Troop.

#### Gyro Scouts Pool Uniform Funds

The Gyro Scout Troop of Fredericton, N.B., is securing uniforms "by co-operative work." Each week all earnings are pooled, and by drawing numbers one Scout is completely out-

**D**ON'T fail to read to your Scouts or Cubs a selection of these items of the doings of their brother Scouts and Cubs elsewhere in Canada.

fitted with a uniform. Several members have been able to earn complete uniforms independently of the troop.

The 2nd Cobalt Troop, Ont., has a new Mothers' Auxiliary. Some of the mothers are acting as examiners on certain badge tests.

District Commissioner Wallace and Scoutmaster Love were presented warrants at a banquet at which 140 Yorkton Scouts sat down in the basement of the United Church. Presentations were made to Scouts Poluk and Olynk.

#### A Scout Law Word Puzzle

For a sentence-forming game played by the 6th Chatham Troop each patrol was handed a box containing a group of words which when placed in their correct order made up three of the Scout Laws.

Reversing the more frequent practice, the 3rd St. Johns Troop Que., gave an entertainment to raise funds for the Ladies' Guild of St. James' Church.

The December meeting of the Regina Baden-Powell Club was addressed by J. A. Calder, president of the Sas-

katchewan Co-Operative Creameries, on "The Dairy Industry of Western Canada."

The 23rd Hamilton (Calvin Presbyterian) Troop, was presented with a beautiful new Union Jack. It was the gift of Mrs. C. Read and Mrs. Jean Taylor, in memory of their husbands, Lt. D. Read and Corporal W. D. Taylor.

#### Get the Parents' Backing

The loyal and active co-operation of the Troop Committee and the backing of a strong parents' organization, "the 10th Troop Association," were emphasized by Scoutmaster Leslie Sara of the 10th Calgary as the real reason of the year-after-year success of that outstanding troop. The tribute was paid by Mr. Sara at a meeting of the Association in the troop's fine specially built hall, when engraved gold pencils were presented by members of the Troop Association to Scoutmaster Sara, Lady Cubmasters Miss E. B. Watts and Miss C. Nichol, and A.S.M.'s F. E. Trainor, E. G. Bird. The presentation was made by the 10th Troop Association President, Mr. R. C. Burns.

The 17th "A" Winnipeg Troop visited the plant of the Speirs Parnell Baking Company, and afterwards made a written report of the visit. For the best report Scout Jack Laking was given a Scout Diary.

The annual meeting of the Border Cities Boy Scouts Association held at the Windsor Y., was attended by 40 members.

#### Truro Scouts Remember Their Secretary

At the close of a rally and entertainment participated in by nearly 100 boys of the 1st and 2nd Truro Troops, N.S., Scoutmaster Barrett presented the District Scout Secretary, Mrs. Howard Davidson, with a pair of quilted satin slippers, a box of stationery and an address on behalf of the boys in appreciation of her interest in local Scouting. An admission fee of 10 cents added substantially to the Toy Shop fund.

Some 45 boys gathered at the Salvation Army Hall at St. Marys, Ont. and were organized into a Life Saving Scout Troop.

The play "A Strenuous Afternoon," presented in the local theatre by the 4th Yorkton Troop under the auspices of the United Commercial Travellers, netted nearly \$70. This will be used next summer for troop camp equipment.

#### Peanut Competition Scoring

A combined meeting of the 1st Lennoxville and 6th Sherbrooke Troops was a very successful affair. The programme included special games and an evening's patrol competition, the prizes consisting of a peanut for each point earned.



Presentation of a travelling bag to Scoutmaster Agar and a fountain pen to A.S.M. Dyer were incidents of a Father and Son banquet given the members of the 1st Brooklyn Troop, Ont., by the Women's Institute. The speaker of the evening was Scoutmaster Palmer of Bowmanville.

Cubmaster Frank Phillips, of Chatham, Ont., returning from a visit to Wales brought this letter of greeting from the Cardiff Scouts:—"We are glad to hear that Scouting is doing well in Canada, and we send our best wishes and Scoutiest greetings, and we shall look forward to seeing some of you at the Jamboree in 1929. Good Hunting."

#### Nine Years Without Missing a Meeting!

During 1928 seven members of the 27th Toronto Troop were graduated into troop or pack leadership. One of these, John Satterthwaite, holds a record of nine years' service as a Scout without missing a meeting. Is this a record for Canada?

#### "Wanted—a Teacher-Scoutmaster"

When Scoutmaster Lorne Thornton, a teacher in the Dysart, Sask., school, left to take a teaching position elsewhere, the school trustees advertised for a successor.—"One who will take an interest in Boy Scouts preferred." Again demonstrating that Scouting is a valuable adjunct to teaching.

#### Freeze Signal Demonstrates Discipline

As guests of the St. John's Church Men's Society, Truro, N.S., the 1st Truro Troop held a regular meeting in the church crypt. A typical programme was run off. The lookers-on were much impressed with the troop discipline as demonstrated by the use of the "freeze" signal. During the evening Troop Secretary Phinney, on behalf of the boys, presented Scoutmaster Barrett with a pair of leather gauntlets. Lunch was served by the Women's Auxiliary and the evening was closed with a sing-song.

#### Parents Observe a Regular Meeting

A large number of parents turned out for a Parents' Night of the 6th Hamilton (Central Presbyterian), "to see the troop start off under the leadership of their new leader, Scoutmaster Powell. . . . The meeting was conducted in the regular way, so that the parents could see what the boys do at each meeting." There was an investiture, and a presentation of proficiency badges by District Commissioner Van Someren and District Secretary Frame.

#### 9th Halifax Awarded Pickwick Cup

The Pickwick Cup, the annual Halifax award for the district's most efficient troop, was won for 1928 by the 9th Halifax (All Saints' Cathedral), Scoutmaster R. O. Cutler. This handsome silver trophy was donated a year ago by a group of American school boys known as the Pickwick Club, who visit Europe each year; in appreciation of Scout hospitality ex-

tended them while in Halifax. The cup was presented by District Commissioner H. M. Bradford at the annual district rally of Scouts and Cubs, at the Halifax School for the Blind.

At the fourth monthly Scout and Guide campfire social of the 1st Moose Jaw Troop held in the Scout Hall and attended by some 125 Scouts, Guides and parents, Royal Life Saving Association medals were presented to Troop Leader Sidney Young and to Guides Doris and Elsie Stafford. A framed picture of the Prince of Wales was presented to Scoutmaster Kempton for the troop by the Moose Jaw Chapter of the I.O.D.E. Music was furnished by the 1st Troop Orchestra.

The warrant of Scoutmaster Greenly of the 8th Regina Troop was presented at a social evening at Benson School by District Commissioner John Barnett. President E. E. Harper was in the chair. Several participated in the programme.

#### 1st Regina Gets Connaught Medals

A public banquet at the City Hall attended by many prominent persons was the setting for the presentation of bronze medals awarded individual members of the rifle team of the 1st Regina Troop runners up in the Empire-wide Connaught Shield competition of the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs. The medals were presented by Lieut. Governor Newlands, who made special mention of the fact that the highest individual score in the competition was that of Scout R. H. Jenner of the Regina team. Hon. S. J. Latta, President of the Provincial Council, was in the chair. During the banquet it was directed that a letter of congratulation be sent the winners of the Shield, the 83rd Glasgow Troop.

"In place of the regular meeting last Wednesday, the 2nd (Kincardine) Troop went out on a rather unique hike. They took along grub to cook and had the experience of gathering

firewood in the winter and at night as well and lighting fires and cooking under difficulties. S. M. Reynolds on the hike explained how it was done and the fellows made a fair job of it. After the cooking was over a big camp fire was lighted on the lake shore, and a happy hour spent in song and con-fab on Scouting subjects."

#### SOME LETTERS

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was very nice to think someone in Canada was thinking of them. After you have sent out to all the new settlers, new out to Canada this year, we would be very grateful to you if you could send what you have to spare."

"I would have liked to have thanked you last Christmas, but did not know where to write. We were most grateful for what you sent, as if it had not been for these gifts the children would have had nothing, being our first Christmas in Canada. The things you sent last year have been a never-ending pleasure to the children especially the books they got."

"Thanks very much for the card you kindly sent. The things you sent last year are still giving lots of pleasure. It was a great help when we were feeling homesick. We have three children, the youngest seven years old, and if you would not mind we should be very grateful to receive some small thing for her. The others are age 12 and 15 respectively, so are old enough not to expect Santa Claus."

"We all thank you very much for the nice presents you sent our children last Christmas. It made us feel more at home in the new country and think less about the old land. If you have any presents to spare we shall be very glad to have them."

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# THE CAMP CHIEF'S PAGE

## INDOOR COURSES

Scoutmasters' Indoor Training Courses:—Unit 1, Running—Indian Head, Biggar, Mortlach and Hodgeville, Sask., under Scoutmaster Linton Tooley. St. Catharines, Ont., under S.M. Dr. Atkey.

Completed—Calgary, Alta., under Field Secretary W. Solway. Esterhazy, Neudorf, Yorkton, Springside, and Cadillac, Sask., under S. M. Linton Tooley. St. Johns, Que., under Montreal leaders. St. Andrews, N.B., under Rev. W. Ideson.

Projected—Cardston, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat, Alta.; Cobalt, Ottawa, Hamilton, Chatham and London, Ont.; Saint John, N.B.; Halifax and Sydney, N.S.

Unit 2, Completed—St. Andrews, N.B.

Units 3 and 4, Running—St. Andrews, N.B.

Akela Part II, Running—Edmonton, Alta., under Provincial Secretary W. Solway. Victoria, B.C., under District Commissioner H. T. Ravenhill.

Completed—Border Cities under Field Secretary E. T. Jones.

Projected—Winnipeg, Man. under Cub Commissioner F. W. Thompson.

## Gillwell Chat

Ebor Park 1928.—Twenty-eight men from widely scattered towns and cities made up the 1928 Gillwell Class held at Ebor Park (near Paris, Ont.) from July 3rd to 14th. This was the seventh year that Ebor Park has been used for Scout leadership training purposes and its suitability was again demonstrated in many ways.

The campers were, as usual, divided into four patrols who took up their abode at Crows' Nest, Sparrow Bluff, Owls' Haunt and Bob White Gulch, and forthwith swore vengeance on birds of any other feather who dared to outdo them.

More wet weather was encountered than in former years but this hindered camp activities little owing to the excellent shelter provided by the permanent "Lister Hut" and "Trading Post."

An interesting addition to the permanent camp equipment was a new patrol tent which was used this year on the Crow site. It was a gift to the camp from the members of the class of 1927. To continue this idea of equipment gifts to the camp, the class of 1928 started a fund to provide another patrol tent next year.

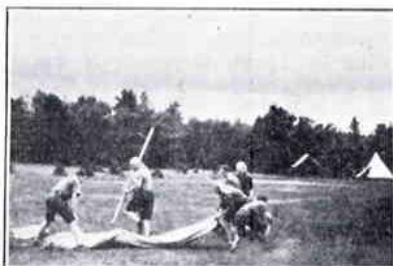
Special visiting instructors were Arthur Herbert Richardson, of the Provincial Forestry Branch, on Trees; Hoyes Lloyd, of the National Parks Branch, Ottawa, on Birds; Lionel J. Bishop, Toronto, on Bridge Building, and Arthur Loranger, Welland, on Axemanship.

Camp Naturalist Jack Blow set up an interesting camp museum which was the headquarters for all the camp's "nature bugs," and many were

the specimens of wild flowers, leaves, grasses and of small animal and insect life brought there for identification, labelling and exhibition. An added attraction was a collection of pioneer farm implements—flails, yokes, hay rakes, wooden pitch forks, etc., loaned by Mr. Fred Luck proprietor of the Ebor Park Farm.

Thirty members of former Gillwell Classes and about two dozen Scout visitors attended the week-end reunion, participated in a novel programme of Scout contests, and sat up "far into the night" around the oft-replenished camp fire. Tales were told of other days, events, both serious and humorous were recalled, and choice bits from the old log books were read for the inspiration and instruction of the 1928 fledglings.

Sunday morning early Holy Communion was celebrated by "Pa" (Rev. Arthur S.) Mitchell in the Lister Hut, every available seat being filled. At 11 o'clock the whole camp turned out for a Scout's Own also conducted by Mr. Mitchell, with the assistance of



A LIVELY tent-raising contest at the '28 Maritime Gillwell, following the tent lecture. As a result of nice team work under P. L. (Rev. Fr.) Tompkins, the Foxes raised their "bell" within the minute, and lowered and bagged it in approximately the same time,—or a total of 2 minutes for the whole process.

members of the staff and class.

The camp, beside its serious side, had its fun. Long remembered will be the night of "the fire." Shortly after the Gillwell substitute for "Light's Out," the human fire siren brought the members of all the patrols tumbling out of their beds, and sent them flying with water buckets in the direction of the Trading Post. Their speed was hastened by the reflection of flames in the big Norway-spruce tree. Arrived at the scene of the conflagration, it was found to have been a put up job. (Old timers tell that efforts were made unsuccessfully in former year to burn up the same brush pile.) As the Camp Fire Chief was congratulating his men on their splendid response to the alarm, the siren sounded from the other end of the camp, where an incendiary had kindled another blaze, this time behind the Lister Hut. Following the second stampede, the blazing newspapers were extinguished with a pint of water, and so to bed.

The story of the hike was recounted (in many and varied versions) at a last night party held at the farm house where Mr. and Mrs. Fred Luck acted as hosts to the class. "Such reports of valour, deception, cunning, etc.," we read in the Log Book, "were ne'er told before." For instance,—two Sparrows, promenading through the pitch dark woods by the light of a candle to guide their weary steps to a haven of rest. Then the tale of Tiny the Owl who had to be measured by circumference before and after . . . and of Bobwhites who were lead many extra miles by the true and trusty compass of one Macarthur whose power of sensing direction was acute . . . and of a Crow who didn't believe in wearing shoes on a hike, and so went prancing on his way in the ancient and original barefoot method. Camp competition prizes were awarded, an electric toaster presented to Mrs. Luck (Hydro has brightened up Ebor Park farm since the Scouts first discovered the place), sumptuous refreshments, and then back through the rain to camp.

One member of the Course (Halliday of Toronto) broke into poetry, with the result that the following verses are preserved in the Log Book for future generations of Gillwellians:

'Tis a beautiful night, and northern lights  
Are seen in the star-lit sky;  
As we sit around, on log or ground,  
And we raise our eyes on high,  
We dream of the times that are  
come and gone,  
And dream of the times to be;  
For Ebor Park has a magic spell,  
That gets both you and me.

## Winter Warming-Up Games

A frequent Scouting problem of the winter months, especially in the more northerly sections of the Dominion, is a cold meeting place in special Scout huts, or other buildings or rooms used exclusively by Scouts.

Occasionally the Duty Patrol fails to have its fire going early enough, or a long period of zero weather makes warming difficult within reasonable time. Sometimes also there is the problem of fuel, with its question of having the fire started early in the day.

Under such "cool" circumstances the troop meeting should be started promptly and with several good warming-up games. One Scout hut troop mentions in December a "free for all wrestling match," as an opening, the a game of "Johnny Ride the Pony,"—in which one patrol makes of itself a bucking bronco which the others try to ride holding only by their knees.

## Reasons Why a Scoutmaster Should Take the Correspondence Course

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### Gallantry and Service Awards to Dec. 31, 1928

#### Letter of Commendation

Scoutmaster J. T. Hearson, Weyburn, Sask., for his promptness in rendering first aid to Scout Munro who was scalded with boiling coffee while hiking.

#### Certificate of Merit

Scout Richard Miller, age 12, Weyburn, Sask., for rescuing his companion Stanley Stephens, who was unable to swim, when they fell from a raft while playing.

#### Medals of Merit

Former District Commissioner J. K. Sparling, Winnipeg, Man., for loyal and devoted service to the Movement. Mr. Sparling became a Scoutmaster in 1919 and was appointed District Commissioner in 1920, which position he held until retiring last June owing to ill health.

Scoutmaster Oscar Lamoureux, Fort Saskatchewan, Alta., for long and faithful service for a period exceeding seven years on behalf of the Scout Movement in the town in which he lives. It is stated that all the boys who have grown up in the town have come under the supervision of Mr. Lamoureux in his Scout work.

Scoutmaster Stanley G. Olive, 21st Saint John Troop, Saint John, N.B., for valuable services to Scouting in the Saint John district over a long period. Mr. Olive has been a very active member of the District Council, and although now seventy years of age is still actively interested in Scouting.

Scoutmaster C. E. Upham, 17th Saint John Troop, Saint John, N.B., for especially good work on behalf of the Movement for a period of more than seven years. Mr. Upham has acted as Scoutmaster and Cubmaster of the 17th (Trinity) Troop and Pack since 1920 and has conducted seven summer camps.

#### Gilt Cross

Scout John G. Davis, age 11, 104th Toronto Troop, for rescuing William Wallis, age 9, when he fell from a raft into six feet of water. Scout Davis, who could not swim, grasped a projecting root from a tree stump and reached out and caught the small boy and pulled him to shore.

#### Silver Crosses

Scout Charles Hinchcliffe, age 14, 113th Toronto Troop, for rescuing Thomas Bailey, age 8, when he fell from the Bay St. Docks into 25 feet of water. Scout Hinchcliffe called to Inspector Campbell of the T.T.C. who was nearby, threw off his coat, jumped in and succeeded in reaching the boy and keeping him above water until he could grasp a pike pole extended by Inspector Campbell.

Patrol Leader John Kanelakos, age 15, 1st Perth Troop, Ont., for rescuing Laura Fleming, age 4, when she fell into the Tay Canal. On hearing cries for help Scout Kanelakos jumped into the swiftly running water which was ten feet deep and very cold, and brought the little girl to shore.

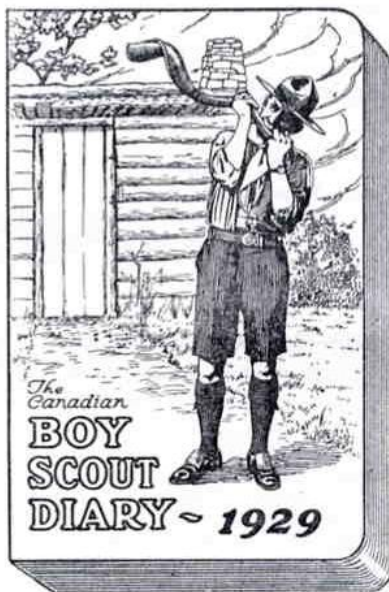
#### Silver Wolf

Presented to Scoutmaster P. J. Power of the 8th Halifax Troop in

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### THAT PUZZLING "OLDER BOY"

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The contribution which a friendly Scoutmaster may make to the solution of his difficulties is, however, obvious. Anything you can do to develop self-control in your senior Scouts, to help them to make decisions for themselves, to make deliberate choices based on their own judgment, will help tremendously. And you may count on the assistance of the boy's greatest passion—to be a man. He naturally tries the externals first, because he has no reason to doubt that the use of freedom is the most fundamental mark of an adult. The Scoutmaster's task as a friendly leader is to show him the truth of the matter, —that true manhood is something far deeper than vivid socks, cigarettes, and staying out late at night; that it consists in the control of the powers of manhood, the use of freedom and abilities to definite and proper ends.

### The Greatest Jamboree

LORD Hampton, the Chief Commissioner of the Boy Scouts Association, addressing the Local Jamboree Committee at the Birkenhead Town Hall, prophesied that "The World Jamboree next year, at Birkenhead, will by far surpass, in numbers, any previously held. While at Wembley in 1924 there had been an attendance of between thirteen and fourteen thousand scouts, next year they expected thirty thousand under canvas in Arrow Park." Continuing, Lord Hampton said that the Boy Scouts Headquarters were greatly encouraged by the keenness shown by the general committee, and the suggestions of Birkenhead, Liverpool, Manchester and other cities in the neighborhood. "In the past," said Lord Hampton, "Jamborees on the Continent and elsewhere had been magnificently organized," but he was convinced that the standard set would be surpassed at this Merseyside Jamboree.

Lord Hampton announced that special religious services were to be held. It was intended that a great massed service should take place on one of the Sundays, and a service of representatives from the different countries should be held at Liverpool Cathedral, probably on the second Sunday.

The Mayor of Birkenhead, Alderman Naylor, reporting on the work of the Contracts Committee, outlined a scheme for a street of shops in the camp, while the Deputy Chairman of the Transport Committee announced that the Chief Constables of Birkenhead and Cheshire were engaged in drawing up reports on the control of traffic. The Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade, Mr. J. T. Burns, intimated that he hoped to call the Scoutmasters of the district together, and instruct them in fire fighting, while his brigade would supply the necessary equipment that would be required in the camp.



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

# THE DUFFELL BAG

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

## Games Reported Popular

SOME games noted as popular in December Scout news columns:  
**Cub Games—**

Stand-Up-Sit-Down Ball Throw  
Poor Pussy  
Trains  
Bean Bag  
Rooster Fight  
Kangaroo Relay  
Duster Hockey

## Scout Games—

Poison Circle  
Knot Relay  
Bull in the Ring  
Burst-the-Bag Relay  
Silence Tag  
Dispatch Running  
Cat and Mouse  
Blow the Feather  
Tractor Pull  
Crows and Cranes  
Dodge Ball  
Foot in the Ring  
Johnny Ride the Pony  
Sleeping Pirate  
Over and Under  
Blind Man's Journey  
Scout Law Charades

**Burst-the-Bag Relay**—For this game patrols stand in Indian file. The P.L.'s, in front, are given a paper bag for each member of the patrol, and told to hold them—not to pass them out. On "Go!" each P.L. takes one bag from the bundle, blows it up and bursts it. Then he passes the bundle of bags to the Second, who follows the same procedure. Patrol wins whose last man first bursts and holds up his bag.

## Some "Balloon" Games

HERE are several balloon games played one evening by the 1st Chatham Troop, Ont.:—Two patrols were made to sit on the floor feet to feet, and given two balloons to knock past the other side, using only their hands. A balloon touching the floor behind the line scored a point to the opposite patrol. Later the game was played with the walls as goals. Balloons were frequently "popped," and new balloons were promptly supplied by "the official balloon blower."

## An Indoor Hidden Treasure Game

THIS is a form of Treasure Hunt for the clubroom or other indoor premises. Messages (in code if desired) are written on folded pieces of paper and handed one to each Patrol Leader. These are only opened on the word "Go." We suggest the following message as a sample:—"From the W W 5 ft. search for brass." This would mean that 5 feet from the west wall of the room a brass drawing pin will be found sticking in the floor. The first Patrol to find this object wins. It is not essential to play this game by Patrols, and, if enough pieces of paper are available for messages, one can be handed to each player.

—The Scottish Scout.

## The Escaped Prisoner

ONE player is directed quietly by the Scoutmaster to leave the room. Thereupon each Patrol having been furnished with pencil and paper, is given five minutes in which to write out a detailed description of the escaped prisoner that would assist the police in finding him. These descriptions are then read out and points awarded according to their accuracy. Such a description might read:—

"Dressed in khaki shirt, wearing green scarf, Scout fashion, but showing brass collar stud at neck; blue shorts, darned in seat; undershirt showing, sticking out by right shirt cuff; button missing second from top of shirt. Appearance—Shabby; has brown eyes, dark brown hair, is sunburnt, and usually has dirty knees; left finger-nail shows bruise mark; mole on left of neck about one inch below ear."

—The Scottish Scout.

## Remind Your Boys of Monoxide

### and its First Aid Treatment

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 29—Oscar Diamond, 41, manager of a local furniture store, was discovered dead in the garage at the rear of his home today. Carbon-monoxide gas from his motor car was believed to have been the cause of death.

## For Next Summer's Camp

THE 1st Kenogami Troop, Que., under Scoutmaster Martin, offers a good example in preparing already for next summer's camp. A "jumble sale" was held to raise money toward the purchase of tents. A Camp Fund was instituted into which the boys are paying each week as much as they can afford. (This money must be earned.) Each week three Scouts are given lessons in simple cooking by the Scoutmaster's wife. Various items of permanent camp equipment are being made by the troop.

## A Good "Going-Up"

ALL the 1st and 2nd Star Cubs attended the troop meeting in the evening, when a Going Up Ceremony was held for Sixer Hodgekinson. . . . Akela Spurr explained that he was not really leaving the Pack, as the Pack is really part of the Troop. The Cubs gave him the Grand Howl, after which he shook hands all round, received three hearty 'woofs' and was taken to the dividing line by Akela. S. M. Davis received him and introduced him to P.L. Cohen, who took him into his patrol, and made him known to his brother Scouts."

—North Quadra Pack, Victoria, B.C.

## Dramatizing First Aid

### Demonstrations

DURING an entertainment of the 1st Quamichan Troop, B.C., a dramatic demonstration was given of handling a person with their clothing aflame. A Scout rushed into the hall with his clothing "on fire,"—the flames simulated by fire coloured streamers. He was quickly thrown to the floor and rolled in a carpet. Later in the varied programme of songs and plays a Scout was "badly bitten" by a "very fierce looking rattle snake," and first aid administered—a tourniquet above the bite and the making of two cuts through the fang wounds to induce bleeding. Still later another boy "ran foul of a live wire," but was promptly released by one of the approved safe Scout methods, and artificial respiration given.

## Make Your Work Easier

AFTER taking the Correspondence Course the Scoutmaster will find the work with his Troop much easier. Scouting is supposed to be a pleasurable hobby for the Scoutmaster and not an irksome task.

## Scout Dates

### January

1st—New Year's Day.

Remind every Scout and Cub to start his 1929 Diary with a Good Turn check-off.

6th—Epiphany.

27th—Septuagesima Sunday.

### For January Saturdays

Four of the following hikes:

Ski hike—Snowshoe hike—Bird Observaiton—Bird and Animal Tracking—Tree Identification—Twig Alphabet—Summer Camp Locating—Also an Overnight hike or Winter Camp for older Scouts. (See "Winter Hikes," The Scoutmaster's First Year, p. 112.)

### Also During January

Plan for a Father and Son, Mother and Son, or Scout and Parents' Banquet for the Chief Scout's birthday, February 22nd.

## Preventing Coasting Accidents

OLDER Scouts and Rovers of Saint John are this winter co-operating with the police to prevent coasting accidents on the many steep hills of that city. According to The Saint John Times-Globe, "Arrangements were completed with Boy Scout district leaders for the posting of boys at certain named street intersections from 10.30 to 12 noon, and from 1 to 5.30 p.m., during holidays, and on school days from 4 to 5.30.

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