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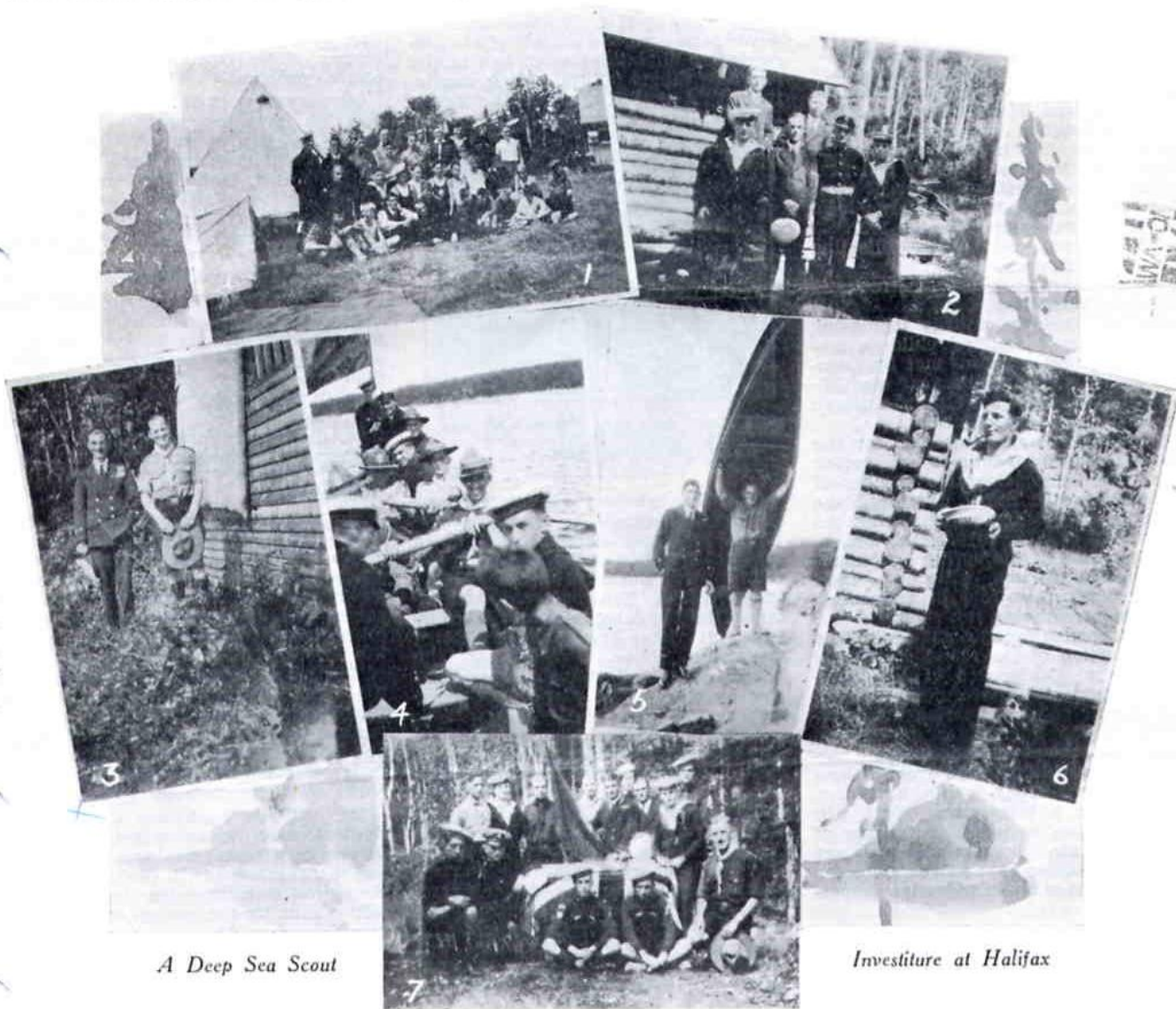
The Chief Scout's Outlook

DURING the month two notable appreciations of our Movement have been published. It is always nice to get a pat on the back; and our rule being "when you get something pleasant pass it on," I pass these on to you.

In the magazine *Goodwill*, E. B. Castle, M.A., Headmaster of Leighton Park School, analyses the question

whether O.T.C.'s in the greater schools are really a success and worth their cost, either in their military or their educational side. He argues that they are not. I only agree with him to a certain extent, but at the same time I appreciate the pat on the back which he gives to the Scouts when he says:

"The most obvious substitute for military training is Scouting. I am quite aware that many schools have Scout Troops as well as the 'Corps,' but as a rule they are a wholly subordinate organization. There is a freedom and naturalness in Scouting, virtues grafted into the Movement, that is utterly foreign to the narrow restrictions embodied in O.T.C. activities. Scouting, and Rovering that follows it, are ideally adapted to the psychological tendencies of adoles-



A Deep Sea Scout

Investiture at Halifax

1.—Land Scout hosts and Deep Sea Scout guests. 2.—Deep Sea Scouts of H.M.S. Durban. 3.—Deep Sea S. M. Dixon and S. J. Limbrey of Provincial H.Q. 4.—Across the lake to the camp site, showing the Deep Sea chaps how to row, perhaps! 5.—The Durban couldn't do this with their craft, anyway. 6.—The "Navy" isn't often discovered this far in the depths of the Canadian woods. 7.—Where the memorable Investiture took place. (See page 23)

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Once More the Toy Shop Good Turn

THE calendar once again is bringing rapidly nearer our big annual national good turn opportunity, the Christmas Toy Repair Shop Chain and its good cheer distribution. Because of the unemployment situation, low wheat prices, and crop losses in parts of the western provinces there will be greater need for "Christmas sunshine gifts" than in previous years,—and as always "the Scouts" will grasp the opportunity.

Already a number of our energetic toy centres are doing preliminary work. Calgary as usual has taken an early step and District Secretary Leslie J. Thompson has been placed in charge of the shop organization. Hamilton, Ont., Rovers, who last year made an outstanding success of their toy job (in addition to a large local distribution they provided for 100 settlers' children), have been collecting toys since September 1st.

One of our keenest town troops is the 1st Tillsonburg, Ont., which each year has been voluntarily increasing the number of settlers' children provided for,—all expenses met by themselves, of course. This year the Tillsonburgs have set 50 settlers' children as their good turn objective.

Toys have been coming in for the Ottawa shop from time to time during the year. A considerable number of Ottawa people have developed the practice of sending in or asking the Scouts to call for toys, dolls, etc., at moving time in the spring and fall.

Montreal Rovers will play their usual important role in connection with Montreal's big toy shop.

A suggestion brought out at the Toy Shop session of the recent Provincial Secretaries' Conference at Headquarters, Ottawa was that an address parcel sticker be used bearing the directions to the Postmaster or Express Agent, in case of an undeliverable parcel, to hand the package over to some other known needy family, a welfare agency or a clergyman. This will eliminate the occasional returning of parcels where incorrect addresses are given or families have moved since the last visit from an immigration inspector.

Chief Scout Honoured by Knights of Round Table

LORD Robert Baden-Powell, by unanimous action of the board of directors of the Loyal Knights of the Round Table, an international organization, has been selected as the seventh honorary knight for life. This

honour is only conferred for meritorious and distinguished service to humanity.

The six other distinguished men who have had a similar honour conferred upon them are the late Luther Burbank, plant wizard; Charles Evans Hughes, Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court; Thomas A. Edison, famous inventor; Robert Andrew Millikan, renowned scientist; Sir Wilfred T. Grenfell, humanitarian; and Michael I. Pupin, whose exploits in the field of physical chemistry have brought him fame.

The international president of the Round Table is Oscar D. Brundidge.

Wallace Nesbitt

CANADIAN Scout Leaders will learn with regret of the death during the summer of the Hon. Wallace Nesbitt, K.C., Honorary President of the St. John Ambulance Association, and donor of the Wallace Nesbitt Junior First Aid Trophy competed for each year by Boy Scout first aid teams throughout the Dominion. A great lawyer and jurist, Wallace Nesbitt never permitted the pursuit of his profession to diminish his interest in the supreme things of life, and it can be truly said that Canada is the better for his life and service.



FERNS and a camp loom made cosy and fragrant couches for the hard sleepers of the 29th Vancouver this summer.

Canadian Scouters will join in hearty congratulations to Lady Baden-Powell upon her election, at a world conference of Girl Guiders at Foxlease, New Forest, England, as Chief Guide of the World. The conference was attended by 150 delegates from 32 countries. It was arranged by Dame Katharine Furse, Director of the World Bureau, Scouting's representative on the League of Nations secretariat.

A Rover Leaders' Course, attended by secretaries from all of the provinces, in Ottawa for the secretaries' conference, and by a number of district Rover leaders, was held at Dominion Headquarters September 22-24 under direction of the Dominion Camp Chief. The course was organized as two patrols, the Mackenzies, under Secretary E. R. Paterson of Montreal and the La Salles under Secretary S. J. Limbrey of Halifax, N.S. It was agreed by all that the course, the first given in Canada, was full of the most interesting and helpful matter. A frequent visitor during the sessions was Mr. R. S. Hale, donor of the famous "Scoutland" camp site near Boston, Mass., who is making a study of Rovering.



The generous sum of \$400 was provided by the Regina Kiwanis Club this summer to purchase tents for Regina Scout troops needing them.

Under Chairman E. Neil Macallum plans are going forward for Ontario's Second Annual Provincial Rover Moot, to be held in Toronto November 8-10. A gathering of some 300 Rovers is expected.

With the approval of the Department of Education of Saskatchewan arrangements have been made by which every School Teachers' Convention held in Saskatchewan this fall will be attended either by Rev. H. E. D. Cooper, who so successfully headed this summer's Saskatchewan Gilwell, or Rev. W. D. Hasell, of similar ability and experience.

Seventy-five Scout troops and fifty-one Cub packs took part in the annual Scout parade at the Canadian National Exhibition and were reviewed by Lieut.-Gov. Ross, Premier Howard Ferguson, His Worship Mayor Wemp of Toronto and District Commissioner S. B. McMichael. The Scouts were addressed by the Premier and highly commended upon their appearance.

That popular fall function, the hike corn roast is again with us. One hesitates to visualize its Rocky Mountain proportions if all the succulent Canadian corn ears gnawed clean by capable Scout teeth were chucked into one huge pile. Or, another fall picture, the ghostly army of "hot dogs" devoured at evening camp fires between Sydney, C.B., and Prince Rupert, B.C.

A distinguished mission headed by Scout Commissioner Paul Coze of the Scouts de France has been in Northern Saskatchewan during the summer making dictaphone records of Indian songs, taking moving pictures and otherwise studying aboriginal Indian life for the Natural History Museum of Paris. As a prominent member of the large French contingent at the 1929 Jamboree Commissioner Coze organized the Pageant of Joan of Arc, one of the most artistic and historically interesting features of the Jamboree arena programme.

Mr. Wilfred Backman, lecturer in the Extension Department in the University of Alberta, was appointed during the summer to fill the position of Provincial Secretary for the province left vacant by the resignation of former Secretary W. Solway to fill the same position in British Columbia. Mr. Backman has been in Scouting for a number of years, and is a Gilwellian. He instructed at the Indian schools at Morley and Brandon. He graduated from Alberta with the degree of B.Sc. and Agriculture, and distinguished himself in the major sports at the University.

The Chief Scout's Outlook

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cence, and military training is not. Moreover, Scouting is now essentially a peace Movement international in its scope and outlook, peace-making in its effect. The great Jamboree last year, one of the most significant events since the war, was a witness to the possibilities of Scouting as an instrument making for peace between classes and nations."

Then, in a very notable and readable little book called *Fads and Phrases*, Oscar Boulton examines the many post-war difficulties which our nation is facing today, and gives a constructive criticism of democracy, of our own Government, of the League of Nations, Free Trade, Taxation, Agriculture and Education—and, in the course of his remarks under this latter head, he points to the weakness of our present school system, but explains that the fault lies not so much with the teachers as with the system:

"Outside the schools, however," he adds, "a valiant and largely successful effort in the right direction was made by an organization which seemed at first to embody a harmless and diverting fad, but which in its widespread and beneficent action was worth all the other fads put together. I allude, of course, to the Boy Scouts organization, followed by that of the Girl Guides. To make self-reliance, self-sacrifice, and the service of others part of a diverting pastime, along with the teaching of patriotism and good citizenship, was indeed a stroke of genius. . . . In the evil days after the war, when every sane and sound national ideal was shattered amid a welter of destructive folly and constructive lunacy, these two valuable training centres, both happily popular and widely successful, kept alive among the young people of both sexes the cultivation of a sane and chivalrous ideal."

This all tends to prove that we are not throwing our time away on a useless fad.

Individual Character vs. Mass Training

Though I don't want to be a pessimist, one cannot look forward to the future of our country without very considerable apprehension, and what has been wearing on my mind has been very aptly condensed in the following paragraph which appeared recently in the *Evening Standard*:

"Certainly the chief fault to be found with modern youth is that it seems to want so much for nothing. At no period in the world's history has it been so lavishly supplied with opportunities for pleasure. It has its cars, its games, its cinemas and theatres in unexampled profusion. This state of affairs is good in one way and can be defended on the basis of the axiom that all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. Possibly previous generations played too little."

"But the inexorable law of the world we live in is that all play and no work will make Jack a poor man when he grows up. If multiplied facilities for his playing resulted in his working

harder and better they would be justified. But can we honestly say that they do? In too many cases increased facilities for playing result only in a keener appetite for it at the expense of work."

" . . . There are only two ways of obtaining pleasure without working for it. One is to draw on capital, the other is to depend on the work of others. The youth of today is, according to its position, doing one or other or both of these things, and this is a process which cannot go on for ever. The cruel facts have got to be faced, and it is high time for us to face them. The need for hard work has not yet disappeared from the world, and a nation whose young people have lost the habit of hard work is heading straight for poverty and disaster."

The worst of it is that education in the schools can do little to counteract this because the antidote to it is mainly a question of character training. Such education as the youth get outside the school walls comes largely through newspapers whose general



TWO members of a doll first aid group shown by the 11th Ottawa at a district display. The bandages were made of 5c plain linen handkerchiefs, most of them "ladies' size," cut diagonally. Each bandage was labelled.

trend is centrally directed by a few heads, and through the cinemas.

This mind training is mainly mass training without exercise of individual thought. More than ever, therefore, I see value in the training which our Scoutmasters are giving in the development of the individual intellect and energy by games, hobbies and handicraft.

Sport-Craziness

A footballer receives pay equivalent to that of a colonel in the army. A prizefighter can amass a pretty big fortune in a night.

Hundreds of men make their living by playing games supported by profiteers who make their fortunes out of the public whom they can attract to come and look on at their paid players.

The daily illustrated papers show, even on one page, fifty thousand on-lookers at a cricket match where the players are paid to play and an equally dense crowd looking on at races and "graces," and further crowds at semi-professional tennis.

One realizes thus that there are a good many drones in the hive beside the two million unemployed workers.

And this at a time when national trade and commerce are on a lower level than ever before.

Back of it all there looms the sinister memory of the fall of the Roman Empire some ages ago, when the people gave up playing many games themselves and flocked idly to watch paid players performing for them.

Sport crazy they lost their Empire. Are we tending the same way?

Here is a significant letter which appeared in *The Times* last month:

"Sir,—A frigidaire has been installed at Wimbledon to keep the balls at even temperature in order that they may bounce more evenly." This announcement in your *Sporting News* aroused a train of thought difficult to express in moderation. As a Canadian, now resident for some years in England, and having seen something of the world, I submit that this country is sports crazy. At a time when national affairs are in a parously unstable condition; when trade is dwindling; when high 2,000,000 workers are out of work; when the dole is breeding a generation that expects, as a right, to subsist without work; when this country occupies the commercial ring with its hands tied behind its back, a mark for the foreigner, grunting under blows it cannot return, it is naturally of supreme importance that balls should bounce evenly.

"The thing would be grotesque did it not indicate that sport, admirable in its place, has now become a weakening national obsession, a narcotic of which the greatest appeal is that it appears to provide an escape from intellectual and profitable effort. It seems to have produced a sort of 'coma' in which the 'sportsman' regards everything except sport with a large and easy benignity. The pages of the daily press and the time devoted by the B. B. C. to sporting news point in the same direction. Smith made a brilliant catch! Jones carried his bat! This is broadcast to millions. Does it matter really, except to Smith and Jones? 'Disaster to England!'—this appeared recently in large black feature headlines on the front page of a London evening paper. I reached for it. The disaster was at cricket!

"I—and I venture to say many others who are not English born—wonder whether England can afford all this. In Canada we most certainly could not. France cannot—much too shrewd—and in France there is no unemployment. If, in this country, there were found in business and work the same enthusiasm, if people at large could discover in work, for work's sake, that same stimulus and invitation which sport, whether provided by men, horses, or dogs, now assures to them, some very grave matters would soon be solved.

"I yield to none in conceding to games their proper value; but when they become something more than games, when they have a toxic effect, when they become functions of major importance and almost sacraments,

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The 1930 Ontario Course and Staff

Chips from the Summer Gilwells

The Ontario Course

THE 8th Ebor Park Gilwell Course, held August 5th to 16th, was attended by a full class of 32 men, representing many parts of Ontario. An unusually large number—14—came from the big District of Toronto where leadership training has gained great popularity during the past year.

The ages of the members of the class varied from 18 to 55, but not even the oldest men in the group had any difficulty in "being boys again" when games were staged,—and there were many.

Division of the class into four Patrols—Crows, Owls, Bob Whites and White Throated Sparrows—resulted in keen, inter-patrol rivalry right from the start. The Bob Whites and the Sparrows won the flag the most times, with the Crows very close. Although the Owls were successful in winning but once, they provided some keen opposition.

The four council fire programmes provided by the Patrols were of an unusually high order. Perhaps that was because of the standard set for the rest by the Sparrows, who came first. Their ceremonial "Burial of Old Man Grouch" was a stunt particularly appropriate for the early part of the camp,—and until the end there was no sign or suggestion that the job wasn't thoroughly well done.

Instruction sessions were conducted by Assistant Provincial Commissioner Frank C. Irwin (Deputy Camp Chief in Charge), Rover Commissioner Lionel J. Bishop (Assistant Camp Chief), Executive Secretary Norman H. Saunders of Toronto, District Scoutmaster Walter Lemmon of Toronto, Hoyer Lloyd of National Parks Branch, Ottawa; Arthur Herbert Richardson of Ontario Forestry Branch, Toronto, and Scoutmaster Arthur Herbert Loranger, Welland. Herbert Greenaway of Dominion Headquarters, Ottawa, attended the camp as an observer and made several important contributions to the programme.

The "Service Scouts" who comprised the junior staff were Howard Lang and Douglas Kemp of the 1st Galt Troop, Charles Gordon of the 87th Toronto Troop and Birrell Stevens of the 12th Toronto Troop. They did a big job well.

Mr. Arthur Herbert Richardson, who for eight years has lectured to Ebor Park courses on Forestry and conducted the Tree Hike, was the "Santa Claus" of the 1930 camp. Through his efforts and interest the Ontario Forestry Branch presented to the camp a beautiful pavilion—the "Kekedowigamig" (which is the Ojibway for "Council House"). The building is 24 ft. by 35 ft. The roof is supported by 18 logs, each from a different variety of Ontario tree. The back end (in the centre of which is a massive stone fire-place, the gift of Old Gilwellians) and parts of two sides are closed in. The remainder of the sides and part

of the front are open, except for cedar pole railings. The front gable and the sides under the floor level are sheeted in with slabs, alternately beech and maple.

Furnishings of the "Kekedowigamig" include a very sturdy table 12 ft. x 4 ft., appropriately trimmed with birch, and two 12 ft. benches to match. These were the gift of the Class of 1929. Mr. Fred Luck, proprietor of Ebor Park Farm, contributed several mementoes of pioneer days for the interior decoration, including an old ox yoke, a "cradle," and other ancient farm implements.

Another new building this year was the "Chateau Lemmon," a shelter hut of the Adirondack variety, to house the Quartermaster and his staff. It was built largely of old telephone poles contributed by The Bell Telephone Company. Four comfortable bunks proved to be splendid inducers of sleep.

Hot weather made the enlarged and otherwise much improved swimming pool a popular resort between lectures and Spare Time Activities. Several members of the class had an unbroken record of daily morning dips despite the pool's chilly temperature.

The over-the-week-end Old Gilwellians' Reunion brought 74 visitors, mostly Old Boys. Some 64 of them camped over night in the "Valley of Silent Men." From Saturday noon until Sunday afternoon the camp was taken in charge by the Old Boys, who conducted the best yet reunion programme, including games, competitions, a memorable Council Fire programme, an Old Boys' Pow-wow, a "Cook's Tour of Ebor Park," and a short Rover Conference.

Sunday's programme included a communion service in the "Chapel in the Woods" conducted by Old Gilwellian Rev. Harry F. Cocks of Paris; a "Scouts' Own" led by a member of the 1930 Class, Rev. Ernest E. Long of Tillsonburg, and a special Sunday evening council fire, presided over by Old Gilwellian Rev. A. S. ("Pa") Mitchell of Ste. Agathe des Monts, P.Q.

During the Fall and Winter

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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.

Members of the staff and class were particularly pleased that Provincial Commissioner H. A. Laurence was able not only to visit the camp but to remain for the week-end and participate in the Old Boys' programme. He made a great hit as Judge of the Mock Trial. Other visitors included Provincial President J. W. Mitchell and District Commissioner S.B. McMichael of Toronto. The latter spent a night in camp.

Again this year the Lone Scouts held their camp at Ebor Park at the same time as the Gilwell Camp, using a beautiful site on the banks of the Grand River. On several occasions the members of the two camps combined for council fires, illustrated lectures and wide games, the "Lonies" making a great hit with the Gilwellians.

Next year it is hoped to conduct two Gilwell Camps at Ebor Park, and arrangements to this end will be completed if a sufficiently large number of Scouters make known their intention to take the course. With its new equipment—particularly the Kecedowigamig—training sessions can now be carried on without fear of interruption by inclement weather.

Congratulations, Manitoba!

DURING a picnic of British Medical Association Convention delegates to the hills near the Ninette, Man., Sanatorium this summer, a member of the sanatorium staff, while slicing ham, severely sliced one of his fingers. Instantly a bystander produced a first-aid kit, and skillfully applied a dressing and bandage,—to the great amusement and delight of a large group of distinguished medical on-lookers. For the quick acting bystander was not one of their number, but a young Boy Scout!

The happening was the "story" of the convention, because of its humorous feature; but it well illustrates the preparedness and the service rendered by Manitoba Scouts throughout the week of the convention of the world-wide British Medical Association held in Winnipeg this summer.

Eminent medical men from practically every part of the Empire, and other lands, left their trains at Winnipeg to find smartly uniformed Scouts waiting with a smile and a salute to welcome them, to lead them to wait-



THE Kecedowigamig or Council House presented to Ebor Park by the Ontario Forestry Branch.

ing cars, and to take charge of their baggage.

At the Winter Club, Convention Headquarters, 241 Scouts, drawn from 16 Winnipeg troops, for seven full days combined to render every service of which they were capable. They carried important papers for distinguished medical lecturers, they "paged," acted as guides, and ran countless errands. On one occasion they substituted for policemen in keeping the nearby sidewalks clear, and on another earned the commendation of the Fire Department by promptly extinguishing a fire which might have grown to serious proportions.

During the great parade in connection with the convention certain Scout units assisted the police in controlling the crowds which lined the route, while other troops, neatly uniformed, and with flags flying, added the needed touch of youth to the colourful procession.

Scouts of the 1st Ninette Troop took similar advantage of their opportunities when the convention delegates visited the Ninette Sanatorium. For several days they acted as messengers and orderlies, and at luncheons proved capable waiters.

It was a 1st Ninette Scout who figured in the first-aid incident previously referred to, and provided the "story" of the whole convention.

It can safely be said that Manitoba Scouts and leaders won many new friends among the leading medical men of the world, not only for themselves, but for Scouting everywhere.

Well done, Manitoba!

Her Excellency Opens a Scout Hall at St. Andrews, N.B., and Lt.-Gov. Bruce one in Vancouver.

ONE of the outstanding Scouting events of the summer was the opening by Her Excellency, Viscountess Willingdon, of the fine new gymnasium building of the 1st St. Andrews Troop, N.B., and the presentation by Her Excellency to Miss Adeline Van Horne of an Honorary Medal of Merit, in recognition of her practically shown interest in Scouting over a period of years. Miss Van Horne, who some years ago presented a fine headquarters to the St. Andrews Troop, donated the land on which the new gymnasium stands. The gymnasium was erected with funds raised by the two St. Andrews Troops, under the direction of Scoutmaster the Rev. W. Ideson.

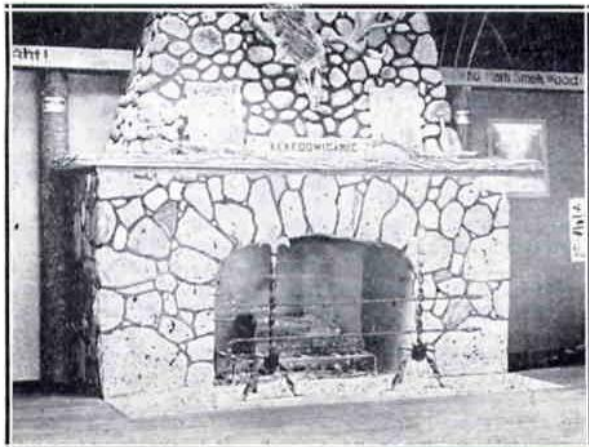
The ceremony was presided over by the Hon. Cairine Wilson, Canada's woman Senator. After welcoming Her Excellency and Miss Van Horne, Mrs. Wilson paid a warm tribute to the service rendered by Rev. Ideson, and made a brief address to the Scouts.

The distinguished gathering, in addition to Her Excellency, Miss Van Horne and Senator Wilson, included Lord and Lady Shaughnessy, the Hon. Marguerite Shaughnessy and E. C. Mieville and Captain R. J. Streatfield of His Excellency's staff.

The gymnasium is one of the finest of its kind in Canada. The floor is of hardwood, with ample size for games and for spectators. Beneath is a fine basement, where heating equipment will be installed. A number of substantial contributions were received from summer visitors who have been impressed by the public service rendered by the two St. Andrews troops.

Distinguished Opening of the Oak Bay Hall

In the presence of Mayor and Mrs. Herbert Anscomb and other distinguished guests, the new headquarters building of St. Mary's Oak Bay Troop and Pack, Vancouver, was formally opened by His Honour Lt.-Gov. R. R. Bruce, accompanied by Miss Margaret Mackenzie. Chairman P. R. Leighton of the Troop and Pack Committee opened the ceremonies, after which Reeve Hayward extended the welcome of the Oak Bay Council to St. Mary's Troop, and introduced the Lieutenant Governor. Rev. A. E. de L. Nunns addressed the boys of the troop and



THE fireplace, the gift of Old Gilwellians. Kipling's lines, "Who hath smelt wood-smoke," in their entirety, are lettered on the wall plate in green and red, interspersed with Scouting signs and symbols.

pack regarding their new headquarters, and the flag was then broken out by Troop Leader Gornell. Following the ceremony Miss D. G. Hilliard, Assistant District Commissioner in charge of Wolf Cubs, was presented by His Honour with a handsome set of hair brushes, and Reeve Hayward with a carved staff. On behalf of the troop Scout Marshal presented Miss Mackenzie with a beautiful bouquet of roses.

The Secretaries' Conference

THE second Dominion-wide conference of Provincial Secretaries—the first occurred in 1919—was held at Dominion Headquarters, Ottawa, following the Rover Leaders' Course, September 25-27. Each province was represented, and many problems were threshed out, and a number of recommendations made for the consideration of the Executive Committee of the Canadian General Council. Subjects of general interest requiring no executive action included:—

"Controlled" or "Closed" Troops

Considerable attention was given the subject of "Closed Troops," i.e., troops under direct control of a church, or other body.

According to correspondence with Imperial Headquarters 50 per cent of Old Country troops were "Closed." But for this fact, it was stated, a large percentage of their troops would not have continued in existence. Control was regarded by the English clergy as of great importance.

It was emphasized that religious bodies in Canada had not fully understood the extent to which churches could control troop membership. Some clergymen were under the mistaken impression that a troop charter would not be issued to a church troop desiring to enroll only boys of that denomination.

It was recommended that the churches throughout Canada be more widely informed of the possibility of organizing definitely controlled troops, whose membership may be kept to the boys of the church. Also that any special religious instruction desired may be added to the Scouting programme.

It was recommended that the term "Controlled Troops" be adopted and used instead of the term "Closed Troops."

Additions to Dominion Records

It was suggested that the church affiliation of troops be included in annual report forms; also that details of Cub badges be added.

Regarding a possible change in the form of the printed Annual Report, it was recommended that the report be continued in its present form. It was noted that we are by law compelled to publish such an Annual Report.

Information Re Moving Scouts

The importance of information regarding Scouts going from one locality to another being sent to Provincial Headquarters was stressed. "The whole job was not done by merely giving a boy a transfer form or a letter of introduction, then forgetting about him. Provincial H. Q. should be notified."

"Scout Tests and How to Pass Them"

The use of this book by Scouts in preparing for badge tests was described as presenting a difficulty in some districts,—because of the special Canadian badges not covered, and the difference in requirement details of a considerable number of other badges as outlined in Canadian P.O. & R.

Generally, it was felt, the information given in "Scout Tests" was a little too full, this frequently resulting in the boy "swatting up" a subject, and making the passing of the tests rather a question of memory. It was thought that the more condensed outline given in Canadian P.O. & R. had the advantages of driving the boy to dig more into the subject, thus the better realizing B.P.'s original aim of making badge work a kind of hobby-seeking investigation.

The publishing of a Canadian edition of "Scout Tests" it was pointed out, was impracticable, because of the size of the book and its cost against the comparatively small number sold each year—not more than 200. The book went chiefly into troop libraries.

It was recommended that a gummed sticker advising boys to consult their Scoutmasters regarding badge study taken up should be placed in each copy of "Scout Tests" hereafter sold.

Scouting and Education

The statement that Scouting in England was coming closer to the schools and that training courses were being held for school teachers was followed by the question—"Should we have more Public School Troops in Canada?"

Past experience varied considerably in the different provinces. One well known Quebec school principal was quoted as saying that, looking at the question from the boys' point of view, "any organization attached to a school had a 'catch' in it somewhere."

In British Columbia there were a number of successful school troops, but in each case the Scoutmasters were not teachers. In Saskatchewan teachers were frequently Scoutmasters, and the troops met during recess or after school. A factor, particularly in the case of very small schools, was that there was little other company for the teacher, and little to do between school hours either for teacher or children.

In Manitoba teachers have been found more valuable as committeemen. After being with the boys all day they desire a change. Usually those who succeed as Scoutmasters are old Scouts.

That increasing value is being placed upon Scout training by educational authorities is indicated by the growing practice of local school boards advertising for teachers with Scouting experience. In some instances school boards have asked District Headquarters to provide a Scoutmaster from outside the school.

It was the unanimously expressed belief of the conference that school teachers with Scout training were better teachers because of it; that they better understood the boy and his viewpoint.

Dominion Registration

Mr. Norman Saunders, District Secretary for Toronto, and formerly Provincial Secretary for British Columbia, and a member of the special P.O. & R. committee appointed to draft the changes presented in the last edition, was asked to explain regarding the drafting of Sec. 86 with reference to Dominion Registration. Mr. Saunders stated that the consensus of opinion in various quarters had been that Registration had not progressed satisfactorily because it had not definitely been incorporated into the rules. The 50 cent fee gave the leverage to bring forth the money, although not compulsory. It was understood that the provinces could put it into effect as desired.

The missionary feature of the fee was stressed,—that it financed field service which could not otherwise be made available. The success of Registration in Ontario had supplied the province with a second field man.

The Ontario records showed a steady growth of Registration each year since its initiation. By September 1st of this year the greater proportion of troops had registered, and it was expected that the end of the Scout year would show some 8,000 Scouts issued Registration Cards.

It was unanimously agreed that the Secretaries would return to their provinces and endeavour to develop the Registration scheme to the best of their ability.

Sea Scouts

It was urged that all Secretaries take more interest in Sea Scouting,— "wherever there was water and a canoe." It was not necessary to organize a whole troop; a single patrol might take up the water end of Scouting. Dominion Headquarters had boat plans which it would loan free to any group desiring to build a suitable boat.

In answer to a question whether any of the rules in the current edition of P.O. & R. had been modified by the Sea Scout Conference held in Montreal, it was stated that no rules had been modified as yet. It was explained that the conference was held under definite terms of reference; that like all Scout conferences, it had no executive authority, but could only make recommendations to the Executive Committee of the Canadian General Council.

Lone Scouts

Lone Scouting was shown to be developing rapidly in Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and to a lesser degree in the other provinces. It was the agreed opinion that rapid growth throughout the Dominion was merely a question of securing suitable volunteer provincial leaders, and of solving the problem of correspondence at Provincial Headquarters. The boys respond immediately upon learning of an opportunity to become Lone Scouts.

A Lone Scout department in the Scout section of the Winnipeg Free Press and a weekly radio broadcast had resulted in the registration of nearly 150 Lone Scouts in Manitoba within the year. The circulation of the Free Press in Saskatchewan was bringing inquiries and applications to

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❖ Scouting from Coast to Coast ❖

THE Elk Lone Patrol of Maple, Ont., were guest-observers at an outdoor investiture ceremony of the 87th Toronto Troop. The Lonies remained overnight with the Toronto Scouts.

In addition to their regular meeting on Monday evenings, the 28th Winnipeg Troop holds a Sunday Scouts' Own, "gymnasium" on Wednesdays, and club room games on Saturday.

Historical Hike for Cubs

A tour of the historic spots of the Niagara Peninsula by some 40 Cubs of the 1st Caledonia Pack, under Cubmaster Grinyer and Mr. M. E. Forster, was such a success that the boys immediately asked that plans be made to repeat next year.

Some Cape Breton P. L. Conference Ideas

Over 200 young leaders from various parts of Cape Breton attended the annual Patrol Leaders' Conference held at the Central School, Sydney, N.S. One of the proposals discussed was the holding of a Cape Breton Scout Jamboree. Other subjects included "Scout Uniforms," "What is a Good Troop?" "How a Patrol Meeting Should be Carried On," "Discipline in the Patrol," "Smoking, What Scout Law Does it Break?" "Scouting as a World Brotherhood," and "Jamboree Facts." The latter two papers were presented by Scouts Arthur and Frank McDonald of the Canadian Jamboree Contingent.

A demonstration of passing a Tenderfoot candidate on the Tenderfoot tests was very effectively staged by the 1st Sydney Troop. The conference was entirely officered by Patrol Leaders.

The 10th London, Ont., Rovers inaugurated the fall season's social activities entertaining all the other city crews at their fine new den on Dundas Street. Every crew was well represented, and a thoroughly good time enjoyed.

On arrival at their permanent camp site, "Camp Fifosh," for a week-end, the 5th Oshawas immediately set about the planting of one thousand trees, as a good turn for Mr. S. G. Chant, the owner of the farm.

Moose Jaw Scouts Supervise Playgrounds

As the result of damage done to playground equipment, the 1st Moose Jaw Troop, under District Commissioner C. F. Kempton, this summer volunteered and was given supervision of the Moose Square Park, a playgrounds equipped by the Gyro Club. In addition to supervising the play of both young and older children, a playgrounds picnic was held once a month.

Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies of St. Catharines participated in a September Saturday parade held by the Humane Society.

Service at Firemen's Field Day

Another type of annual field-day service is that rendered by the 1st St. Anne de Bellevue Troop, Que., at the yearly fire department competitions of the Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Montreal. For some years the Scouts of this troop have been given the duty of roping off and maintaining the course for the hose laying competitions.

Thamesville, Ont., Scouts recently erected a cement base around a 25-foot flagpole which had been placed by the Chatham branch of the Canadian Legion in the local park near the Tecumseh memorial.

A Troop of Bridge Builders

A six-trestle bridge across a 70-foot stream was one of the accomplishments during its first year of the 1st Delson Troop, Que. The bridge was formally opened, following a church parade, by District Commissioner Roy Wilson of St. Johns, and was named "Cannon Ball Bridge." This was in honour of the Chaplain and Troop Committee Chairman, Mr. George Cannon, Superintendent of the Na-

turns merited more marks than speed, and there was a ready response from the members.

"The meeting of the Rover Crew was in charge of the Golden Arrows, and a very interesting discussion of the Scout Law took place. Reading of the Log Book closed the meeting."—25th London, Ont.

2nd St. Thomas' Troop Home Officially Opened

Dominion Day brought the opening of the fine new home of the 2nd St. Thomas Troop. A dedication prayer was led by Rev. Mr. James, following which the Rovers, Scouts and Cubs and leaders each renewed their Promise. Assistant Provincial Commissioner Irwin presented the keys to the troop council president, who in turn presented them to Scoutmaster Malcolm Turnbull, who officially unlocked the door.

Frequent mention was made in September Scout columns of the departure of older Scouts, A.S.M.'s or A.C. M.'s for college, and of the presentation of some small "reminder."



AND it held - - - the bridge built by the 28th Winnipeg at the Gimli Camp this summer.

tional Brick Company, who had presented the troop with tents and a troop flag.

The Delson Troop extends a cordial invitation to other troops of hiking Scouts to use their camp site for periods of a week or ten days.—Scoutmaster B. B. Dawes.

Some 150 Calgary Scouts turned out for the duty of taking a traffic census for the Town Planning Commission. All the principal business intersections of the city were checked.

A Tenderfoot and 2nd Class Quiz Competition

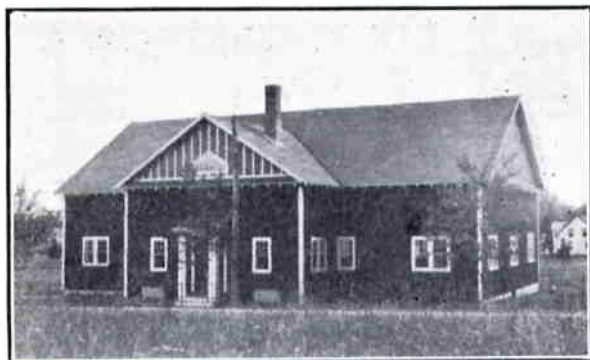
In the inter-patrol competition, at a regular meeting of the 17th "B" Winnipeg Troop, questions were handed to each patrol dealing with Tenderfoot and Second Class tests, marks being given for speed, accuracy and neatness. Great stress was laid on the last two conditions. Marks were awarded on the basis of the Scout Laws. Courtesy, obedience and good

The Pack Committee of the 1st Ingersoll, Ont., Cub Pack appoints one member each month to act as "Inspector of Activities."

Our Newest "Post" Troop

The newest "post" troop of Scouts in Canada is that organized at the Hospital for Sick Children, at Thistle-town, Ont. Two patrols were formed, the Beavers, under Fred Cook, formerly of the 96th Toronto Troop, and Irwin Noble, formerly of the 95th Toronto, now medical patients. A second patrol of three boys, the Stags, in the Surgical Ward, is led by P. L. Ernest Hackey. Nine of the eleven boys are confined to their beds, and are wheeled to the hospital auditorium for the meetings which are held one afternoon each week. The Scoutmaster is Herman Willenegger, a former Swiss Scouter.

Most of the work being done at present is on knotting and other Tenderfoot tests that can be accomplished in bed.



NEW gym. building of the 1st and 2nd St. Andrews Troops, N.B., formally opened this summer by Her Excellency Lady Willingdon.

The Farthest North troop headquarters in Manitoba—if not in the West—has been completed for the 1st Flin Flon Troop. It was financed through subscriptions secured by the Scouts. The troop is attached to St. Augustine's Catholic Church.

600 Toronto Scouts at a Colours Dedication

Some 600 Toronto Scouts and leaders paraded to St. Olave's Church, for a service conducted by Rev. Sextus Stiles. The service included the dedication of the 14th Troop's flags. District Commissioner S. B. McMichael took the salute during the "march past" following the service.

Prince Edward County's Big "Week-End"

Two hundred Scouts and leaders from the surrounding district of Prince Edward County camped over Dominion Day week-end at Wellington, Ont. The nine troops were given a lively programme of games, instruction, cooking and inspection. A huge council fire brought the outing to a fitting close. The camp was run by the Scout Leaders' Council with the assistance of Field Secretary Jones of Provincial Headquarters.

A Camp-Visiting Scholarship

As a prize for general proficiency, Scout Ernest Devlin, 13, of the 26th Winnipeg (St. Mary's) Troop, won a month's trip through western Canada to visit Scout camps. Accompanied by his Scoutmaster Mr. M. McKenty he visited camps at Jasper, Edmonton, Prince Rupert, Vancouver, Victoria, Seattle and Portland. The competition ran for a year and was open to all members of the 26th Troop.

N.S. Scouts Again Do Election Service

In connection with the recent Dominion elections the Scouts of Nova Scotia were again called upon by the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company to collect election returns at polling booths. Again, as in previous years, highly efficient service was rendered, and was formally acknowledged by officials of the M. T. & T. Company.

The Others Saw That the Bag Was Divided

Chairman Raven of the 1st Ingersoll Pack gave the Cubs some elementary ambulance and life saving instruction at one meeting and at the next presented a huge bag of candy to the Cub correctly answering the most questions on the subject.

5th London Sea Scouts' Good Summer

During the summer the 5th London Sea Scouts made several trips in their boat, the *Idler I*. The sails and rigging made by the Scouts last winter proved very satisfactory, and practically every member is now capable of handling a small boat under sail. The troop hopes to raise funds to secure a new boat.

Flag From Church Wardens for London Troop

Flags obtained through the efforts of the church wardens were presented with fitting ceremony to the Scout Troop and Guide Company of St. Matthew's Church, London, Ont., the rector, Rev. S. E. McKegney presiding. The Scout flag was handed over by Superintendent Hitchins of the Sunday-school and the Guide flag by Mr. E. T. Essery.

\$100 was granted by the Etobicoke Township Council to the Parkland, Ont., Scout Troop for their summer field day, held on Adam Beck school grounds, Long Branch.

Friction Fire and Lashing Records

No less than 250 Scouts and Cubs from seven troops and two packs participated in the Fort William and Port Arthur Jamboree organized under direction of District Scoutmaster Ellard. The comprehensive programme included games and dances, fire lighting contests, knotting, spinning, life-saving land drill, and a lashing contest for bridge work. A friction fire contest was won by Scout S. Clark of the 3rd Fort William in 36 seconds, and the lashing contest by the Owl Patrol of the same troop, with four lashings in 1 minute 25 seconds. The programme closed with the tableau, "The Building of the Scout Arch."

Ontario Lonies' Signboards

During the summer Lone Scouts throughout Ontario have been making and erecting Lone Scout sign boards. These are in a variety of patterns, but all bear the words, "A Lone Scout Lives Here."

Other Ontario Scouts travelling are reminded by Provincial H. Q. to stop and exchange a word with Lonies whenever possible.

The 26th London, Ont., P. L.'s are corresponding with the Patrol Leaders of the 26th London, England, Troop. An interesting letter from the English P. L.'s was read at a recent council fire meeting.

Windsor Scouts Aid Firemen

Windsor Scouts found opportunities for assisting their good friends of the Windsor Fire Department at the latter's first big annual firemen's picnic, a two day celebration. They aided the police in handling the large crowds which witnessed the opening parade, and assisted in numerous ways during the competitions at Jackson Park. First aid tents were maintained, and a field 'phone service. Several troop pitched their tents in the park and remained for the full period. The participation of the Scouts was planned by Capt. A. E. Paddon, Secretary of the Border Cities Scout Local Association.

In recognition of Scouting service Scouts in full uniform were admitted free at all times to the Canadian National Exhibition at Toronto.

Fine Scout First Aid at Calgary Stampede

Calgary Scouts on first aid duty at the annual Calgary Stampede were kept busy throughout the six-day period, and handled a total of 56 cases, not including minor cases. The group included A. S. M. Bernard C. Brook of the Elks' Own 4th Calgary, A. S. M. Edward Richards of the 18th and Frank Harding, A. S. M. of the 8th Troop. According to doctors the promptness and efficiency of the Scout ambulance team in a number of instances averted serious complications.

Use the Scout Column for Badge Examination Calls

Badge announcements in the weekly Scout column of the London Free Press call upon a considerable list of Scouts to communicate with certain badge examiners. A good sign for a good badge-earning winter in this active Scouting city.

Good Fire Fighting by 1st Westvilles, N. S.

During the summer the Scouts of the 1st Westville Troop, N.S., helped extinguish a fire in Cambridge which threatened to destroy the Indian Reservation. "At times the boys could not be seen through the smoke, but living up to their motto, they kept on."

A Stiff Canoe Test

Troop Leaders Bill March of the 5th Hamilton Troop and Ferris Stricker of the 27th passed the final test for their Canoeeman's badge by paddling from Hamilton to the Toronto Exhibition and return over Labor Day. Accompanied by Rev. Mr. Hallam of the 9th Troop, they left Hamilton at 5 a.m. and arrived at the Exhibition water front at 6:30 p.m.

Only Swimmers and Rescuers in the Cobourg Sea Sharks

A new patrol to be known as the Sea Sharks is being organized in the 1st Cobourg, Ont. Troop. Only boys who have qualified for the Swimmer and Rescuer badges are eligible. This patrol will make aquatic sports their chief interest and may form the nucleus of a Sea Scout Troop.

The 1st Robsart Troop, Sask., took part in a field day at Havre, Monnana. Six troops participated and the Robsart Troop was placed first in message relay and first in sportsmanship.

An inter-troop singing contest featured a Saturday afternoon campfire of the 26th and 29th Hamilton troops.

Assisted the Police at Calgary Stampede

At the request of the Chief of Police, 100 Calgary Scouts were provided and assisted the city and provincial police in controlling the crowds lining the route of the procession which opened the big annual Calgary Stampede.

West End Rovers of Toronto handled the sports at the picnic held by the Blind Association in High Park.

Catholic Parish Troops for Saint John

Stella Maris Church of East Saint John, N.B., is the first of the district Roman Catholic parishes to officially organize a Scout troop, as the result of a move to establish troops in each of the city's Catholic churches. The church Men's Society has organized a Troop Committee, with the support of Rev. Fr. F. F. Walker, an old Scout.

Prior to the fall opening Hamilton leaders were advised through the *Herald* Scout column to acquaint themselves with the revised P.O. & R.

"Lonies" at Bishops' College

A Lone Patrol, the Peewits, was organized in May at Bishops' College, Lennoxville, under Scoutmaster J. H. Dicker, a graduate of Imperial Gilwell. The organization was officially completed by Assistant District Commissioner C. G. Blake of Sherbrooke. The patrol has a log cabin headquarters. The college also has a Rover Crew.

P. L. Harold Sewell of the 1st Souris Troop, Man., has obtained his Bushman's Thong. He is the first Manitoba Scout to qualify for the new decoration.

Concert Service

"Twenty boys of the 17th (Hamilton) Troop attended the 8th Troop's concert and put on their famous Komic Band. The troop is willing to help any other troop with a comic turn."

The suggestion was made at a meeting of the Nelson, B.C., Rotary Club that every Rotarian become a member of the local Scout Association.

Special Badge Study Patrols

Following the interest taken in forestry since one member of the 51st Toronto passed his badge, a special patrol has been formed to take up forestry subjects. At the same time Scoutmaster Fowler inaugurated a special patrol to study the signalling requirements under P. L. Don Creighton. The idea of having special patrols for special subjects is a new one and is being watched with interest by other troops.

"This year the patrol holding the cup for most months during the year will receive a suitable prize and each member of the patrol also will receive a prize."—17th "A" (St. Matthews') Winnipeg Troop.

Fretwork and Footwork

A fretwork class of the 1st Trenton Troop, under A. S. M. Osterhout, became so large that it was divided into Senior and Junior sections. The boxing class also is progressing, the boys keeping in condition by running after school hours.

Because all their names begin with the letter "B" a new patrol of the 12th Toronto Troop has chosen the name, "Busy Bee" Patrol.

The Best Newspaper Camp Story

Credit for the best newspaper camp story of the season must go to "Quis," writing of the Victoria, B.C., district camp in the *Victoria Colonist*. The story, colorful with the spirit of



BANNOCK cooked on a flat stone tastes a lot better than other kinds, according to the camp cooks of the 6th Sherbrooke. It's a good way to cook 'em on the hike too.

camping and the woods, informative, and nicely illustrated with halftones, makes four readable columns that must have attracted considerable attention and favorable comment for the writer as well as for local Scouting.

Former Regina Leader's Good Turn

A concert by the Regina Rifles Band, under the direction of Bandmaster R. B. Wells, a former popular Scout leader, realized a substantial sum for the camp fund of the 1st Regina Troop. The concert was given by permission of Lt.-Col. A. G. Styles, under the patronage of His Hon. Lt.-Gov. Newlands and Miss Newlands.

During an over-night hike Scouts of the 2nd Stamford Troop, Ont., indulged in a search for twig letters to cover their troop name.

Badge Presentations for Parents' Night

At a Parents' Night of the 1st Peterborough, Second Class, First Class, King's Scout and Proficiency badges and an All Round Cord were awarded, and Rev. Dr. R. C. Balgrave was pre-

sented with a Chaplain's badge by District Commissioner Hornsby. With the troop and the Troop Committee in horseshoe Dr. Murray Fraser, the president, presented the troop with a stand of colours, which the Chaplain dedicated. A camp fire programme followed, and refreshments served parents by the boys.

Illustrated Talks on the Stars

Mr. H. J. Rees of the staff of the Provincial Institute of Technology and Art, Calgary, is giving a series of lectures on the stars to the 10th Calgary Troop. The talks are illustrated with slides loaned by the University of Alberta Extension Department.

The summer's visitors included a party of Scouts from Louisiana and Kentucky.

Patrol Mottoes

Patrols of the 1st Brockville Troop, Ont., have selected patrol mottoes suggested by the patrol emblems:—Lions, "Brave as a Lion"; Eagles, "Soar High"; Beavers, "Work hard"; Hounds, "True till death."

The 15th Vancouver Troop were guests of the management of Kitilano Theatre, in lieu of their regular meeting, to witness the showing of "Disraeli."

Up From the Troop

On the taking over of a new Rover group by Scoutmaster Foulds of the 31st Winnipeg, the Scout troop was taken by a Scoutmaster six feet, five inches in height, who came up from the position of Scout No. 1 when the troop was first organized.

Twenty-five fully uniformed Scouts were requisitioned to distribute programmes at memorial services held in Harvey Park, Hamilton, in August.

An A.C.M., a King's Scout and a Mayonnaise Bowl

On the eve of her departure for her home in Vancouver, to become the bride of Dr. James Campbell of New York, a former King's Scout of the 8th Calgary Troop, Miss E. Dall Goff, A.C.M. of the 10th Calgary Cub Pack was presented with a handsome silver mayonnaise bowl suitably engraved with a record of her connection with the Pack.

96th Montreals Present Their Church a Bible

THE 96th Montreal Troop paraded to the United Church, Town of Mount Royal, and with a simple impressive ceremony presented the church with a new Bible in recognition of the co-operation of the church in providing a free meeting place for the Scouts. Scoutmaster G. S. White made the presentation, which was received on behalf of the church by Rev. D. T. I. Forsythe.

Scouts of Niagara Falls are invited to "try a hand" at answering the Quiz questions appearing in the Scout column of the *Review*. "They are to be handed in to Scoutmaster Smith at the Boys' Shop not later than Saturday of each week."

❖ The Scoutmaster's Five Minutes ❖

Bad Horse A True Story

I BOUGHT him because he was beautiful, and he wanted to be friendly. I walked over to the corral where he was, and said, "Hello, Johnny." He nickered softly, and came and rubbed his velvety nose against the front of me.

I soon found out that Johnny had a bad reputation. Not long before I bought him he had reared and fallen over backwards nearly killing his rider. He was herd bound. He behaved almost well when he was with other horses, but just try to take him away alone! He'd rear, and buck, and plunge until either he or his rider (in case the rider stayed with him) was completely worn out. And he'd shy at nearly everything he saw.

Unfortunately I lived in a hilly place. There was a canyon I'd try to ride through, and every time Johnny would take the bit between his teeth, and go dashing up the hillside, rearing as he went. It was dangerous business. He could easily have fallen over backwards on that hill and broken my neck, and his, too. And he had a favorite trick, when he was on level ground, of rearing up, giving a leap, and coming down so stiff-legged it felt as if my back-bone would never last long!

I had decided not to use quirt or spurs, but he behaved so badly I resolved to see what a little stern discipline would do. I found out. We had a royal battle. Johnny did some real bucking, and finally managed to throw me, beautifully. He started to run toward home, changed his mind, and came back to me. I lay very still. He rubbed his nose against my face, then moved off a little way, and began eating grass. He wasn't going to leave me, and I liked him for it.

As a matter of fact, I liked him very much when I wasn't riding him. He was a regular pet. He learned to kneel down, and shake hands, and tell how old he was, and he'd kiss my hand when I'd tell him to. He'd follow me all around, and he seemed to like to hear me talk to him.

One day I was working around the corral, talking to the horse, and he was following after me as if he didn't want to miss a word. That gave me an idea. I put saddle and bridle on him, and led him away, telling him all the time what a good horse he was going to be. After awhile I slipped the reins back over his head, and walked beside him, guiding him as if I were riding. I told him everything I knew, and when I could think of nothing else to say, I began all over again! Then I slipped one foot in the stirrup, and rode along that way. After awhile I threw my other leg over the saddle—and Johnny kept on going, one ear cocked back to hear all this enlightening one-sided conversation!

That happened over three years ago. Since then Johnny and I have spent many days together herding cattle, and we've gone on long trips over the hills, and far away. I can't

claim that he's exactly an angel. He likes to chase our milk cow, apparently endeavoring to bite her tail off. He teases, bites, and kicks my grey mare until she is frantic; and once he chased a chicken and killed it. Every so often he still tries to throw me, and occasionally he succeeds. People have told me that he is bad, and treacherous, and that some day he'll throw me to a place I won't come back from. He isn't bad or treacherous. He is spirited, and playful, and utterly lovable. He never was bad; he had been wrongly managed, and that was the fault of the human beings who named him "bad horse."

—Julia Van Der Veer
in *Our Dumb Animals*.

A Sunday "Automobile Talk"

VARIOUS parts of an automobile provided the illustrations of an address by Rev. W. J. H. Smith that held the close and appreciative attention of camping Scouts who attended a summer Sunday morning service at the United Church, Wellington, Ont. The title of the address was given to the boys as, "Automobile Religion," and the text used, "Let no man despise thy youth."

First, the self starter. Boys need self reliance and to be self starters, as it were. A boy should believe in himself in spite of discouragements, and do his best to develop the gifts God gave him. See to it that the golden opportunities for development in boyhood years are not wasted. On the other hand do not start some things too soon. A boy is only a boy once and should not be in too big a hurry to grow up.

The engine. The power plant of the motor was likened to the human soul and mind and personality. Use this power lawfully, and remember there are others on the road. Do not seek pleasures that rob others of life's good things. Keep the engine strong and clean and ready for efficient work.

The carburetor of life, that line from man to Maker, may, if not kept in working order, become choked by bad habits, bad company, carelessness, etc., so that life's progress may be hindered.

A slipping clutch in a car hinders progress, and so in the Christian life, carelessness in prayer, in Sabbath observance, etc., tend to weaken one's grasp on the best things in life.

The wheels of a car stand for the ordinary routine and duties of life. If a boy performs the little, seemingly unimportant tasks of every day faithfully he is sure to be prepared for life's great moments when they come. The Scout motto of a good turn every day serves to strengthen the wheels of life which carry one on.

The modern gearshift enables the driver to control his car on all grades, and so in life if one is really living the Jesus way strength is given to "Mount on wings as eagles—high gear; to "run and not be weary"—intermediate; and on life's hard places to "walk and not faint"—low gear. God adjusts our strength according to our needs.

Lastly there is the battery, which contains the spark necessary for the life of the motor. So in each human life God has implanted a spark of the divine, a bit of Himself. The battery of life needs charging by good living. All need the fire of God. Canada and civilization are waiting for the men fitted for the task and with the fire of character in their soul. Such men are sure of success, and training when boys in such a fine organization as the Scout Movement helps to fit for such a life.

The special music included as a solo, John Oxenham's "Where Are You Going, Greatheart?"

SECRETARIES' CONFERENCE

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The Saskatchewan provincial headquarters. Ontario's original Lone Scout Troop had been divided into four sectional troops, and each of these were steadily growing, the total enrolment now being well over 200.

The value of Lone Scouts for introducing Scouting into villages and small towns was mentioned. Ontario now had a number of such "Lonie"-developed troops. The Lone Patrol is held to as the maximum Lone Scout unit; and that rule, and the pressure of other boys desiring to join, results in some suitable man becoming interested and offering to become their Scoutmaster.

It was the general opinion that Lone Scouting would become an important factor in the growth of the Movement as a whole.

"The Canadian Scout" Magazine

Mention of letters received by leaders in different parts of Canada requesting support for a new magazine styled "The Canadian Scout" was followed by questions regarding the status of the projected publication. It was explained by the Assistant Chief Commissioner that the magazine did not have our sanction. The chief reason for this was that it was felt that the publication had no prospect whatever of financial success, and that those who subscribed, in the event of the magazine's discontinuance, and those who advertised, would feel that Scouting had not played fair with them. It was inevitable that any magazine using the name "SCOUT" would create the impression that it spoke for the Movement.

Scouts in many parts of Canada played their usual roles of service, fall fairs. Newspaper clippings received mentioned good work at the National Fair at Toronto, at Sherbrooke, Que., and at Ottawa. At the latter fair the finding and care of lost children was made the exclusive responsibility of the Scouts, policemen referring all inquiries to the Scout Headquarters tent. At the annual Calgary Stampede Scouts rendered similar service, and in addition aided in traffic. At the Western Ontario Fair London Scouts again conducted a booth, and assisted at the Emergency Hospital.

A Deep Sea Investiture in the Canadian Woods

THE investiture of a group of Deep Sea Scouts in a Canadian woodland glade was a unique incident of the summer. The scene was a little clearing in the Halifax District reforestation camp site, and the candidates were seamen and one marine from the crew of H.M.S. Durban.

Shortly after the warship's arrival at Halifax early in July, a letter was received at Provincial Headquarters from Chief Ordnance Artificer R. J. Dixon inquiring whether a party of Deep Sea Scouts aboard of whom he was Scoutmaster could be formally invested while the ship was in harbour. The necessary arrangements were gladly made by Director of Scouting S. J. Limbrey, and on Sunday the men were given special leave by the Commander of the Durban, attended divine service at All Saints' Cathedral, and accompanied by a number of the Nelson Sea Rovers of Halifax, proceeded to the district camp site.

And there in a quiet spot amid the white birches the memorably impressive presentation ceremony was carried out in full detail. District Scoutmaster Cote, Scoutmaster Robert Cutler, and Deep Sea Scoutmaster Dixon and Chief Yeoman Costick of the Durban acting as sponsors and assistants.

Following the investiture of the Durban, several of the Nelson Rovers also were invested.

"I do not think I ever had the privilege of attending and officiating at an investiture which so stirred my feelings," declared one of the Canadian leaders. "It was wonderful to see those men of the Durban so utterly sincere and serious, to say nothing of the Nelson Sea Rovers, who have since stated that they will remember the investiture for the rest of their lives."

The English Deep Sea Scouts were fittingly entertained by their Canadian hosts, woodcraft style. They were served dinner by Scoutmaster Cutler and Scouts of the 9th Halifax, which troop was in camp; were hiked about the famous wild life preserve and reforestation area, shown the various troop cabins, and introduced to the navigation of a Canadian canoe. It was all a new experience, and they enjoyed it as only sailors can. A repeated remark was that if only the Scouts of England could do their Scouting in such wonderful surroundings "they would be in their seventh heaven."

In typical sailor's generous appreciation of the courtesies and service so gladly extended, Scoutmaster Dixon, an expert in "tooling" brass, presented no less than four beautifully worked shields to the Halifax district.

Two of these are interestingly suggestive reminders of their visit,—shields to be awarded each year to the Halifax troops holding respectively the greatest number of "Forester" and "Canoe-man" proficiency badges. The third shield is to be awarded to the Rover Scout of the province credited with the most outstanding Community, Crew and Younger Brother service, and the fourth to the most efficient

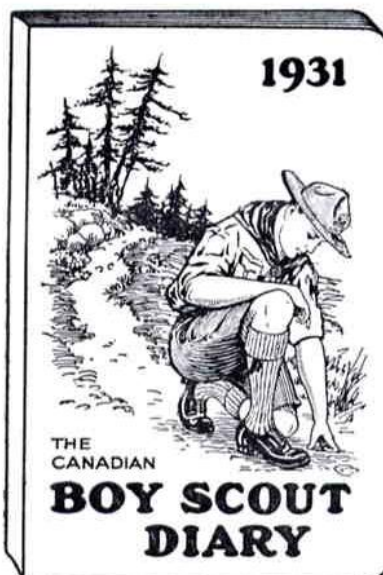
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A shield also was presented by the Deep Sea Scouts to Director of Scouting Limbrey, "For service rendered"; and photographs of H.M.S. Durban were presented to the 9th Halifax Troop and to Provincial Headquarters.

Needless to say these shields, of such unique origin and remembrance, will create keen interest and lively competition, and so perpetuate the visit of the "Durban" and Scoutmaster Dixon for many years to come.

A Father and Son Scout Camp

A NEW venture in Scouting leadership on a previously unthought of scale was carried out this summer in the Waterton Lakes National Park, southern Alberta. This was a four days' camp of no less than 1,500 fathers and sons, conducted on Scouting lines in programme, competitions, sanitation, cooking, and care and restoration of camp site. The camp was organized by the Church of Latter Day Saints in Alberta, and its activities were directed by Mr. Oscar Kirkham, head of Scouting in the Mormon Church, assisted by Provincial Secretary Backman of Alberta, Scouter (Dr. C. M.) Fletcher and Song Leader Robertson.

Tents of all kinds, shapes and colours, arranged in orderly fashion, extended for nearly a mile along the banks of Pass Creek, and with the Rockies forming a background on either hand, presented a wonderful picture.

The father and son "pal" idea was maintained throughout. Dads and boys tented together, cooked together, fished and swam together, hiked into the mountains together, made gadgets and built bridges together, took part in sports together against other dads and their boys, and sat together at the evening camp fires.

Part of the Scouting contribution, and a feature of the camp which attracted much attention and close study on the part of parents and boys who were not Scouts, was the model Scout camp. This was erected under the direction of Secretary Backman and Scouter Fletcher. The camp was laid out Gilwell style, and displayed all the standard camp gadgets, cooking fires and sanitary features. Twelve troops of the district were represented in the camp.

The evening camp fires, and the singing of the thousand-voice chorus of fathers and sons, massed on the slopes of the natural amphitheatre, brought each memorable day to a memorable close. An impressive incident was the campfire investiture of two boys into the 1st Lethbridge Troop, the great throng of fathers and sons standing in silence. One of the effective campfire talks was a vivid account of the Jamboree by Camp Leader Kirkham.

Not only did the camp demonstrate the practical value of Scout training. It provided what might be termed a four-days' popular educational course in fire prevention, forest conservation and in good camping generally.

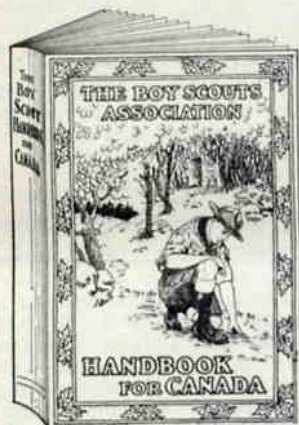
It is planned to repeat the camp next year.

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

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A Cub "Pirates' Night"

A RECENT meeting of the 26th London, Ont., Pack was known as Pirates' Night on the good ship Good Deeds. Each Cub entered the room separately and read the laws of the pirate ship, which were the Cub laws, then signed his name in blood (red ink), and was initiated in a game of Ocean Waves. Instruction in "Signs of the Sea" followed, after which the pirates "walked the plank." The four Sixers then rowed away to the Secret Island, where Captain Akela led the sea songs, followed by a story of a pirate who did all kinds of good deeds. The novel meeting was much enjoyed.

Illustrating the Value of First Aid for Fractures

THE very real value of first aid in the case of fractures—such first aid as Scouts can render—is convincingly illustrated in two cases described by Dr. J. H. R. Bond of Winnipeg.

Not far from Winnipeg, on the same day, and within a short distance of one another, two men met with a simple fracture of the leg. They received treatment at the same hospital. One man had received first aid treatment from a St. John Ambulance certificate holder. He reached the hospital in good condition, and was discharged in between three and four weeks, cured, and suffering no further effects from his injury.

The other man was not so fortunate. Apparently no one had been available to give him first aid. He was put into

the train somehow, and arrived at the hospital with his leg very much swollen. Many days passed before the swelling subsided, and although he received the best treatment possible, the apposition of the bones was not perfect, and after a long sojourn he was discharged with a degree of lameness that will remain with him for life.

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World Friendship Correspondents
THE following Scouts, Cubs and Leaders would like to secure correspondents in Canada:—

An Australian Lone Scout aged 17, with a Scout on a farm or ranch.
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An American Wolf Cub aged 8.
A Scout de France aged 16.
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An American Wolf Cub.
An English Scout aged 16.
A Jamaica Scout interested in Electrical Engineering.
An English Scout aged 14.
An English Assistant Scoutmaster.
Address the Scout Correspondence Secretary, Dominion Headquarters, 172 Wellington St., Ottawa. A first letter may be enclosed for forwarding, or the British or foreign Scout will write the first letter. Thereafter the correspondence will continue direct.

A Scout News Service

IT has been decided, if there is sufficient demand, to inaugurate a Scout News Service, mimeographed, for the use of contributors to local Scout News columns. Address requests for the service to the Editor, The Scout Leader.

Our First Rover Training Camp

MONTREAL district had the honour of organizing and holding the Dominion's first Rover training camp. The camp, which was held in the woods near Outremont, opened early on Saturday afternoon, September 20th, and closed at 4.30 on Sunday. The Rovers brought their own tents and food, and as a result the expenses were kept to a minimum.

Practical camping subjects were taken up:—Choosing a Camp Site, Camp Gadgets, Fuels and Fire Woods, Fire Places, Fire Precautions, Uses of an Axe, Camp Hygiene, Tracking, and Knotting; and at the Saturday evening camp fire a talk on the stars by Provincial Secretary E. R. Paterson. The camp was organized by Mr. Paterson as Camp Chief, assisted by District Field Secretary Mr. C. E. C. Rush, and was voted a fine success.

THE CHIEF SCOUT'S OUTLOOK

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this sort of worship seems to have gone much too far.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant—Alan Sullivan."

It is up to us Scouters to try and make our future men active players rather than passive sport fans.

A Council Fire Breeze

THE indoor council fire circle as the setting for a scouty evening had a new and effective feature added to the usual arrangements by the 1st Ingersoll, Ont., Troop and Pack. This was a fan-created breeze that rustled the background of trees and caused the Union Jack and Scout flag to flutter gently. The occasion was the departure to study for the Anglican ministry at Wycliffe College of Cubmaster Wm. Hills Jr.

Wallace Nesbitt Junior 1930

AFTER several years in Ontario the Wallace Nesbitt Junior Trophy was this year captured by a Manitoba team, that of the 18th Winnipeg Troop, of Gordon United Church. The team was made up of Scouts William Leitch, Harry Piper, Arthur Officer and Harry Harrod, and was trained by Mr. J. C. Day.

Nova Scotia provided the runners up, in the 1st Team of the 16th Halifax Troop. The 4th Brantford (Trinity) Troop team, last year's Dominion winners, maintained their good work by securing third place, with the 4th Lethbridge Troop, Alta., a point behind for 4th place. Fifth place was won by the Victoria West High School, Victoria, B.C., and 6th, 7th and 8th respectively by the 1st Saskatoon Guides Girl, 4th Montreal and 34th I.O.D.E. Guides of Saint John, N.B.

These teams each had won first place in their provincial contests.

Winter Training Produced the Leaders

"AS a result of last winter's training courses we have more available leaders capable of training boys in the proper manner, and the committee in charge of training courses is making plans for this winter's courses."—London, Ont., Scout Column.

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Scout Dates

October

- One of our best hike months.
- 4th—Coloured leaf hike. Stalking games.
- 5th-11th—Fire Prevention Week. Consult your Fire Chief for suggestions re Scout co-operation.
- 11th—Weed seed hike. Tracking games.
- 18th—Bird Migration observation hike.
- 25th—Twig alphabet hike.
- 31st—Hallowe'en. Good Turns in place of pranks. Annual Scout Census.

November

- 1st—All Saints' Day.
- 10th—Thanksgiving.
- 11th—Armistice Day.