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## A Message from His Excellency The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Bessborough, Chief Scout For Canada

"On assuming the position of Chief Scout for the Dominion, I am delighted to have the opportunity of sending my greetings to all the officers and members of the Boy Scouts Association of Canada.

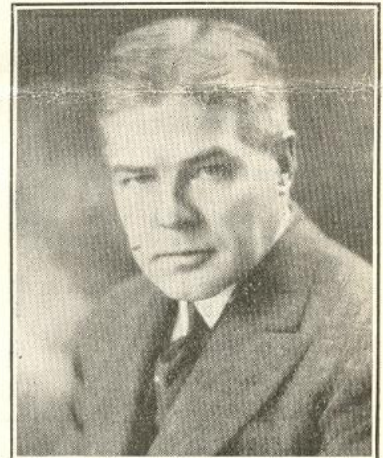
"I am eagerly looking forward to having many occasions, during my term of office, of becoming acquainted both with Canadian Scouts and Canadian Scouting and of observing their progress.

"It is most gratifying to me, as Chief Scout, to know that E. W. Beatty has consented to undertake the important duties of President of the Association.

"With all my heart, I wish the new President and Boy Scouts of Canada every possible success."

## A Message From Mr. E. W. Beatty, President, The Boy Scouts Association

"It is gratifying to think that so fine a Movement as that of the Boy Scouts has captured the imagination of the youth of the world and has become so truly international. For Canada it is peculiarly fitted, as the campcraft which it teaches is so well suited to our geographical conditions. Nothing could be better than its gospel of self-reliance, self-respect, unselfishness and the pledge to help others whatever it may cost; moreover, it appeals to the boy, as he gets a lot of fun out of this process of developing the spirit of true sportsmanship. The qualities inculcated are the qualities of the good citizen and one is not surprised that another name for a good citizen is 'a good Scout'."



ONE of our interesting Post Scout units, the Cubs of the Robert Louis Stevenson Group of the Thistle'own Branch of the Toronto Sick Children's Hospital. This Group, which was organized by Scoutmaster Willeneger, and back'd by a number of prominent Toronto citizens, was presented with colours by the Cheerio Club of Radio Station CKGW; the presentation being made by "Mr. Cheerio" (Don Copeland) in the presence of a distinguished gathering of Scout and Guide leaders and some 300 Scouts and Cubs from Oshawa and Toronto.

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OTTAWA, JUNE, 1931.

### Our New Chief Scout and President

WIDE publication of the news of the acceptance by His Excellency the Governor-General of the position of Chief Scout for Canada, and the acceptance by Mr. E. W. Beatty, of the C.P.R., of the Presidency of the Association, was followed by considerable appreciative editorial comment. Under the caption, "Boy Scout Movement Forges On," *Toronto Saturday Night* prints an appreciation both of Scouting and its outstanding leadership which well summarizes the observations of the press generally.

#### Says Saturday Night:

Few movements have retained vitality under all sorts of conditions in the same degree as that of the Canadian Boy Scouts' Association. In all leading centres energetic and representative men are almost invariably found to assume executive positions in connection with it. The present Governor General, Lord Bessborough, is understood to be especially interested in its work, and evidence of the permanence of General Baden-Powell's great idea is to be found in the willingness of Mr. E. W. Beatty, President of the C. P. R., to accept the Presidency of the Canadian Association. Mr. Beatty's advent to that office is significant inasmuch as it is a recognition by a most eminent and able Canadian of the importance of this national movement. In times like these when humanity is unsettled by the pressure of unusual economic conditions an organization whose primal aim is to give sound direction to boys at the most impressionable period of their lives, is of profound importance. Those familiar with the unique career of Mr. Beatty as a boy and man are well aware that the Boy Scout movement is one that makes an especial appeal to his temperament. No association could have a better ideal than the sound development of character in those who will direct Canada's affairs in the next generation.

#### At the Annual Meeting

SEVERAL important changes of organization, including discontinuance of the office of Chief Commissioner as filled by the late Dr. James W. Robertson, were made at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian General Council held in Ottawa, April 30th.

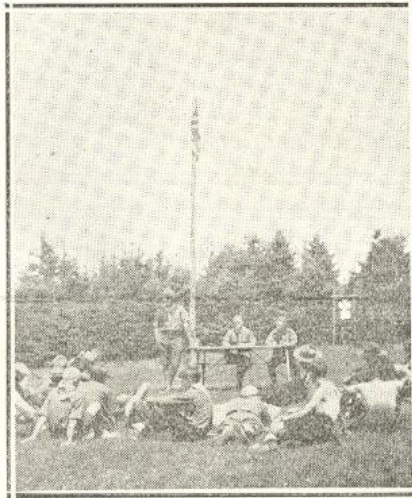
The new office of President of The Boy Scouts Association was created; and on the nomination of His Excellency the Governor General, Mr. E. W. Beatty, K.C., of the Canadian Pacific Railway, elected to this position.

A Finance Committee was created, and Mr. Jackson Dodds, C.B.E., of Montreal, was elected Chairman.

Confirmation was given to the action of the Executive Committee in appointing former Assistant Chief Commissioner John A. Stiles to be Chief Executive Commissioner; and an Executive Board was named, with the following members:

J. F. M. Stewart, Toronto; Sidney B. McMichael, Toronto; Rev. Geoffrey Guiton, Montreal; R. C. Stevenson, Montreal; Brig-Gen. C. H. Maclaren, Col. H. W. Snow, James B. Harkin and Charles H. Bland, all of Ottawa.

Dr. Francis H. Gisbourne, Ottawa, was re-elected as Honorary Counsel and Chairman of the Dominion Medal Board, Gerald H. Brown as Honorary



A CAMP Court of Honour session at the 1930 Maritime Gilwell, New Glasgow, N.S.

Secretary and D. M. Finnie as Honorary Treasurer.

In memory of the late Chief Commissioner, Dr. James W. Robertson, it was decided to erect a suitable Memorial Tablet at Dominion Headquarters, and to establish a Memorial Training Course for Scout Commissioners. It was arranged that Scouts and leaders throughout Canada should be given an opportunity of subscribing towards the erection of the Memorial Tablet.

The reports presented showed a continuance of steady healthy growth in numbers—5 per cent., to a total of some 53,000; and a gratifying record of public service rendered. Full details are contained in the printed report, copies of which will as usual be received by leaders.

Co-operating in a campaign conducted by the Ontario Hydro Commission and Ontario Safety League, Ontario Scout troops have been giving demonstrations of artificial respiration in public and high schools throughout the province.

### Mortimer L. Schiff

AS the June Leader was going to press word came of the sudden death of Mortimer L. Schiff, recently elected President of The Boy Scouts of America. The news will be learned with deep regret by Scouters everywhere, for Mr. Schiff was a supporter of Scouting throughout the world. He contributed materially to the success of the World Jamboree, and at its conclusion, placed in Lord Baden-Powell's hands a cheque for \$50,000, to be used in furthering world understanding. The sympathy of the Scout organization in Canada will go to the Boy Scouts of America in their heavy loss.

A review by Chief Executive Commissioner John A. Stiles and a distinguished party of leaders and supporters of Scouting, including the Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, Premier of New Brunswick, and His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc, marked Saint John's annual spring church parade. Following the march past, the Protestant Scouts proceeded to St. James' Church, and heard a special sermon by Ven. Archdeacon Cody. Earlier at the Cathedral, Bishop LeBlanc had addressed the Catholic Scouts, and paid a high tribute to the Movement, as one having the full approval of His Holiness the Pope, the Cardinals and other doctors of the church.

A Canadian Scout-Guide event of interest was the marriage, May 21st, of Viscount Colville, District Commissioner for North Vancouver Island, and Miss Kathleen Gale, Captain of Guides, and daughter of the late Brig-Gen. H. R. Gale, C.C., C. M. G. Lord Colville and Miss Gale were largely instrumental in the organization of Cubs, Scouts and Guides at the Queen Alexandra Solarium, near "Point Colville," and are frequent visitors there. A characteristic action, immediately following the reception Lord and Lady Colville jumped into a small gas boat and sped across Saanich Arm to the Solarium children with the top layer of their wedding cake.

Lord Colville entered the Royal Navy as a Midshipman in 1904, and retired at the end of the war in 1918 with the rank of Commander, and made his home on Vancouver Island. He succeeded to the title, an old Scottish baronetcy, in 1928. By preference in Scouting circles he is known as "the Skipper."

Indications are for a representation of Canada at the World Rover Moot at Kandersteg by a party of ten Rovers. The party will sail by the s.s. Doric on July 18th.

#### 1931 Gilwell Dates

Southern Alberta—July 2nd-12th, at Waterton National Park.

Saskatchewan—July 14th-24th, at Lake Lebret.

Manitoba—August 11th-19th, on Lake Winnipeg.

Ontario—July 7th-18th, at Ebor Park, near Brantford. Cub Leaders Training Camp, July 20th to 25th.

Maritime Provinces—July 14th-24th, near Charlottetown, P.E.I.

## Some Camp Reminders for 1931

### Business Management

**N**AME one of your Rovers, if available, as Camp Q.M.,—or "Factor" of the "Trading Post." If not a Rover, an A.S.M. And leave entirely in his hands the purchasing of local supplies, issuing rations and keeping of the camp accounts,—under your supervision.

Secure vouchers for every expenditure, so that at the termination of the camp you may present your Group Committee with a complete financial statement.

### Food

**Menu.**—Plan a simple menu, of items which you can count upon being well cooked. Include in each day's fare a whole-grain cereal, preferably cooked; potatoes and one other vegetable; fresh fruit or rhubarb. The vegetables should from time to time include tomatoes (canned if fresh unobtainable). (For full list of Supplies and Suggested Menus, see *Minimum Standards for Scout Camps or The Handbook.*)

**Milk.**—Give particular attention to the source of your milk supply. If not bottled and pasteurized, make sure that it comes only from healthy cows kept in clean surroundings. In case of any uncertainty use canned powdered milk. This is a very satisfactory substitute, and may also be used in preparing a number of attractive drinks and dishes. (A book on *Camp Cooking* and the use of powdered milk may be had free from the Canadian Milk Products, Limited, 115 George St., Toronto.)

**Water.**—Make 100 per cent sure of the purity of your water supply. Where there is any doubt, chlorinate. In a teacupful of water dissolve a level teaspoonful of chloride of lime. Dilute with three cupfuls of water. Add a teaspoonful of this to each two gallon pail of drinking water and stir thoroughly.

### Daily Programme

If you have not already done so, have your Troop Court of Honour lay out a tentative programme for each day in camp, with an optional programme for heavily rainy days. In camp, the programme may be modified as appears advisable at the daily-meeting camp Court of Honour.

### Camping by Patrols

Plan for a Patrol System Camp, unless too large a number of your boys are new both to camping and Scouting. Locate each patrol tent in its own corner or nook, at some distance from and out of sight of other patrols, but in view of the Scoutmaster's tent. Have each patrol draw its own rations, do its own cooking, and dine on its own site, under supervision.

Where a large percentage of the boys are new, it may be a good plan to have central cooking for certain meals, the patrols taking turns, under instruction and supervision.

### Health

**Eating.**—Caution against over-eating during the first two or three days in camp. The first exhilaration of camp life may incline some boys to

eat more than they ordinarily do or require. Include some fruit in the evening meal.

**Sleep.**—Don't overlook the health importance of a good sleep every night,—from the first. In your first evening's campfire talk stress the point that tent-raiding or other sleep-disturbing horseplay "is not done" in Scout camps.

**Sunburn.**—Insist that the boys take their sun tanning gradually, even on arms and legs. Lay down the rule that as soon as their skin begins to burn they cover up until the burning sensation has passed. This precaution will save you much minor doctoring and worry, and possibly more serious trouble, and also save the boys considerable discomfort.

**Keeping Dry.**—When the grass is wet in the morning and during rainy weather, have everyone go barefoot. This will avert colds from wet shoes and stockings. If caught out in the rain away from camp, keep the boys moving until a change to dry things can be made.

**First Aid.**—Before camp carefully check up on the contents of your first aid kit against the list given in *The Handbook*. Designate your best first-aidier as Camp Medical Officer, and name a small staff of assistants, one of whom shall always be within call to treat promptly all cuts and scratches and other needs. For anything serious you will of course call upon the nearby doctor with whom you have made arrangements for such service, if needed.

**Take Boxing Gloves.**—With proper supervision, boxing is a very desirable Scout camp feature. Possibly nothing will so aid in developing self-control.

It also develops mental initiative, courage, and a hardihood that does not shrink at the idea of a possible hurt. For the timid and over-coddled boy it is of especial value. One Scoutmaster who regularly includes it in his camp programme declares it to have been the making of several such boys. At first they could hardly be persuaded to put on the gloves, and later they became keen boxers, and able to take care of themselves with anyone of their size.

### Sanitation

Tidy and well-arranged Scout camps, with perfect sanitary arrangements, are today expected by parents of Scouts, and by the Canadian public generally. Indeed nothing could more seriously let Scouting down than a dirty camp and careless sanitation.

Old Scoutmasters therefore should brush up on details, and new Scoutmasters should study closely the hints on sanitary arrangements contained in our booklet, *Minimum Standards for Scout Camps*. This book is supplied free by Provincial Headquarters upon application for the Camp Registration Card for 1931.

### Water Safety

Two water fatalities last summer, although no blame attached to camp leaders, serve to remind us of the necessity of taking every possible precaution this year against swimming and boating accidents. The rules regarding general water safety in "Minimum Standards" should be studied carefully.

**Teaching Swimming.**—Every non-swimming Scout should leave camp a swimmer. One of the most effective means yet found for encouraging boys has been the dividing of the camp into "Swimmers" and "Sinkers," each



*LADY Scoutmaster Canavan and three Scouts of another highly successful Post Scout Group, at the Queen Alexandra Solarium, Malahat Beach, V.I., B.C. There is a large pack of keen Cubs and a company of Guides. Lord Colville, District Commissioner, and Lady Colville, are frequent visitors, and carry on long distance Morse flash communication with the Scouts from Point Colville. The International flag code also is used from a tall flag staff.*

of the latter group being compelled to wear on his shirt a yellow patch to which a lead fish-line sinker is attached by a safety pin. This is worn until he has passed a stipulated and reasonable swimming test. The removing of the Sinker's Badge may be made the occasion of a more or less elaborate ceremony at the council fire.

For swimming-instruction methods, including the "Confidence Method" for the water-timid, see *The King's Scout Swimmer and Rescuer* (20c, The Stores Department).

### The Opening Campfire

The council fire at the end of the first day in camp is of very great importance. Upon its atmosphere and the Scoutmaster's talk will very largely depend the spirit of the camp, and its complete success.

The talk will touch upon all those things expected of a real Scout in camp,—always ready to do his bit and more, at work or play, without regard to how much the other fellow is doing; good table manners—no "letting down because its camp"; remembering prayers, night or morning, as at home; looking after oneself properly in all hygienic matters, and never making flippant remarks about such things. "In a word, in all things and at all times a Scout and a gentleman."

**Outlining Camp Duties.**—The Scoutmaster may then proceed to outline the camp daily routine and duties. For instance one of the patrols will be designated as the Duty Patrol for the next 24 hours, taking over at the close of the council fire. Their work will be to put the fire out, as the first task. At 6.30 in the morning they will rouse the camp cooks, and "milk party" (where milk is sent for), and at seven rouse the entire camp. The P.L. of the Duty Patrol will prepare the flag for breaking. During the day the patrol will see that the camp ground is kept tidy, and in general will take care of anything requiring special attention. They will collect the mail. They will prepare the council fire, and in the evening light it at the time set.



WHAT'S NEXT?

NOTICE Board and Time Table at the 1930 camp of the 1st Barrie, Ont.

### Flag and Prayers

Morning flagbreak and prayers should be fittingly handled. (The flag, prepared for breaking out, has previously been run up by the P.L. of the Duty Patrol.) The ceremony best follows inspection, the Scoutmaster proceeding to the flagstaff, giving the troop call and making the signal for the horseshoe rally. The call is responded to by the Scouts at the run, each patrol giving its patrol cry. When in position, the troop is called to the alert, and this is followed by, "Troop salute!" at which the Troop Leader pulls the halyard, breaking out the flag. The T. L. reports, "Flag broken out, sir," and the Scoutmaster gives the troop, "Steady," at which hands drop.

The Scoutmaster then leads in such prayers as have been approved by the heads of the religious bodies with which the boys are connected, or in case of troops of widely varied church connections, the Scout Silence may be used,—"A few minutes of silent prayer."

Following prayers, the result of the morning's inspection is announced, the individual flag awarded, or the troop flag placed for the day in the keeping



SOME of the 19th Sydneys, N.S., studying a track at last summer's camp.

of the winning patrol. (The patrol winning it the previous day will, on reporting at the horseshoe, have returned the troop flag to its pocket at the foot of the main flag staff.)

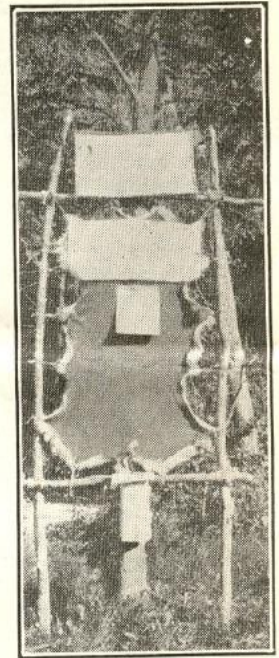
The morning's programme will then be proceeded with as planned by the Camp Court of Honour.

**Evening Flag.**—At 7 o'clock the P.L. of the Duty Patrol, having first freed the lanyard and made sure that the flag is running free, gives the troop call, followed by "Alert!" Each member of the troop, wherever he may be, comes to the alert, then to the salute as the flag begins to descend, and remains thus until, with the flag down and gathered in his arms, the Duty P. L. gives the whistle or other signal for "Carry on."

### Sunday in Camp

Sunday in camp is one of the days which should be planned before leaving home and in consultation with the religious heads of the churches with which the boys of the troop are associated. Sunday should be a quiet day in camp, and any noisy games should be eliminated in favour of nature study and observation hikes or like activities. In Canadian rural districts the Sabbath generally is observed as a day of quiet, and much shouting and other noise from a camp may offend

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WELL shaped sheep-skin Notice Board of the 28th Winnipegs, at Camp Gimli, last year.

### Make Some Animal Track Casts This Summer

**D**URING this summer's camping and hiking, don't overlook animal tracking, and the securing of plaster casts of some bird and animal tracks.

To the average boy it is fascinating fun, and the casts provide valued souvenirs for the patrol den or corners, or for the troop museum. Also they will count on the qualifications for one of our scoutiest proficiency badges, the TRACKER:

3. Produce six casts of animal or bird tracks, all taken unaided by himself, two at least of the casts to be those of wild animals.

#### Not Difficult

With ordinary attention to details cast making is not at all difficult. Materials and equipment are inexpensive: Plaster of paris at 12 to 15 cents a pound, an old cup or mug, a teaspoon, some narrow strips of cardboard (if bark strips may not be available), and a small stick pointed at one end and spatula or spoon-shaped at the other.

When tracks have been found, select one, or a pair (front and hind foot close together) well outlined. With the stick carefully remove any pieces of loose dirt, etc.

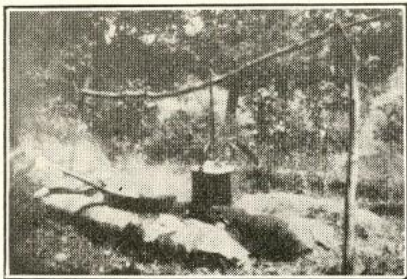
Place a bark or cardboard-strip collar round the track, to give the placque-shape desired. The collar may be pushed partially into the soil or held in position by small sticks.

#### The Mixture

Fill the cup with water, and while stirring constantly, add the plaster. Continue adding plaster until the mixture is of the consistency of thick cream, and will just pour from the cup. (The quantity of mixture naturally will vary with the size of the track; it is better to make too much rather than too little.) Now tap the mug with a knife or stick, to get rid of any air bubbles in the mixture.



**P**ART of a collection of tracking casts at Provincial Headquarters, Montreal. They were made during a fishing trip in northern Quebec by T. L. Jim Neilson of the 105th Montreal Troop, following his taking of the Tracker's Badge tests at Camp Tamaracouta last summer. The prints are: 1, 2, 3, 4, Woodchuck 5, 10, 12, 15, Chipmunk. 6, 7, Wildcat. 8, Grey Squirrel. 9, 11, Sandpiper. 13, Muskrat. 14, Snipe.



ONE of those convenient high-billybar fire-places. It was used last summer by a patrol of the 6th Sherbrooke.

Pour the mixture gently into the track.

#### Removing

The cast will set in from ten to fifteen minutes, and can be removed as soon as the surface appears fairly solid to the finger-nail. If possible, however, leave it for several hours, when it may be safely handled without fear of breaking. Before it is too hard, with the pointed stick scratch on the surface the name of the animal or bird, date, place and initials of Scout making the cast.

To remove, dig away the dirt beneath, making sure that considerable adheres to the cast.

When thoroughly dry, preferably a day or two later, clean with a brush, or immerse in water and wipe away clinging soil with a soft rag.

#### To Make a Positive Cast

The cast from the original track of course is a negative. It may be desired to make a positive cast, showing the impression exactly as made in the ground by the animal's foot. To do this, rub the negative cast with vaseline, place cardboard collar round it, and proceed as in the making of the first cast. When the new cast has thoroughly hardened the two can be separated.

If it is desired to hasten the hardening of plaster during cast making, a little salt may be added to the water. If it is desired to delay hardening, add a little vinegar.

#### Keep the Plaster Dry

Plaster of paris usually is kept by drug stores in bulk form, and supplied in ordinary paper bags. For use in camp a good plan is to have a quantity put up in pound or half-pound bags, and these packed in a stout carton or tin biscuit box. For the hike, smaller quantities may be carried safely in tin baking-powder boxes.

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and give a wrong impression regarding Scout training.

Sunday morning is a very suitable time for a Scouts' Own, or the troop may go in a body to morning service at a country or village church within short hiking distance. Such visits are always much appreciated by pastor and congregation.

Needless to say due attention is given to dress for such occasions, and a word of reminder is dropped regarding the demeanor of the boys during the service, and the fact that they will be under observation. Undue noisiness on the way to or from church also

is cautioned against, as calculated to destroy an otherwise good impression.

If the troop attends church service, a Scouts' Own may be held around the camp fire in the evening, or a Sunday evening sing-song, to which the camp neighbours are invited.

#### Camp Good Turns

Camp Good Turns are a definite programme feature of all well-led Scout camps, and during the last several years a wide variety of service opportunities have been found in country and water-side communities. A special suggestion for this summer is the visiting and entertaining of invalid shut-ins, particularly boys; and possibly the introduction of such lads to Lone Scouting. (Lone Scout literature may be secured from Provincial Headquarters.)

Other suggestions may be found in the following list of service opportunities, reported, upon request, in Camp Questionnaires of previous years:—

*Cut and burned all weeds on camp property.*

*Repaired nearby roads.*

*Cleaned refuse from nearby field.*

*Put up signs at dangerous points on road.*

*Helped cars out of mud.*

*Built a protecting fence round a plot of young trees.*

*Built a stairway leading to beach.*

*Built a fireplace for neighbouring campers.*

*Helped newly arriving cottagers to get settled.*

*Loaned tables to a Sunday-school picnic.*

*Took neighbours' mail to and from post office.*

*Erected a small bridge for a farmer.*

*Made rustic seats for a farmer.*

*Helped a farmer dip sheep.*

*Assisted short-handed farmers with crops and farm chores.*

*Found lost cattle.*

*Made winter woodpile for farmer who loaned camp site.*

*Put on display for neighbourhood people.*

*Entertained farm families at evening campfire.*

*Helped at a country church garden party.*

*Cut weeds and tidied up round a country church.*

*Made rustic seats for a country church yard.*

*Made rustic seats near a bus stop.*

*Helped regulate traffic during regatta.*

*Put out bush fires.*

*Guarded timber limits against fire.*

*Gathered firewood for future campers.*

#### Activities in Cub Camps

WHEN drawing up programmes for

Cub camps beforehand, Akela has to remember that camping is not an essential part of Cub training, but just an outdoor holiday. For this reason, if for no other, little, if anything, should be done in the way of Star or Badge work as such, although incidentally a good deal of knowledge in such subjects may be acquired by the campers. At the same time, while a happy holiday spirit should prevail in the camp, that spirit does not flourish on laziness or lounging about with nothing to do. It is well known that the best holiday and recreation is a change of normal occupation. A certain amount of change is inevitable from the very fact of being in camp, sleeping under strange conditions, eating meals in the open, helping in their preparation, adapting oneself to unaccustomed surroundings, and feeling the freedom of the open air.

This feeling of freedom is both a benefit and a danger. It must not run riot; it must not mean a weakening of discipline; it must not mean a loss of manners; but it must not be fettered. It has to be used by Akela as a means of giving the Cubs happiness and of studying their characters. If it is to be utilized it is essential that quite a fair period of time should be left free each day, in order that the Cubs in camp can follow their own desires. On this point **Camping for Cubs** gives us the following advice:

#### Some Free Time

"Cubs need supervision, but it is an excellent thing to allow an hour after tea, or half an hour in the morning during Games in Camp, for the Cubs to amuse themselves. They should never be allowed to hang about for hours with nothing to do, but it is a mistake to think they must be "organized" all day. Akela, or the Games Old Wolf, will be the leader in all sorts

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VERY efficient stone incinerator used at the New Glasgow, N.S., district camp.



# ❖ Scouting from Coast to Coast ❖

## A Winnipeg Mother's Day

**I**N a simple but effective ceremony the 31st Winnipeg Rangers and 31st Rovers honoured Mother's Day at St. Giles' United Church by placing an offering of red and white carnations on the Communion table. The flowers corresponded in number to the mothers represented by the members of the church pack, troop, crew, and Brownies, Guides and Rangers.

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Qualifications for a summer Coast hike by the Glenwood, Alta., Scouts include: Attendance at 80% of troop meetings, must be a Second Class Scout and have at least 5 proficiency badges.

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As a closing item P.L.'s of the 8th Brantford (St. John's) take turns in reading a Bible reference to one of the Scout Laws.

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## Winnipeg, Man., First-aiders Demonstrate

Visitors to the Hudson's Bay Company store of Winnipeg on Saturday of Accident Prevention Week were interested spectators of a display of first-aid by the 12th Winnipeg Troop team which won the provincial Leonard First-aid Trophy.

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The King's Own Troop of Charlottetown collected natural twig letters to form their troop name, and are now seeking twig letters to spell patrol names.

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During a Saturday hike of the 1st Walkerton Troop, Ont., the boys gathered material for their Naturalist's badge and made fire-bow sets.

## Three Rivers Scouts Run a Library

A unique ceremony at the local Armouries was the opening of the Public Lending Library operated by the 1st Three Rivers Troop. Col. W. G. E. Aird performed the ceremony and selected the first book. A large audience was present, including the five Scout librarians.

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Rovers of the 26th London Crew presented an artificial indoor campfire to the 14th Cub Pack.

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Cubs of the 6th Calgary (St. Barnabas) Pack were guests of the 10th for a joint evening of games and instruction.

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## Success Display Bridge Carries 600 lbs.

At the annual banquet and Display of the 1st Success Troop, Sask., attended by some 75 fathers and sons, a feature was the erection of a 16-foot bridge. The bridge was tested with a 600 pound weight. It was erected in 13 minutes and dismantled in 2½ minutes.

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A large audience enjoyed the play "One Day's Fun," staged by the Canadian Legion Troop, Brantford, Ont., at Victoria Hall. Following the play the Kith and Kin Society of ladies presented Scoutmaster Davies with a Troop Flag.

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At a meeting of the Cowichan Cricket and Sports Club, B.C., District Commissioner Hepenstall asked the use of the grounds in order to introduce cricket among the local Scouts.

## 115 P.L.'s at Sydney Conference

Some 115 Patrol Leaders from Sydney, N.S., and district, attended the Annual P. L. Conference held under direction of S. M. Cockell of the 1st Troop. Features of the conference were addresses by Mayor McConnell and Mr. S. J. Limbrey of Halifax, and presentation of the Silver Cross for life-saving to Scout Billy Rice.

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Members of the Group Committee were guests of the 9th Chatham, Ont., Troop at their annual banquet held in First Presbyterian Sunday-school hall.

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At a meeting of the Rovers of the 1st Regina Group it was decided to set aside a portion of the regular weekly meeting to training in leadership.

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## Trained Dog Helps Demonstrate 6th Law

One of the features of a meeting of the new 1st Ridgetown Troop, Ont., under Dr. W. E. Lake, was a demonstration of the 6th Scout Law by P. L. Donald Day. A trained dog owned by Scout Harris lay on the floor, with a supposed broken leg resulting from an auto accident. The Scouts "seeing the dog as they strolled down the street, stopped, set the broken limb, and carried the dog to safety."

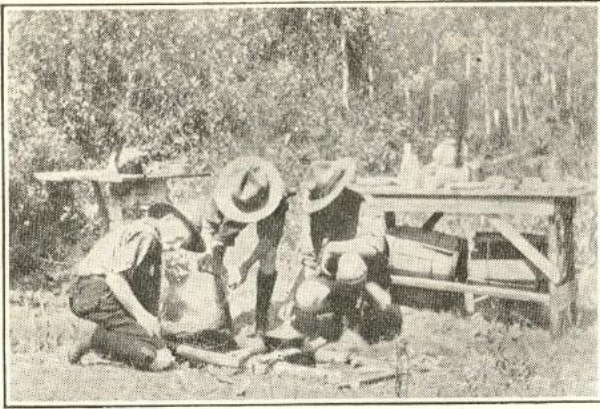
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## "Old Barn" Headquarters

The Good Shepherd Troop, Saint John, N.B., staged a display to raise funds for the equipping of a Court of Honour room and Scout den in an old barn at the rear of the church. The barn was presented to the troop by the vestry.



**P**ACKED Varsity Arena and some of the 2,500 Scouts who presented Toronto's first Scout Circus. On the right may be seen the "Boys' Home" which later "took fire," providing an opportunity for the rescue of the inmates by Scout firemen.



#### An Old Soap Factory

The newly organized 1st Streetsville Troop, Ont., have as a headquarters an old soap factory which was placed at their disposal. The boys thoroughly cleaned the building, installed lights and built an open fire-place.

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A feature of a recent meeting of the 17th "A" (St. Matthew's) Troop, Winnipeg, was the introduction of a new troop hymn. It will be sung at the conclusion of all meetings.

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#### A Community Hall Camp Fund Show

\$40 toward camp funds was realized by the 1st Rutland, B.C., Troop when some 200 people attended their 9th annual entertainment in Community Hall. Programme items were a minstrel show, mock trial, plantation scene for the singing of old Southern melodies and a short Cub sketch.

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At a campfire of the 1st Peterborough Troop a continuous story was told in which each member added one sentence.

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#### N.S. Scouts Guests of White Star

A group of Scouts and Cubs of the 1st Spryfield Group, N.S., under Scoutmaster the Rev. A. F. Dentith, were guests of the White Star Steamship Co. and were shown over the S.S. Laurentic. Following the tour tea was served the boys in the first saloon.

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#### Nearly \$100 From Rummage Sale

A net profit of \$94 was the substantial return from a rummage sale organized by the joint Scout and Guide Committee of Dryden, Ont. After announcement Scouts and Guides made a canvas of the town and collected clothing, furniture, footwear, hardware, fancy china, plants, etc., and practically everything was sold.

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Scouts of St. Jude's Troop, Saint John, N.B., assisted in the organization of a troop at the New Brunswick Protestant Home, and took the orphanage Scouts on their first hike.

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#### P. E. I. Provincial Competition Flag

A troop competition flag is being donated by the Provincial Council of the P. E. I. Boy Scouts Association. Points are to be awarded as follows: Knowledge of Tests, 25; Scout Spirit, 25; Attendance, 10; Troop Headquarters, 10; Improvement, 10; Games, 5; Personal Inspection, 15.

A NEAT 1st Red Deer, Alberta, patrol kitchen of their 1930 camp.

#### Scouts Serve Mothers at At Home

A highly successful "At Home" marked the end of a successful year of activity by the Scout Mothers' Auxiliary of the 1st Belleville Troop, Ont. Scouts in uniform assisted in serving lunch and the proceeds from the dance which followed considerably augmented the Auxiliary's funds.

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Moose Jaw Scouts constructed a large number of bird houses for placing in the trees on the Gilwell camp site at Lake Lebret.



TWENTY-two varieties of wildflowers found near camp in Quebec.

#### Lantern Slide Lecture for Post Scouts

At a meeting of the Robert Louis Stevenson "Post" Troop at Thistle-ton Hospital, Toronto, Mr. A. Van, photographer of the Telegram, gave an interesting lantern slide lecture on birds and nature study, after which he presented them with "Jack and Joe," two canaries, the gift of Mr. Leys Gooderham. The canaries were officially christened by the Scouts and Cubs.

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#### A New Alta. Indian Troop

An Indian Scout troop has been formed at Gleichen, Alta., comprised of Indian boys at the Old Sun Indian residential school on the Blackfoot reserve. This is the first wholly Indian troop in the province, and the second one in Canada.

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#### Scouts Usher and Take Collection

At the annual church parade of the 12th Toronto Group to St. Jude's Church, the Scouts ushered and took up the collection, while the Cubs passed out prayer books. Rev. Archbold preached a special sermon on "Scouting." An invitation was extended several other troops to attend.

#### Normal Students Visit Moose Jaw Troop

Some 60 students of the Moose Jaw Normal School who recently took Part I of the Gilwell Training Course had an insight into the practical Scout work when they visited the 1st Moose Jaw Troop at their regular meeting. The Scouts demonstrated first aid, signalling, life saving. A camp fire was held and the visitors explored the patrol corners.

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#### Flag Bearer Selected by Competition

The 5th Hamilton have a new Union Jack bought with funds provided by friends and the savings of the Scouts. A flag-bearer is appointed each month by competition. Every uniformed Scout has a chance of gaining the honour for his patrol.

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At the annual 6th Sherbrooke Group Parents' Night, held in St. Andrew's Church hall, the guests signed a birch bark register.

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#### First Aid for Sportsmen Before Rotarians

A first aid demonstration dealing particularly with the treatment of accidents liable to sportsmen and automobile owners, was given by a Truro, N.S., Scout first aid team at a weekly luncheon of the local Rotary Club.

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#### Toronto Police Chief Gives Scout Flag

In recognition of various services rendered at Police A. C. field days and police organization entertainments at Massey Hall, by "A" Troop of the 51st Toronto Group, a troop flag was presented by Chief of Police Draper of Toronto, a member of the Group Committee, to the recently created "B" 51st Troop, during a special service at St. Nicholas' Church. At the same time a Union Jack was presented on behalf of the church wardens by Captain H. J. Rigby. The colours were dedicated by the rector, the Rev. T. W. Barnett.

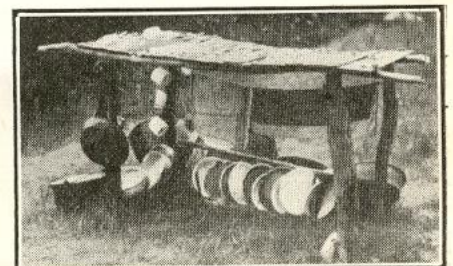
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The Chatham Kinsmen's Club has become sponsor for the 4th Chatham Group, and has named five of its members to act as the Group Committee. They have undertaken the renovation of the troop headquarters hut.

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#### Cooking Competition for Troop Funds

A unique method of raising funds was used by Scoutmaster Nicholson of the Port Kells, B.C. Troop. A cooking competition was staged by the girls of the district vs. the boys, prizes were presented for best cakes, cookies, etc., and all were sold and the money turned in to the troop funds.



KITCHEN table and gear of the 10th Toronto Owls at last year's camp.



**Senior and Junior Troops**

The 5th Oshawa Troop has been divided into Junior and Senior sections. The Senior Scouts wear different coloured shirts and meet for an extra half hour after the Juniors are dismissed. Boxing and ju-jitsu have been added to their programme and special week-end camps are being arranged for the summer.

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The 4th New Glasgow Scouts held a "return social" in St. George's Hall for the 1st Girl Guide Company whose guests the Scouts were a few months ago. Following their usual weekly meeting the girls joined the Scouts for an evening of games and refreshments.

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**A Map Trail to a Social Evening**

At a meeting of the 1st Chatham Troop each Patrol Leader received a map indicating a certain section of the city with instructions that the patrol should go over the route, marking in names of streets, buildings or any special features. All routes led to the S.M.'s home for a social evening.

test passed successfully at least three times before the Scout is credited with his Second Class Badge. By that time there will be no doubt but that he can pass the test in any weather, or under any conditions."

**A Busy Rural Scouting District**

A parade and inspection of 345 Scouts, Cubs, Rovers, Guides and Brownies by the Chief Executive Commissioner, John A. Stiles, discovered the Plaster Rock district of New Brunswick to be one of the most completely organized rural districts in that province. Rev. W. J. Clarke is the District Commissioner. During his visit Mr. Stiles officially opened the new Rover Scout log cabin.

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**No Names on Their Show Programme**

A feature of the first annual entertainment of the 26th Ottawa (St. Matthew's) Troop was that no boys' names were used on the programme, all taking part for the troop as a whole. It was announced that "each member is doing his best for the Group in this entertainment, therefore names of those taking part are



**TRY A PATROL MUSEUM CONTEST.**  
COLLECTED by the 6th Sherbrooke Crows at last year's camp: An old woodpecker's nest, containing 4 (candle wax) eggs. Old stones. Fungi. Flowers.

**Fredericton Gyros Back Scouting**

The financial backing of the Fredericton, N.B., Gyro Club has made possible the appointment of a District Field Secretary, in the person of Scoutmaster Howard Douglass, a student at the University of New Brunswick. This action of the Fredericton Gyros adds to many practical contributions by the club to the success of Scouting in the New Brunswick capital over a number of years, including the backing of a Gyro Cub Pack.

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**A Good Turn Week-end**

The 1st Lakeview, Ont., Troop set aside the week-end of April 24th-25th for community good turns, and their Scout Column requested householders who on those days had odd jobs such as removing storm windows, clearing out newspapers, etc., to notify the Scoutmaster, when two or three Scouts would be sent out.

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**A Rover Church Investiture**

The investiture of two Rovers was impressively carried out in the presence of a large congregation at St. George's Church, Brandon, Man. The ceremony was directed by Rover Mate Ratcliffe, assisted by the rector, Rev. S. J. Wickens.

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**Saint John's Annual Inspection**

Some 400 Saint John Scouts, Cubs and Rovers were reviewed on Barrack Green at the annual inspection by Provincial Commissioner Grover Keith, Provincial President Allan McAvity and other prominent Scout officials. A Silver Cross for life saving was presented to Scout Herbert Pitt by the President of the Local Council, Dr. L. DeV. Chipman.



**A DIFFERENT** kind of kitchen for the Cub camp of the 73rd Toronto. Note the warming oven on the left.

**A Sask. Parents' Night**

The Parents' Night of the 1st La-Fleche Troop, Sask., took the form of a regular troop meeting. Messages selected by parents were signalled by the Scouts; around the campfire Scoutmaster Bilodeau read a list of weekly good turns, and there were yarns, songs and mouthorgan selections.

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A successful Saturday food sale by the Fredericton, N.B., Cathedral Pack boys' choir realized over \$90 which was used for purchasing cassocks and other choir necessities.

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**Repairing Old Hymn Books for the Church**

The newly organized 124th Toronto (Timothy Eaton Memorial Church) Troop are repairing old church books which will later be sent out west. This energetic troop recently held a successful concert for funds to purchase troop flags and as a good turn did cloakroom work at the annual church social.

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**Can Fire and Cook in All Weather**

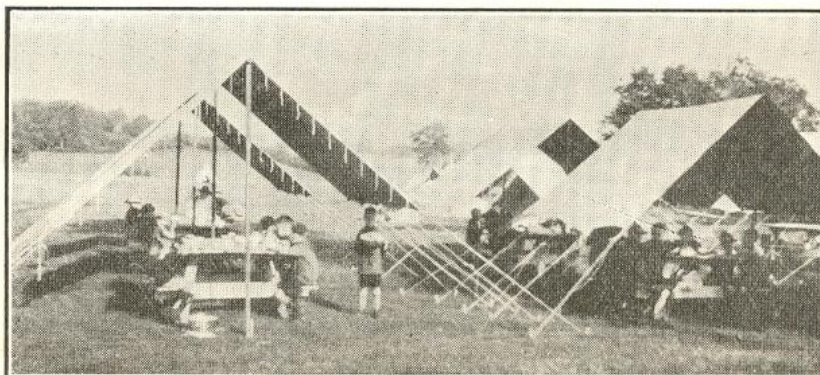
During a hike of the 4th Brockville cooking and fire-lighting tests were successfully taken — "but our troop is making the practice of having this

not mentioned. Each is carrying out his allotted portion in a spirit of loyalty to the Group."

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**An Easter Flag Dedication**

A special Easter Sunday Scout service of the 8th Moose Jaw Troop at St. Luke's Church, was made the occasion for dedicating the troop's new flag by the Rev. J. T. Butcher. Scouts of the 8th and of other city troops comprised half of a congregation which entirely filled the church.



**DINING** arrangements at the Fredericton, N.B., district camp for Wolf Cubs.

### Spring Displays

SPACE required for camping articles permits only a limited reference in the June Leader to several notable district Scout displays held during April and May. (It is planned to give additional details in a special article, "Ideas from 1931 Displays," in a fall or winter number.) Newspaper accounts indicate that this year's displays marked another step forward in enterprise, in quality of programme and efficiency of presentation, and in the interest attracted by the general public.

#### Toronto's "Scout Circus"

Toronto's first "Scout Circus" was one of the largest and most successful entertainments of the kind ever put on in the province. The great Varsity Arena was packed to capacity with spectators, and a generous amount of attention was given the show by the Toronto papers, including the publication of numerous press photographs of circus features.

The standard Scout opening ceremony, the breaking out of the Union Jack, appropriately opened the occasion, and was followed by the entry into the arena and march past of some 2,500 neatly uniformed Scouts, each troop with its fluttering flags.

The programme was exceptionally well planned to combine entertainment and Scout work demonstrations. Effective mass numbers included signalling to music and a friction fire contest participated in by 100 Scouts. A "rescue at sea" with the aid of a rocket and breeches buoy carried out by Sea Scouts of the 24th Troop proved a spectacular and popular feature, as also did the rescue by Scout firemen of the inmates of the "Boys' Home" by the use of ladders and the fireman's lift, a jumping net, etc. Be-

tween these special features a wide variety of numbers was put on simultaneously in the three circus rings. These included the erection of various types of bridges, rope spinning, and lariat throwing, pyramids and acrobatics, games demonstrations, fancy roller skating and Highland dancing; while from time to time numerous clowns and stage policemen added their fun, and weird prehistoric animals roamed the arena. An outstanding comedy number was a "hobby horse musical ride," during which three parties of 16 riders each demonstrated their "feats" of hobby horsemanship to the great amusement of the crowd.

A Flag Pageant depicting the spread of Scouting among 45 countries of the world outside of the British Empire provided a colourful finale.

#### Nanaimo's District Display

At Nanaimo, B.C., troops from that place and from Duncan, Cowichan and Arrowsmith participated in a highly successful Saturday display which was formally opened by the Mayor of Nanaimo, who presented the Scout visitors with the freedom of the city. The programme comprised physical training, a tent-pitching competition, tumbling, rope spinning, Scouting games, etc. The visitors were billeted over the week-end, and on Sunday morning, accompanied by the Wolf Cubs and Girl Guides, were played by the Nanaimo band to a special service conducted by Canon Hiscox.

#### The Ottawa Show

The most comprehensive public demonstration of Scouting activities yet offered by Ottawa Troops and Packs was given on two succeeding nights with a matinee at the Horticultural Building, Lansdowne Park, and was formally opened by Major J. J. Allen. Scoutcraft and Cubcraft activities

were carried on in booths about the sides of the building, and numerous examples of work were shown. In the arena there was bridge building, pioneering, archery, artificial respiration, etc. Elimination contests in ambulance work, friction fire and rope spinning were carried out on the first night and completed on the second. The matinee was given up to Cubbing.

A feature which found special favour was the singing of a Wolf Cub Choir under Mr. Leonard Foss, one of the capitol's leading directors of juvenile singing. The choir also provided the opening of the final evening's performance. The closing event was a campfire with all other lights turned off and the large audience gathered about the fire circle while the boys carried on as though in camp.

In addition to the display at the Horticultural Building a programme of water events was given at the Plant Bath, including demonstrations of life saving.

#### His Excellency at the Montreal Display

Montreal's biennial Scout display, given in the big National League hockey arena, was honoured by the presence of His Excellency, the Governor-General, as Chief Scout for Canada, and attracted the usual large attendance of the public. The programme provided a most comprehensive and effective exposition of practically the whole broad field of Scout training, spectacular features were skilfully developed, and the whole enterprise carried out in an atmosphere of fun and enthusiasm that well interpreted the spirit of the "game of Scouting for boys."

The arrival of His Excellency was marked fittingly by the breaking out of the Governor-General's flag at his box, and the playing of the National Anthem by the Vickers' Scout Band.

A unique preliminary stage-setting which caused much speculation on the part of the audience, was a small forest of prostrate trees covering the arena floor, and between the trees numerous hike tents. Then came the march-in of the Scouts, certain of them dashed into the forest, the trees rose as by magic, and a complete camping picture was revealed. From the tents yawning Scouts appeared in pyjamas, a whistle awakened them fully to life, and a Scout "camp day" was a-buzz, in all its many activities—woodcutting, fire making, cooking, morning exercises, P. T. games, etc. At the conclusion of the demonstration the whole picture, tents and trees, disappeared by similar magic.

Another unique and effective item was a Proficiency Badge parade. Letter-placards or large-sized representations of the badges were carried, each accompanied by a group bearing tools of the trade, and in some cases attired as workmen. The spirit of fun appeared here in coloured "Farmers" with baskets of onions and potatoes, a "Clerk" in horn-rimmed spectacles hanging a typewriter at a desk in a trek cart, etc.

The collision of a street car and a bus, and their complete demolition,



ATTRACTIVE camp souvenir made of the linen REGISTERED SCOUT CAMP card, birch bark and branches, at last year's Souris, Man., district camp.

dramatically provided a first aid opportunity for a near-by group of Scouts. A kiddy-car fire engine added fun to a "fire" rescue by Scout firemen; and the portable house was transported to the opposite end of the arena, the "occupants" again retired for the night, and were again aroused by "flames" and "rescued."

A novel bridge-making idea was the carrying on throughout the evening, in the centre of the arena, of the construction of a practicable bridge of lashed timbers, 110 feet in length, capable of carrying a load of 6 tons. The bridge was completed during the last item of the main programme. The quiet, uninterrupted work of the young Scouts concerned (of the 6th and 70th Troops of Westmount) was frequently commented upon.

A real Mowgli, a small coloured Cub, provided a popular touch to the finished contribution of the Wolf Cubs—their march-in, Council Circle, Grand Howl and jungle dances. The Dance of Shere Khan's Death was particularly well done; and it was remarked that the Cubs really knew what it was all about; that they were really in the jungle. Other Cub numbers included flag making, letter building and a House Orderly demonstration.

The Sea Scout contribution comprised rope climbing, removing and pulling on of jumpers while clinging to the rope, and sliding down head first; and a hornpipe at the council fire. Two hundred and fifty Scouts and Rovers seated about the fire contributed one of the popular musical numbers.

The absence of a visible ring master directing the display, and notwithstanding this the clock-like succession of the numbers, was commented upon.

An incidental feature of the evening was the presentation by His Excellency of three medals,—the Gilt Cross for gallantry to Scout J. McLaughlin, for a rescue from drowning and successful application of artificial respiration; and Medals of Merit in recognition of outstanding service to Col. H. J. Heasley, and Mr. J. M. Fraser of the Montreal Scout Council.

### The Quebec Conference

THE cordial understanding between French-speaking and English-speaking Scouts and leaders of St. Johns, Que., was commented upon by the chief speaker of the evening Col. Wilfrid Bovey of McGill University, at the banquet which opened the annual Provincial Conference of Scout leaders. Referring to this evidence of good-will Col. Bovey expressed the opinion that Scouting could further such cordial understanding more effectively than any other Canadian organization.

The speaker felt that local and provincial patriotism was being replaced by regard for Canada as a whole, and suggested that Scout leaders encourage their boys to learn more about the Dominion through travel, pictures, reading and correspondence.

His Honour Mayor St. Germain welcomed the guests, and incidentally expressed the appreciation of the citizens of St. Johns for the work of the



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annual Scout Toy Shop and other important public service rendered by the local Scouts. On behalf of the citizens the Mayor presented Provincial Commissioner Major J. A. Ewing, K. C., with an illuminated Coat of Arms of the city, painted by His Honour's daughter.

An important announcement made at the banquet by Mr. Alex. Thurber, M.L.A., was that an annual grant of \$3,000 had been made by the Quebec Government in recognition of Scouting as an important factor in promoting goodwill in the province.

A Medal of Merit, awarded for long and outstanding service in the interests of Scouting, was presented by Chief Executive Commissioner John A. Stiles to District Commissioner Roy Wilson.

A most successful Scouts' Own was held Sunday morning at the Capitol Theatre and attended by Scouts and Scouters of all denominations. The various district troops paraded through the streets, headed by the Vickers' Scout Band of Montreal. Addresses were given by Rev. Fr. J. Edmond Coursol first in English and then in French, and by Rev. Dean Carrington first in French and then in English.

### Conference Discussions

Under the head of "Camp Principles and Precautions" Chief Executive Commissioner John A. Stiles stated as a principle that "a Scout camp is where boys camp by patrols with troops as units."

Discussing Camp Precautions he offered these:

1. Do not carry disease in or out of camp.
2. Avoid accidents. (a) Allow no one but a First Class Scout to use an axe. (b) Use special care in guarding against water accidents.
3. Choose food and equipment carefully. Keep a permanent list for use each year.
4. Carefully inspect camp site and bring Group Committee in on this. Make Group Committee audit accounts at end of camp.
5. Be prepared for rainy weather, including rainy day programmes.

Regarding Camp Good Turns: Do not overlook these, particularly the helping of camp neighbours.

Discipline: The need for restricted discipline will only arise where there is a lot of unfilled leisure. Keep the boys busy.

(To be continued)

### Another Gilcraft Book

JUST received, "PIONEERING," another excellent Gilcraft book, full of practical hints on all manner of Scout pioneering activities for the summer camp. Opening chapters on "Cordage and Ropes" and "Lashings and Slings" provide the foundation for chapters on "Moving of Heavy Weights," "Anchorages and Sheerlegs," "Rafts," "Rope-ways" of crossing streams, "Camp Shelters," "Log Cabins," and on pioneer work for "Displays and Rallies." A book the live S. M. will want as an aid in laying out a good camp pioneering programme. Very fully illustrated. Price 55 cents, Postpaid, from The Stores Department, Dominion Headquarters.

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

# THE DUFFEL BAG

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

## Activities in Cub Camps

(Continued from page 114)

of exciting explorations and tracking games out of camp every day, but when in camp during the hour suggested, some game might be started with some of the Pack, the joining in which is optional. It is rather trying to have always to play a game "because all the others are going to," when you are simply longing to kick a football about with one or two particular friends. It is good for them to run their own games of stump cricket, etc., occasionally, while the Old Wolf lies near watching. Be ready with a programme always, but don't wear yourself out unnecessarily. The Cubs and the camp generally will provide enough work for the most energetic Old Wolf to do, but don't try to do everything: let the Cubs feel their own feet.

### Real Outdoor Games

Camp games should be of a "field" nature, by which I mean games which cannot normally be played indoors at all. The ordinary indoor relay races, and so on, should be rigorously excluded from any camp programmes. Rounders, stool-ball, modified basketball, hide-and-peek (the real verile out-of-door kind with a good deal of running and some hard tackling, not the parlour variety), and many others of a similar kind, are all useful, are capable of much variety, and need little organization or control. Beware of the "organized game" which is so highly organized that it has forgotten completely how to be a game.

### Sunday Rambles

On Sundays and hot afternoons nature rambles will give much interest, and turn the Cubs' thoughts towards higher things without the need for much in the way of words from Akela. Again we must beware of the "organized" nature walk. It is a voyage of discovery, and all the time we are discovering fresh lands and seeing new sights. As we come to each new sight we have a look at it, so that we can describe it to the King when we get back home, and march through the City to a Banquet at the Guildhall. From this comes a scent like the spicy breezes of Ceylon; that has a colour like the blue in someone's eyes. This rises high into the air and would make a good wireless station; that gives forth sounds like daddy in his bath. We can afford to be fantastic with our comparisons, because in that way we can remember better. All we want to do at this stage is to open the Cubs' eyes to what is there for them to see, to awaken their interest in nature; a more precise knowledge can safely be left till later.

But it is the more active expeditions that we shall remember longest and with greatest gratitude. Akela should not be afraid of tiring the Cubs too much. Frequently we make the mistake of having expeditions which are too short in distance or in time, or both. It is not the Cubs who are likely to tire, it is we! Expeditions are too many and varied for it to be pos-

sible to describe their possibilities.

### Exploration and Imagination

We are in unexplored country, all the maps end at this post, and no white man has dared to venture further, but our Pack is going to place its name upon the map, and so we are going to advance into this unknown territory. As we go we will name every stream and every hill, even the paths along which run huge dragons that breathe forth smoke and emit cries of agony and terror when they spot us. We shall be quite safe from them as our uniform protects us, and they are afraid.

Or again, the country ahead is full of lurking enemies who are determined on massacring the whole of our Pack. Ours is a peaceful mission; we do not kill or destroy; but we carry magic wands that will send any enemy we encounter to sleep and make them powerless to harm others. Every Elm we touch is a Red Indian brave, and he who first touches him with his magic wand scores a coup that counts two to his Six, but he who touches an Oak—a big Chief—scores a grand coup of five. And so on ad infinitum!

—Gilcraft, in  
The Scouter.

## Dominion Day Firecrackers

AS in the case of the "Twenty-Fourth," let us remind our boys not to let off firecrackers near hospitals, Old Folks' Homes, or private homes where there is illness on Dominion Day. Also that Scouts have a special responsibility to guard against mishaps during the setting off of firecrackers during the day and fireworks at night.

## Shadow Tag for Cubs

FOR Shadow Tag as played by Trinity Cub Pack, Saint John, N.B., two lines of opposing pairs are numbered off. Two numbers are called, and the Cubs immediately hop on one foot toward the centre of the floor, and endeavour to jump on one another's shadow. The first to jump upon the other's shadow wins.

## Camp Form and Questionnaire

ENCLOSED in this issue of The Scout Leader will be found a Camp Notification Form and a Camp Questionnaire. These fully explain their purpose. It is hoped that all leaders planning camps will make use of both forms,—the Notification Form for record, and in order that Provincial Headquarters may pay a visit to each camp, if possible; and the Camp Questionnaire for the information of the Dominion Camp Chief.

## The Easter Good Turn

THE annual Easter egg good turn of the Scouts of the St. Johns-Iberville District, Quebec, this year established a new record by the collection of no less than 6,820 eggs. These were donated to St. Johns' Hospital and St. Therese's Orphanage, and the St. Johns' Local Relief Committee, which had asked a donation of 2,000 eggs, and received 2,300. Scout Troops at Grande Ligne, Chambly, Richelieu and Delson, Que., also collected eggs.

For their first year the Scouts at Cornwall, Ont., collected 120 dozen eggs and 70 candy egg baskets. These were divided between the two local hospitals, the Nazareth Orphanage, and Chief of Police Seymour for distribution among local needy families. The collection and distribution was made on Good Friday and Saturday, the office of Monroe and Cottrell being placed at the disposal of the Scouts for this purpose.

## Don't Use Fresh Water Clams

OCCASIONALLY fresh water clams are found in small lakes or streams near Scout camps, and attempts are made to cook and eat them. Scoutmasters should warn against this, as cases of severe indigestion and of poisoning may result. There also is the possibility of clams carrying typhoid germs. Unlike the sea clam, the fresh water variety is largely composed of very indigestible fibrous tissue, and contains little nutritious matter.

### Scout Dates

#### June

- 3rd—King George's birthday.
- 21st—Spring Equinox. Year's longest day.
- 23rd—Prince of Wales' birthday.
- 24th—St. John Baptiste.

#### During June

Hikes and week-end "Practice Camps."

#### July

- 1st—Dominion Day. Confederation, 1867.
- 4th—American National Holiday.
- 14th—French National Holiday.

#### During July and August

Scout Camps everywhere. Send in your Camp Notification Form so that a visit may be arranged from a representative of your Provincial Headquarters.

## Camp Proficiency Badges

HERE is a handy list of proficiency badges for your 1931 camp and hike proficiency badge programme:—

Boatman	Prospector
Camp Cook	Rescuer
Camper	Stalker
Canoeman	Starman
Forester	Swimmer
Naturalist	Surveyor
Pioneer	Tracker

Rovers of the 9th London, Ont., Group (St. Paul's) have made the ringing of the Cathedral bells one of their special church duties. They have been highly complimented upon the quality of their playing, and their regularity.