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Canada at the World Moot

CANADA was represented at the World Rover Moot, at Kandersteg, Switzerland, July 29-August 8, by a party of eleven, nine of whom gathered at Ottawa for outfitting and brief training the remaining two joining the Crew at the Moot.

The Ottawa party comprised Rovers Allan Hiron, Edmonton; Tom Stark, Saskatoon; Jack Toombs, Winnipeg; Ray Bryant and Leslie Bott, Hamilton; Leonard Johnson, Saint John, N.B.; Kenneth Burns, Donald Burns and Albert Kessler, Montreal. The last named was elected Mate; Jack Toombs, Second Mate, and Len Johnson, Secretary. Those joining later were Prof. Robert Pugh, of Fredericton, N.B., and Rover Dennis Maryat, Calgary, Alta.

The crew proceeded to Montreal on July 17th, where they were entertained by Montreal Rovers, officially inspected by the Governor General, Earl Bessborough, at his summer home, "Raven-crag," and were White Star Line guests at a farewell dinner which was attended by various Scouting officials, including the Chief Executive Commissioner, Mr. John A. Stiles. The crew sailed by the s.s. Doric on the following day.

During the voyage the members of the crew found a number of opportunities of Rover service, and their organizing ability was used in connection with the deck sports and in other ways. The Canadian historical pageant prepared for the Moot was successfully given as a feature of the usual ship's concert.

The party landed at Liverpool on July 26th, enjoyed an unscheduled auto-bus night trip to London, crossed from New Haven to Dieppe by a French channel steamer, and after an interesting trip through France, with a stop at Paris, arrived at Kandersteg on the evening of July 28th.

With the Scotties

A heavy rain brought the crew the privilege of staying overnight at the famous International Scout Chalet, with other early arrivals, including a party from Ceylon.

The following morning the Canadians found themselves assigned to a comp of one of the Scottish contingents, and were soon pitching tents and getting acquainted with their friendly brothers of the kilt. Later Professor Pugh and Dennis Maryat reported in, raising the Canadian party to eleven. The professor, however, was commandeered to act as "C" Crew Quartermaster.

The Rovers of the British Empire made up the largest division of the Moot, and included groups from Bermuda, Canada, Ceylon, Gibraltar, India, Jamaica, North and South Rhodesia, South Africa, New South Wales, Victoria, West Australia, and England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The total of some 2,000 was divided into three camps, the Red, Blue and White. The Rovers of other countries were combined in the Green camp.

Each camp was divided into crews of 100, known by letter. The Canadians were in Crew "C," the Curlews, of the Red camp, under Headquarters Rover Commissioner Neish of Scotland.

Each contingent was assigned a Swiss Rover or Scouter as a "Cousin," or interpreter.

The Moot was officially opened on July 30th, by the Chief Scout for Switzerland, Major W. de Bonstetten, and the President of the conference, Lt.-Col. Granville Walton.

To expedite reports and discussions the Moot was divided into English-speaking and French and German speaking sections.

Reports and Discussions

The reports were made in response to ten questions covering the general principles of Rovering recognized in the different countries, successes and difficulties, schemes for obtaining and training Rover leaders, etc.

The reports as a whole indicated that the problems of Rover Scouting were much the same everywhere.

Speaking of Rovering in general throughout the British Empire, Brig-

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Our 1931 Santa Claus Job

LAST Christmas it was calculated on the basis of definite distribution figures received from a majority of shop directors that the chain of Scout Toy Repair Shops in 147 cities, towns and villages between Sydney, N.S., and Prince Rupert, B.C., provided Santa Claus gifts for 75,000 children who otherwise in all probability would have found "empty stockings" on Christmas morning. The total included some 4,500 children of the newer settlers chiefly on western farms.

That this was a well worth while good turn, notwithstanding the work involved, no one would deny.

An Appreciation and Example

Of the many interesting "settlers' letters" received last year, one of particular interest came from Reno, Alta., over the signature, "An old Boy Scout and his wife." It follows:

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the children here I have been asked to write to you and thank you for the Christmas presents sent here. They were addressed to parties not known here, with note enclosed to distribute to needy kids if undelivered. Well sir, you sent them to where we could certainly use them.

We put on a short concert for the kiddies and Christmas tree. It was pretty hard to do very much. Most of the kiddies are

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SCOUT church choristers of the 20th and 21st Paris Troops—"Young Singers of the Wooden Cross"—whose visit to eastern Canada was a musical and Scouting event of September and October, like that of the visit in 1927 of the Scout Singers of the Westminster Abbey Choir.

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Our Scout Guests from Paris

A MUSICAL and Scouting event of note was the arrival in Canada, Sept. 20th, for a series of sacred concerts, of a party of church choristers of the 20th and 21st Paris Troops, members of La Manecanterie des Petits Chanteurs a La Croix de Bois, or "Young Singers of the Wooden Cross." The choir was given a warm welcome to Canada in the great concourse of Windsor station at Montreal by Vickers' Scout band and troops of English and French speaking Canadian Scouts, under Provincial Commissioner J. Armitage Ewing, K.C., and District Commissioner T. H. Wardleworth. A greeting on behalf of Dominion Headquarters was extended by Chief Executive Commissioner John A. Stiles, in French and English. Also present was M. Edouard Carteron, the French Consul-General, who revealed himself as an enthusiastic supporter of Scouting.

A more elaborate reception had been planned for the French Scout visitors, including the requested opportunity to place a wreath on the Cenotaph in Dominion Square. This, however, was prevented by a downpour of rain, and instead the various Scout troops, with their colours, formed about the C.P.R. Memorial in the station concourse, and the visitors there paid their tribute to the Canadian dead of the Great War. As the wreath was placed the French Scouts sang very beautifully "Salute to the Dead."

Later the choristers and their directors, the Rev. Abbe Maillet and Rev. Abbe Gremeau, were received at the City Hall by Acting Mayor Weldon, and given the freedom of the city.

Throughout their tour, which included most of the notable Roman Catholic churches of Quebec and Eastern Ontario, the French Scout singers were heard with delight by large gatherings. At the Basilica, Quebec, a congregation of 3,000, including a notable assembly of bishops and other church dignitaries, heard a programme of beautifully rendered Gregorian and Palestrina arias.

At Three Rivers, French and English speaking Scout troops of Three Rivers, Shawinigan and Grand'Mere met the visitors at the outskirts. In the evening a camp fire for Scouts only was held in the City Hall, when in addition to a programme of songs, the visitors put on a Scout investiture in the French manner.

At Ottawa the French Scouts were tendered a reception in the Memorial Chamber of the House of Commons. A welcome was extended by His

Honour Mayor J. J. Allen, M. Arsene Henry, the French Minister to Canada, Noulan Cauchon of the District Scout Association, Dr. Arthur Beauchesne, President of the Canadian Club, and a distinguished group of clergy, including the chaplains of the various Catholic parish Scout organizations of the capital.

As elsewhere, the church singing and concerts at Ottawa attracted appreciative and distinguished audiences. At the Basilica special seats were occupied by His Excellency Mgr. Casulo, the Papal Delegate, the Archbishop of Ottawa, the Vicar General, the French Minister, the Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Mr. Justice Rinfret, and other representatives of church and state.

The repeated declaration was made by the choir director, Abbe Maillet, that the "Young Singers of the Wooden Cross" made no pretensions to being a professionally finished organization, but were "first and foremost Boy Scouts"; and in keeping with this, Scout uniform was worn throughout, including at concerts except when rendering liturgical numbers. Nevertheless Canadian musical critics joined in lauding the work of the choir, and in describing the visit as a notable musical event. The visit also may be



A STALKING game is always enjoyed, even in the fall. A 19th Sydney, N.S., flat and "frozen."

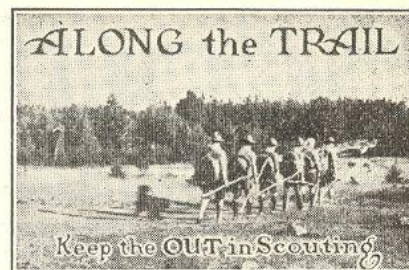
spoken of as a Scouting event; and should, as did the visit of the Scout singers of the Westminster Abbey choir in 1927, increase the interest of Canadian Scouts and leaders in the best music.

The Hon. Frank Stanfield

IN the sudden death in September of the Hon. Frank Stanfield, Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, the Movement in that province lost its Chief Scout. Although in the office less than a year, Lieut-Gov. Stanfield had shown himself a strong supporter of Scouting, and his passing is widely regretted.

D. M. Finnie

DEATH claimed a most valued member of the Scout organization in October in Mr. D. M. Finnie, Honorary Dominion Treasurer. Although concerned in many other public service and philanthropic activities, Mr. Finnie gave almost daily attention to the financial affairs of the Association, and the financial stability of the Dominion office has been in no small part due to his wisdom and guidance. Mr. Finnie was greatly interested in our annual Toy Shop work, particularly the sending of gifts to settlers' children, and always contributed generously to the Ottawa shop's postage fund.



The four Ontario Lone Scout Troop opened the fall season with an enrolment of a little over 300 boys.

Scouts and Guides of McLean, Alta., near Lethbridge, sponsored a good-will dance in the school for the benefit of a deserving needy family.

Wolf Cubs of Newcastle, Ont., collected a large quantity of vegetables from nearby farmers and gardeners and brought them to headquarters of the Oshawa Welfare Association.

The recently appointed Lieutenant Governor for British Columbia, the Hon. J. W. Fordham Johnson, has become Provincial Patron of the Boy Scouts Association of the province.

New Rover Crews reported include the 1st Red Deer, Alta., and 1st Prince Rupert, B.C. The first community service of the former will be management of the annual Red Deer Christmas Toy Shop.

Moving pictures of the review by Lieut. Gov. Ross of 5,000 Scouts and Cubs at the Canadian National Fair at Toronto are being shown in new reels throughout Canada and the United States, and elsewhere.

Splendid reports have been received of service rendered and Scout displays given at fall fairs in every part of Canada. A march past of nearly 5,000 Scouts and Cubs and a display before the great grandstand was an event at the Canadian National Fair at Toronto.

The British Boy Scouts Association will hold its Seventh Competitive Musical Festival at the Royal College of Music, Kensington, on Saturday, the 7th November. The syllabus includes classes for Rover Scouts, Scouts with treble voices and Wolf Cubs. The classes include solo singing, two-part choruses, duets, piano and violin solos, four-part songs and four-part choruses, in addition to a whole-Group singing competition in which Rover Scouts, Scouts and Wolf Cubs may take part.

Some 350 Scouts in uniform, many old boys from his troop, the 27th Toronto, and several hundred citizens gathered in Park Lawn Cemetery for the dedication of a memorial to the late Ernest O'Callaghan, Executive Commissioner for Toronto. The grey-stone shaft, bearing the Scout emblem, was unveiled by former Commissioner W. K. George, the dedication being made by the Rev. R. S. Rayson, chaplain of the 104th Toronto Troop. The memorial fund was subscribed to in small amounts by Scouts and leaders of the Toronto District.



ONE of our most consistent "Christmas in and Christmas out" Toy Shops—that of the French and English-speaking Scout troops of St. Johns, Que. Last year they provided gifts for 1000 local children, sent gifts to 100 western settlers' children, and helped organize toy shops in three neighbouring communities.

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Ruthenians here and you can imagine trying to coach them through little drills, recitations and songs. The school is pretty much of the 2 x 4 type, but we chipped in, bought some candy and fruit and a few little trinkets and with your presents, gave the kiddies a pretty fair little time. Some of the children here walk 5 miles to school, one little girl I feel especially sorry for is about 6 or 7 years old I should judge; wears a long dress that drags around her ankles and a pair of rubber boots that I swear would fit me. She got the best doll that you sent and believe me, she was the proudest kid in Canada, although she isn't able to talk much English. I bet she knows what Boy Scouts are good for. Sorry I haven't much time now to write more. Wishing you and your troops and all Scouts in general success and prosperity in the coming years.

Yours truly,

An old Boy Scout and his wife,

Mrs. and Mr. Geo. W. Woodward.

As in previous years there were numerous letters of appreciation, many in touching terms, written in Ukrainian, Polish, Ruthenian, German, etc. A typical one in Ukrainian from Saskatchewan read:

Highly esteemed benefactors:

We cordially thank you for the gifts you have been good enough to send us. My children took so much pleasure in them and they were so thankful to you. We are deeply obliged to you that you don't forget us, the castaways, exiles, thrown out of our homeland and cast into the distant Canada, to suffer from cold and loneliness. But you are not forgetting us and you are the only and genuine kins we are having here and who are sending gifts to us.

A touching letter, and one of unique interest in that it came from the daughter-in-law of a famous Blackfoot Indian orator, Chief Mountain Horse, was received by the Calgary Toy Shop. It read:

Dear Scouts:

Upon seeing an insertion in the Calgary Daily Herald of your Toy Repair Shop it gave me the idea of sending a boxful of useful toys.

They need a few repairs, and are too good to be thrown away. They belonged to my little daughter, now passed away.

Also will you accept a few good clothing such as dresses, over-shoes, beaver fur set and overcoat and a sweater. The above will fit children from 5 to 11 years.

Perhaps they will tend to make some little child happy.

Each Troop and Pack at Least One Settler's Family

The greatly increased local need may make it difficult for certain toy shops to repeat their generous remembrance of settlers' children of former years. To help this situation it is hoped that every troop and pack in Canada, whether sharing in the operation of a toy shop or not, will plan to mail a Christmas parcel to the children of at least one needy rural family.

Use the Form

With this issue of *The Scout Leader* each Scoutmaster and Cubmaster will receive a form upon which they are asked to indicate whether one or more settlers' families will be looked after, and whether a toy shop will be operated.

Preliminaries

Discussing the Project.—Discuss the project at an early date with your Court of Honour, or Sixers' Council;

also with members of your Group Committee.

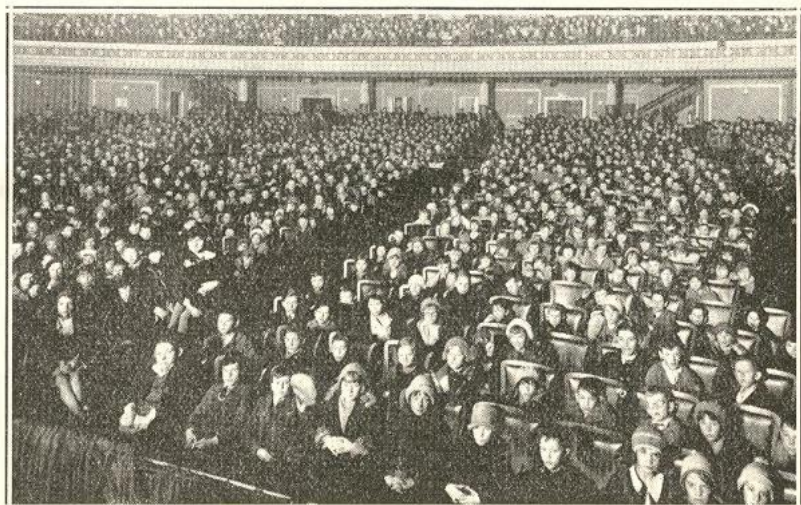
Shop Location.—Look early for a Toy Shop Headquarters. Although this usually is found in an empty store, other locations have been secured,—as in a school or church basement. One of London's three district shops last year was located in an old Merchants' Bank building. Port Arthur Scouts had a room in the Masonic Temple. Cloverdale, B.C., Scouts used the Canadian Legion hut. Two of the most enterprising Ontario troop shops—the 2nd St. Thomas and 92nd Toronto—operated in the S. M.'s cellar. For some years the Brandon, Man., Scouts have had the use of the C.N.R. station basement. When an empty store is secured, in a good location on a business street, light, heat and telephone frequently are given free, as a contribution to the good turn.

The Newspapers.—Inform the local newspapers in good time, see and explain the project to the city editor, and ask his support. Suggest that an editorial on the subject would be much appreciated.

The Schools.—Take early steps to secure the co-operation of the local school board. Most of our toy shops in the larger centres now regularly secure their first bulk contribution of toys through the schools. An announcement explaining the project (and, in the east, emphasizing the sending of gifts to children on prairie farms) is sent to the school principals by the Board or Chief Inspector, and is read in each classroom. The toys usually are brought on a Friday, and collected Saturday.

In a number of instances manual training instructors have been made available for directing repair work and the making of wooden toys in school workshops.

Theatre Toy Matinees.—Moving picture theatres in a number of cities, notably the Capitol chain, have been regularly giving a Saturday morning Scout Toy Shop Matinee, the admission a toy. Scouts act as ushers, and tidy up after. In some cases several truckloads of playthings, many new, have been received. Only in one instance has the result been reported disappointing. In this case a large



IF you would like to interest a local movie theatre in a Saturday morning Toy Shop Matinee (admission one toy), show the manager this flashlight of a portion of the 1800 children packed in the Capitol Theatre, Calgary, for their annual toy matinee of last Christmas. Scouts and Guides ushered, and Scouts tidied up after. (Courtesy Calgary Herald.)

proportion of the toys turned in were useless wrecks, neatly wrapped in paper to conceal the fact. Apparently it was a local juvenile "idea" which did not crop out elsewhere.

Service Club Backing.—Service club backing in some form invariably may be secured if sought through the proper channels. If the club officers are approached in time it may be possible to secure the privilege of addressing the club on the subject. Where toy contributions are received through the schools, service clubs frequently help by providing cars and trucks to collect the playthings on Saturday morning, Scouts doing the handling.

When to Begin.—If possible the Toy Shop should open not later than Saturday, November 28. This will give four full Saturdays, and several days of Christmas week if needed.

Finances.—Many of our shops secure much of their working material—paint, varnish, glue, string, paper, etc.—in the form of donations from various firms, the heads of which have become interested in the good turn project. Special Christmas Toy Shop concerts have been put on with success by certain troops, notably in Winnipeg. Other troops have held suppers, cake sales, food sales, and the like; still others have financed their shop from troop funds. Several Regina troop associations last year held whist drives and bridge parties. The Saskatoon shop received very substantial donations from members of two local service clubs as the result of an invitation visit paid the shop. Several of the visitors confessed that they had not before realized the significance of the work. Moose Jaw service clubs contributed \$10 each toward the cost of mailing Scout Toy Shop parcels to settlers.

The question of postage on settlers' parcels has been in a number of cases practically solved by a display window in a good location. Wrapped and addressed settlers' parcels are shown, with a placard inviting passers-by to step in and share the good turn by contributing the stamps for a package.

Making Toys.—An increasing number of troops are making toys. Granby, Que., Scouts last year made boys' sleighs, dolls' sleighs, doll carriages, and pull-carts. A committee of ladies made the doll blankets. The 92nd Toronto made 24 doll beds, 16 horses and carts, 8 rabbits and carts, nine-pin sets, and 60 picture puzzles. The 1st Fergus Troop made 100 ironing boards and irons. The 1st Superb Troop, Sask., made 50 wooden toys, including animals and birds on wheel bases, doll carriages, chairs, building block sets and ring games. The wood was donated. An outfit of coping saws, glue, and sandpaper cost \$7.40. Scrapbooks were made by Fraser Lake, B.C., Guides for girls at the Queen Alexandra Solarium, V.I. Other shops made jumping-jacks, and aeroplanes.

The 1930 Toy Shop Chain

It is probable that a number of toy shops did not report, since they were unable to take care of families outside of their own districts. The com-

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THE great march-past of the World Rover Moot—Austria, Bermuda, Canada—



Canada at the World Moot

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Gen. Godfrey-Faussett described the Movement as still in a stage of development. The percentage of Scouts who should become Rovers was placed at 35. In England the present ratio was about 15%, and throughout the Empire as a whole about 20%.

The best Rover age was 17 to 25 years. Rovers over 25 were liable to be in the way of the younger chaps anxious for advancement. The older chaps of the crew should be ready to step aside to allow the younger Rovers to move ahead. Gilwell training was urged, to fit Rovers for service to troops as well as for their own personal improvement. Rovers should be the ones to supply troops and packs with instructors.

Outside service was essential to the life of the crew, but it was emphasized that the crew was a training ground for Rovers, and not primarily a public service unit.

The unity of the whole Scout Group was referred to as essential.

The most unusual development of Rovering was reported from Ceylon. This was the conducting of packs, troops and crews in prisons. The work was credited with reducing subsequent crime amongst discharged prisoners by 75%. Discharged prisoners were aided in making a new start.

The Discussion Summary

On the last day of the conference there was a combined meeting of all groups for a summary of discussions. Following is a digest of questions, and the answers returned:

1. The principles of Rover Scouting in each country; are the Promise and Law the same as for Boy Scouts? A.—Many countries have their own Scout oath and law, which differs from our own.
2. What reasons do you give for your successes and difficulties in Rover Scouting? A.—Success in being coupled up with a Scout troop. Difficulty in obtaining and training leaders.
3. Schemes for obtaining and training Rover Scout Leaders, and their application. A.—Special training camps and special handbooks.

4. Whether the Group System is used. A.—The Group System should be used but it is up to the different localities.
5. Steps taken to encourage older Scouts to become Rovers, figures to be given on leakage between Scout troops and Rover crews, Rover Scouts becoming Scoutmasters, etc. A.—First, selection should be on basis of the moral and social sense. Should be Scouts coming of age and ready to link up with Rovers. Rovers should interpret Scouting ideals to the rest.
6. Special crews, as for students at universities, in commercial plants, etc., with reference to training, and the difficulties in running them. A.—Special crews in universities, factories, etc., do good work. Too often, however, they degenerate into sporting clubs.
7. The question of how to deal with the older Rover Scout. A.—Crew activities. Camping and socials. Study and service.
8. Suggestions for crew programmes, indoor and outdoor. A.—Bridge building. Hobbies. Individual effort either manual or intellectual.
9. Interpretation of "Service." Is Rover Scouting in your country looked upon as training for service. A.—Service should be continual and dominating work and not only just for short periods.
10. Recommendations for improvement in quantity and quality of Rover Scouts in each country. A.—Having older men in charge of 35 years and over. Special councils attached to the crew to look up means of assisting the crew. Getting outsiders interested in the Movement.

"Make Friends!"

The Chief Scout closed the final conference session on Saturday morning, with characteristic words. In a voice heard clearly throughout the huge marquee, he appealed: "Make friends! Exchange addresses, and when you go back to your homes in various parts of the world, write to each other. Through friendship you can do more to foster world peace and

international understanding than all the treaties which have ever been composed."

A Tribute to Mortimer Schiff

During the conference Mr. Hubert S. Martin, President of the Camp Council, paid a high tribute to the late Mortimer L. Schiff, of the Boy Scouts of America, through whose generosity the camp grounds on which the Moot was held, was purchased. He proposed a fund to construct a memorial gate at the entrance to the camp. The proposal was heartily approved, and the fund was generously subscribed to.

A Gilwell Reunion

A noon Gilwell reunion attended by the Chief Scout brought together a widely representative gathering. The Chief, looking exceptionally fit, chatted informally and as Honorary Scoutmaster thanked those present, as members of the 1st Gilwell Park Troop, for coming from the far ends of the earth. He urged them to keep up their interest in Scouting through Rovering, and declared that "we have only scratched the surface of possibilities of the Rover Movement."

The Saturday afternoon's sports programme provided some original and amusing contests. A "furlong race" went to the Rover with the longest hair, the Chief Scout acting as judge and using his cane as a measure. Throwing the discus proved to be "heaving your own soup plate as far as possible."

A Swiss Fete Day

In recognition of the day as the Swiss National Fete Day the Saturday evening campfire was made a feature of the local day's celebration. Headed by the village band and yodelling club, the citizens and children of Kandersteg marched up in procession with lighted Chinese lanterns, and a Swiss historical pageant was given on the stage of the great natural amphitheatre in the presence of some 8,000 Swiss citizens and Rovers.

The Moot Sunday, August 2nd, was fittingly marked by special early morning services for all religious denominations, and a great Rover Scouts' Own at 11.

A Pageant of World Friendship

At noon the Chief Scout, accompanied by a distinguished group of leaders, including the President of the Swiss Republic, paid his official visit to the various camps, including that of Canada, and at 4 in the afternoon came the great march past and review. Rain fell, but could not spoil this splendid and historic pageant of young manhood, and the long, picturesque column with its fluttering flags of many nations, swung by the Chief with cheers and skirl of pipes, a stirring "Pageant of World Friendship and Peace."

The Chief Scout's Message

It was at the Sunday evening campfire, driven inside by the continuing rain, that the Chief Scout delivered his official message to the Moot.

After congratulating the Rovers upon the afternoon's parade, he said, "I want, still more, to congratulate you on making a real step in the history of Scouting and in the history of the peoples outside Scouting.

A Natural Growth

"You have come together to talk of various matters dealing with the future of Rovering. Rovering has during these past years been growing up. Now it may almost be said to be grown up, and its growth has been a natural growth; that is, we have learned by experience; we have had no hard and fast rules, but have watched and expanded the movement according to what we learned from experience was best.

They Played the Ass!

"The second thing I want to congratulate you about is that you have played the ass! There's a great deal in playing the ass! It shows you have the right spirit. We want Boy spirit in Scouting; we don't want to be dull old men in Scouting.

"Some may say that such spirits are undignified; I don't care. It shows we have got the right spirit, and that, after all, is all that matters.

"To come up against these splendid mountains cannot but help open up your minds to great things; cannot fail to make you realize that God's work through the ages stands higher than the work of man. God did not put us here into the world to pick quarrels. He meant us to be glad comrades.

Man-made Cure for War

"The Devil is selfish—selfishness. There was never so needed a body of young men to promote peace and goodwill as now. There was never such a body as you chaps before. We old 'uns leave you a legacy of war. War was made by men, not by God, and the cure for it must be made by men, too. You will have to face mighty hard work in the future and not spare yourselves so that you can have a good time.

"Co-operation is needed more than anything else to bring prosperity back to all countries, not only to your own. And that co-operation is just LOVE.

Carry On and Do It

"The Rover branch of the Scout Movement is only a seedling now.

But in a very few years we shall, if we go on growing at the present rate, have over a million Rovers spread about in different countries. Thus there will be a real leaven and a very strong bond of friendship throughout the world. This will be an assurance of permanent peace—God's will in the world—peace and goodwill.

"See that you do better than we old 'uns who are going out. And I hope you will have every success in doing so. Show an example and you will have dozens of other fellows doing the same thing. Then you will have a Brotherhood throughout the manhood of the world. Carry on and do it, but if you see others doing it with long faces, kick them, kick them hard!"

Mountain Climbing

Monday, August 3rd, brought what the Swiss "cousins" called a small hike, at the panting end of which the Rovers who stuck it out found themselves on the "Hockern Alp," some 7,000 feet up. On the 4th, there was a trip to the "Niesen Alp." This proved less taxing as the climbing was done chiefly by the funicular railway.

The Canadian Pageant

On the evening of August 5th came the big campfire, and "Canada" put on its historical pageant. This depicted the part played in the Dominion's development by the Habitant, the lumberjack, the Indian, the Eskimo, the cowboy, the Mountie and the airman. The very fine costumes, the excellent lines of the speaking parts and the effective and well rehearsed acting made one of the outstanding successes of the programme.

The Rover League of Nations

Closing addresses by Mr. Vernon Bartlett, Chief of the London office of the Secretariat of the League of Nations, and by the Chief Scout re-emphasized what the former termed the "human disgrace of war," and the fact that the League of Nations was looking to the Rover Scouts of the world, "the Rover League of Nations," to help the League in its aims of peace.

During the Fall and Winter

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In final dramatically impressive terms, Lord Baden-Powell stated that the civilized peoples should be ashamed to talk of war; that it was a disgrace even to use the word "war." He called upon the Rovers to return to their widely scattered homes and circulate the friendly smiles they had seen at Kandersteg.

And So Home!

Visits to Geneva, Paris, Versailles and a brief tour from London through the Shakespeare country took the Canadian contingent back to Liverpool. There the group broke up, part returning to Canada by the s.s. Laurentic, several remaining for a longer stay in England.

All reported it a wonderful experience,—one to be repeated if possible at the next world Moot wherever it may be held.

NOTES

With the exception of khaki stockings and a grey neckerchief with red maple leaf, the uniform worn was the same as that of the Canadian Scouts at the 1929 Jamboree,—green shirt, blue shorts, green and yellow coat sweater, and yellow slicker for rainy days. It was interesting that the uniform was at once recognized as "Canada."

The equipment carried included three hunters' single-pole silk tents,—which attracted considerable attention and favourable comment; and for cooking, two small gasoline stoves.

The pageant presented with such success at the big camp-fire was prepared in collaboration by Mrs. W. T. Herridge and Miss Williams, of Ottawa, experts on Canadian Indian and other historical lore, and Major A. A. Pinard, formerly of the Historical Sites Division of the National Parks Branch. Items for the Eskimo costume were secured from Major J. W. Burwash, of Arctic explorations fame, and from the Northwest Territories Branch. Other costumes were rented.

The 1931 Alberta Gilwell

The 6th Alberta Gilwell was held at Camp Kootenai, under the shadow of Mt. Blakiston in the Waterton Lakes National Park, "in a delightful valley, with snow-capped peaks rising on every hand, mountain streams laden with trout, and alpine flowers of every hue," as described by the camp prose poet.

The enrolment was 32, including 5 old Gilwellians, back for a "refresher." The course was in charge of Provincial Executive Secretary W. F. Backman, as D.C.C., assisted by Dr. C. M. Fletcher, of Lethbridge and Mr. Jack Blow of Toronto.

The four patrols were the Crows, Owls, Sparrows and Chickadees. In occupations represented, the farmers were in largest number, and the school teachers second.

The Old Gilwellians included Leo Coombs, a Commissioner of Region 12, of the Boy Scouts of America, Los Angeles, who brought a greeting to Canadian Scouters. In turn at the closing fire he was presented with a small Union Jack to take back with an expression of goodwill to the Scouters of his district.

The "old fellows" created a model patrol site, and served in various capacities, as official photographer, Q.M., cook instructors, etc. They contributed notably to the council fire programmes.

A weather novelty that set another "new record" for Gilwell camps was a 2-inch blanket of snow, discovered from between shivering tent flaps on Sunday morning. The snow permitted the opening of the day's activities with a snowball fight, with special attention to the tardy risers.

Another not unexciting feature of the camp life was the nightly visit of a bear, who raided food larders and amused himself by wrecking patrol fireplaces.

The visiting habit of the bear, and the more commendable habit of Dr. Fletcher of the camp staff in rising early in order to supply H. Q. with breakfast trout, resulted in a near tragedy for the Q.M. Half-roused suddenly by a clawing and scratching on his tent, the Q. M. blew a loud blast on his whistle, and proclaimed, "Bear! Bear!" More fully awake, he sprang defensively to the tent door, to meet the camp's Izaak Walton, trout rod in hand, and a peaceable invitation to "come fishin'."



PROVING that the 1931 Manitoba Gilwell bridge would hold 'em even after a big Gilwell dinner.

Nails were taboo. The camp bulletin board, the many patrol site gadgets and the improvised tables all were lashed with willow bark.

All council fires were well and truly started with the "rubbing sticks."

The camp was fortunate in having an "official camera man," in the person of Rover Rogers, a professional photographer of Calgary.

A National Parks guide, Mr. F. H. Riggall, gave a most interesting lecture on the "Cycle of the Forest" and forest preservation, also a talk on mountain birds. Later members of the course scattered to gather wild flower specimens for Mr. Riggall's identification. Mountain hunting experiences related by the guide at the council fires were equally appreciated.

For the journey the members of the course found themselves in two combined Indian war parties, respectively of the Chickadee and Owl tribes, and the Sparrow and Crow tribes. And they were after scalps. These, however, were not on the head, but tied to the back of the belt; and where genuine scalps were not procurable, it was permitted to carry scalps of string. The "string scalps" were used chiefly.

Incidental to the warfare the Indians were to discover a good camping site, a suitable location for a dude ranch and to report on certain industrial possibilities for palefaces. They were allowed to augment their hike rations with fish, but were forbidden to kill grizzly bears. All faithfully abided by the last restriction.

The camp prose poet, following in the wake of the waring redmen, noted "mountain trails banked with flowers." The Indians, back from fourteen miles of mountain climbing, with packs on back, hadn't noticed the floral decorations.

An effort is being made to secure Camp Kootenai as a permanent Gilwell site.

OUR 1931 SANTA CLAUS JOB

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plete "chain" as recorded on the pin map at Dominion Headquarters follows:—

Nova Scotia.—Halifax, Sydney, Dominion No. 6, New Glasgow, Truro, Tatamagouche, Milton. **New Brunswick.**—Moncton, Saint John, Fredericton, Fredericton Junction, Oromocto, McAdam. **Quebec.**—Montreal, Sherbrooke, St. Johns, Windsor, Three Rivers, Granby, Richelieu, Grande Ligne, Chambly, Delson, Lachute, Riverbend, Asbestos. **Ontario.**—Mille Roches, Chesterville, Morrisburg, Ottawa, Brockville, Braeside, Renfrew, Kingston, Pembroke, Stirling, Frankford, Trenton, Campbellford, Peterborough, Bobcaygeon, North Bay, Cobalt, Fenelon Falls, Lindsay, South Porcupine, Bowmanville, Oshawa, Beaverton, Whitby, Maple, Barrie, Toronto, Grimsby, St. Catharines, Hamilton, Guelph, Owen Sound, Fergus, Galt, Preston, Brantford, Waterloo, Paris, Woodstock, Tillsonburg, Ingersoll, Kincardine, London, Glanworth, St. Thomas, Pretoria, Sarnia, Fort William, Port Arthur, Dryden, Wallaceburg, Sault Ste. Marie, Kingsville, Windsor. **Manitoba.**—Winnipeg, Rosenfeld, Neepawa, Brandon, Melita. **Saskatchewan.**—Yorkton, Balcarres, Fort Qu'Appelle, Weyburn, Ridgedale, Balgonie, Radville, Regina, Melfort, Craven, Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, La Fleche, Central Butte, Rosthern, Saskatoon, Lawson, Riverhurst, Kincaid, Aneroid, Swift Current, Rosetown, Biggar, Loverna, Unity, Superb, Senlac. **Alberta.**—Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Strathmore, Wetaskiwin, Cardston, Olds, Coleman, Edson, Grande Prairie. **British Columbia.**—Vancouver, Victoria, Prince Rupert, Cranbrook, Ladysmith, Salmon Arm, Prince George, Williams Lake, Cloverdale, Kimberley, Port Kells, McKay, Kelowna, New Westminster, Burnaby, Nanaimo, Duncan, Terrace, Fraser Lake.

One of the most consistently successful troops in Saskatchewan is the 1st Richard District Troop, whose 50 boys come from 7 to 30 miles to meet on different farms in the afternoon. During the summer frequent week-end camps are held, Friday to Sunday. The Scoutmaster is the manager of the Bank of Commerce at Richard.

From the 3rd Ontario Moot

A splendid gathering of 348 Rovers and leaders, excellent local arrangements and keen interest in every session marked the 3rd Ontario Rover Moot, held at the Hotel London, London, over Thanksgiving week-end,—October 10-12.

Rambling and Hiking

Of the excellent contributions made by various crews, probably the outstanding was that of the Kincardine Rovers, under R. M. Angus MacLeod and R. L. Douglas Young on "Rambling."

The diagram of a cross was used to depict, in its details of base and arms, the connection between nature study while rambling, and development of an appreciation of the beauty and wonders of the Almighty's handiwork. In turn members of the crew "took over the thumbstick" and developed various features of rambling observation. These covered such subjects as microscopic life in pools, bird and animal life, flowers, weeds, fungus, and special star observation, as the annual practice of watching for the August shower of meteors.

A question developed the fact that members of the Kincardine crew so far this year had rambled a total of over 1,000 miles.

A query as to the distinction they drew between rambling and hiking brought this answer: "Recently we hiked some miles to a large swamp. We made camp, then in pairs rambled the swamp searching for carnivorous plants. We did not count the hike to the swamp as part of the ramble."

It was admitted that city crews did not have the same rambling opportunities, but was suggested that considerable nature study rambling might be carried on in city parks. Summer camps and week-end hikes would provide other opportunities.

A start on nature rambling could best be made with the crew as a whole, for instruction and demonstration. This might be given from books, or by local naturalists. Next the crew could be divided into small groups, with special objectives, and finally into pairs. Sometimes there would be individual rambling. Comparison of observations then made very interesting indoor sessions.

Regarding records a story form log of each ramble was kept. The distance covered was estimated, always on the short side. The Bramble badge was not awarded as soon as a total of 100 miles had been reached; every wearer of the badge had well passed the 100 miles. They had not concerned themselves in mileage, but in the spirit of the badge.—"Not a hundred miles,—but on and on—rambling for observation, for health, for quiet chats on many things with a pal."

Community Service

Another outstanding session, that on "Community Service," was headed up by the well known 1st Galt Crew—a fine husky crowd in kilts, most of whose suggestions were obviously given out of a background of experience, although this was not stated.

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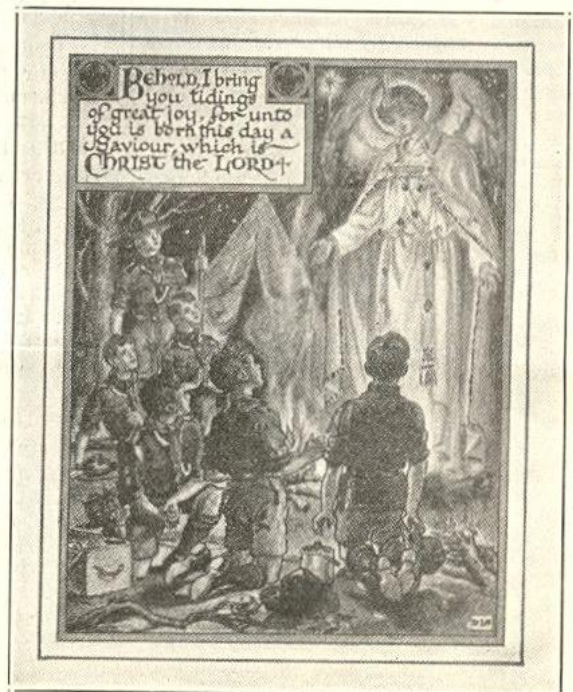
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From the 3rd Ontario Moot

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Older Brothers to Fatherless Boys

A suggestion which developed an interesting discussion was that Rovers act as older brothers to fatherless boys, especially Scouts. Debate developed the opinion that a boy of 14 would rather go for advice or help to a Rover of 18 or 19 than to an adult of 30 or 35.

First Aid Instruction for Storekeepers

Another interesting proposal was that Rovers offer first-aid instruction to storekeepers and clerks—"since people who are taken ill or injured on the street are often carried into stores." Teaching first-aid to children in the public schools, in weekly half-hour sessions, was mentioned as a service that was being carried out, but could be expanded.

Lonesome Old People

The visiting of lonesome old people was another suggestion, and the possible educational value of such chats was noted. Similar projects included the organization of an entertainment party to visit hospitals, county and old folks' homes, etc.

Vegetables for the Needy

In connection with the winter's needs through unemployment, one suggestion was that in communities lacking leadership Rovers might help form a central bureau to prevent overlapping in supplying the needy. An immediately practical food-supply suggestion was that of gathering surplus vegetables from farmers and small gardeners in villages for needy families in towns.

Misc. Service Fields

Other suggestions included: Assisting firemen with salvage work, and in other ways, especially in the smaller towns. Offering to assist police in handling traffic on special occasions. Helping playgrounds associations, especially in handling of games. Providing life-guards at swimming pools. Maintaining first-aid tents at fairs, and on special occasions. Co-operating with local horticultural societies, as in helping look after community flower beds maintained by these societies.

In connection with Sunday-school teaching and other religious educational work, the inevitable example that Rovers set younger boys was stressed.

A Club for Unemployed

Questions developed the fact that the Galt Crew had reorganized a Girl Guide Company and trained its officers. That Hamilton Rovers had operated the local Christmas toy shop for two years, and were at present running a P. L.'s course. That Toc H of Toronto had acquired an old house as a club for the unemployed. A number of Rovers were on duty there each night. They met and talked with the workless, and endeavoured to keep up their morale by games, debates, sing-songs, etc. Kincardine Rovers had collected second-hand clothing, along with toy shop contributions, and the

boys had washed some of these themselves. One box had gone to a Saskatchewan family of seven, and on four subsequent occasions other boxes had been forwarded, on request.

(To be continued)

Help League of Nations Society

AT a meeting of the Dominion Executive Board of the Canadian General Council at Ottawa it was agreed to request Scout leaders to give the League of Nations Society every help possible in its efforts to secure signatures to a disarmament petition which is being circulated throughout Canada.

Heavy Rope for Knotting

A length of heavy rope suspended from the ceiling is used to demonstrate knots by the Soongy-Tay-Ay Pack of Winnipeg. The entire pack can see, and the large size of the knots adds interest and facilitates a grasp of the various hand movements.

A Mapping Game

A patrol competition mapping game of the 5th Regina Troop:—A section of countryside is described, and compass bearings given of various details. Maps are then drawn, and conventional signs used as required.

Scout Dates

November

- 1st—All Saints' Day.
- 11th—Armistice Day. Participate wherever possible in local programmes.
- 29th—Advent Sunday.
- 30th—St. Andrew's Day.

During November

Tracking hikes. The first snowfalls provide excellent "stories" of bird and animal doings.

Four Saturdays to put in on Christmas toy repair work.

Make a Camp Fire Blanket

THIS comes from the 1st Ingersoll, Ont., Troop: Decorated blankets add to the council fire. You can make your own, of an old blanket. Decorate it with coloured beads and ribbons, and with woodcraft signs and Indian pictures in paint, ink or dye. Work in your patrol emblem, a record of tests passed, camps attended, etc.

Another Missionary Troop

A special open night of the 1st Port Colborne Troop, Ont., attended by the Mayor and representatives of the Lion and Gyro clubs, the Eastern Star and Canadian Legion, several hundred citizens and 150 Scouts from Welland and St. Catharines, was made the occasion for officially organizing the new 2nd Port Colborne Troop. This troop resulted from a camp for underprivileged boys conducted in the summer by the 1st Troop.

Winter Relief Work

IT will not be necessary to remind Scout leaders of the gravity of the need, especially in sections of the west, that faces the country for the coming winter. Even where the first necessity of food may be met, there remains the question of adequate clothing.

Here would seem to lie our special opportunity, particularly in the matter of discarded or outgrown boys' clothing,—including underwear, sweaters, boots and shoes, sneakers, rubbers, goloshes, gloves and mittens.

Reports indicate that numbers of Groups, including the Cubs, already are doing their bit. In addition to collecting clothing they they are, in some districts, collecting vegetables from farmers and gardeners. Any Groups not yet actively participating are urged to do so at an early date.

In larger centres the most effective service probably will be given in direct co-operation with the Red Cross. In all cases local work should be carried out in connection with a Welfare Bureau or other "clearing house" of information, to avoid overlapping with certain families and overlooking others.

Let us make sure in this time of need that "the Scouts" live up 100% to their tradition of preparedness for practical national service.

Our Chief Scout on Tour

DURING his tour of the Maritime Provinces in September and October, His Excellency the Governor General, Earl Bessborough, showed keen interest in the smartly uniformed Scout guards of honour and other Scout groups met at Fredericton and Saint John, N.B., Charlottetown and at other points. At each place he inquired for "Jamboree Scouts," and met and chatted with several of them, and at Saint John he recognized and questioned Rover Leonard Johnson, the Maritime representative at the recent World Rover Moot.

An Arrowe Park Memorial

SCOUTS and leaders from many countries gathered in famous Arrowe Park, Birkenhead, on Saturday, September 19th, for the unveiling of a statue to perpetuate the assembly there of the great Jamboree of 1929. The unveiling was performed by Lord Hampton, supported by the present Mayor of Birkenhead, Mr. E. J. Hughes, ex-Mayors Naylor and Solly, who were in office during the Jamboree, and other persons of note. The statue, that of a Scout, is located at Five Ways, the cross-roads through which passed the many thousands of Scouts on their way to the various Jamboree campsites. The base of the memorial bears the Chief Scout's historic concluding appeal, speeding the "Golden Arrow" of Scouting friendship and its message of world understanding and peace.