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Our Chief Scout Asks for 100,000 Membership

*First Dominion Conference
of Commissioners Accepts
Challenge*

Nolan of Ottawa; Col. Eric Mackenzie, A.D.C.; Capt. A. Fisher-Rowe, A.D.C.; His Grace Archbishop J. C. Roper; William Copeland Finley, Montreal; Hon. Lt.-Col. J. H. Woods, Calgary; Mr. J. F. M. Stewart, Toronto; Brig.-Gen. F. W. Hill, Fredericton, N.B.; Gerald H. Brown, Assistant Deputy Minister of Labour and Honorary Dominion Secretary of the Boy Scouts Association.

The Government's Welcome

In welcoming the delegates on behalf of the Government, the Hon. Mr. Stevens paid a tribute to the youth training of the Scout Movement, and stated that its value was fully appreciated by members of the Government. Mayor Nolan, extending the welcome of the capital, expressed similar appreciation of the practical value of Scouting in helping produce citizens of the best type.

Silver Wolf Presentation

A pleasing incident of the evening was the presentation of the Silver Wolf, for long and outstanding service, to Mr. H. A.

Laurence, retiring Provincial Commissioner for Ontario, and Hon. S. J. Latta, Provincial Commissioner for Saskatchewan. It seemed particularly appropriate that these two leaders, each of whom has given outstanding provincial leadership for many years, should receive such recognition on such a distinguished occasion, and at the hands of His Excellency the Governor-General, Chief Scout for Canada.

The musical programme for the evening was furnished by the boys' choir of the 38th Ottawa French-Canadian Troop, known as "Les Petits Chanteurs Céciliens," under the leadership of Scoutmaster J. Beaulieu. This Scout choir undoubtedly is one of the best juvenile singing organizations in Canada, and although called together at short notice after the holiday period, and somewhat under strength, their offerings were received with the greatest enthusiasm. Notable was their rendition of a beautiful part arrangement of the Blue Danube Waltz. Only a crowded programme prevented many recalls.

Lord Bessborough's Address

OPENING his address, His Excellency referred to his pride in being Chief Scout for Canada; this not merely because of the intimate association it gave him with Canadian Scouts and Scouters wherever he travelled throughout the Dominion, but "because the whole idea of Scouting embodies the finest traditions of the British race." It was because of this, declared His Excellency, that His

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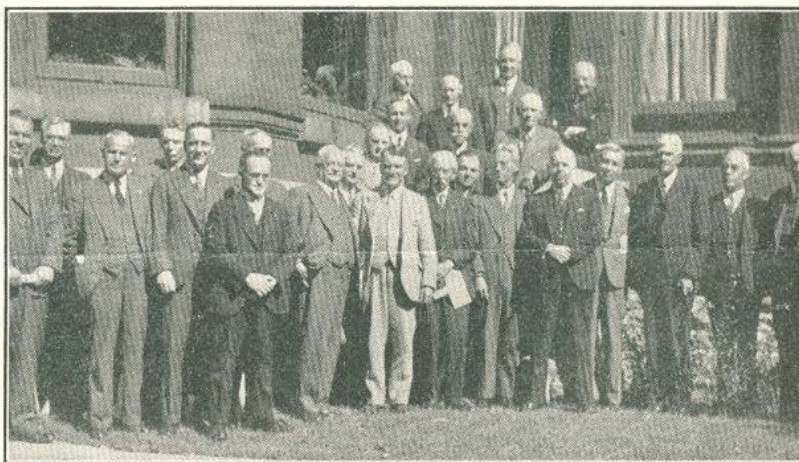
ONE of the most important gatherings in the history of the Scout Movement in Canada was the first conference of Provincial Commissioners and Presidents held in Ottawa, Sept. 27-28,—and one of the most important decisions of the conference was the acceptance of a challenge by the Earl of Bessborough, as Chief Scout for Canada, to take immediate steps toward raising the number of Scouts in the Dominion to 100,000.

The appeal was made in a stirring address by His Excellency the Governor General at a banquet tendered the visiting leaders on the evening of the 27th. Upon resumption of the conference sessions the following morning, committees convened to consider ways and means. They returned to lay before the conference definite recommendations for the ground-work necessary to the achieving of the objective, and the raising of the needed funds.

An Impressive Gathering

Scout leaders throughout the Dominion would have been impressed with a new sense of the significance of their work for Canadian boyhood could they have looked in on the conference sessions, listened to the discussions, and noted the personnel of the gathering. It implies no disparagement of other organizations to say that probably no similar youth movement in the Dominion could have brought together men of such standing in the business, professional, economic and journalistic life of Canada.

The banquet at which His Excellency delivered his address was attended by a distinguished and representative gathering in addition to the Provincial Commissioners and Presidents. At the head table were His Excellency; Mr. P. D. Ross, of the *Ottawa Journal*, who presided; the Hon. H. H. Stevens, Minister of Trade and Commerce, representing the Dominion Government; His Honour Mayor



THE CONFERENCE GROUP

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT.—*Mr. J. B. Harkin, Ottawa; *Mr. R. C. Stevenson, Montreal; Mr. W. C. Nickerson, N.S.; Mr. J. S. Woodward, Sask. SECOND ROW.—*Mr. Lesslie R. Thomson, Montreal; Mr. J. W. Mitchell, Ont.; *Mr. P. D. Ross, Ottawa; Hon. S. J. Latta, Sask. THIRD ROW.—Mr. Frank C. Irwin, Ont. staff; Mr. F. E. L. Coombs, D.H.Q. staff; Mr. James Leightizer, P.E.I.; Mr. A. McC. Creery, B.C.; Mr. George Ferguson, D.H.Q. staff; Mr. Wm. Warren, P.E.I.; Mr. Eli Boyaner, N.B.; Hon. Lt.-Col. J. H. Woods, Alta.; Mr. Wm. Solway, B.C.; Brig.-Gen. F. W. Hill, N.B.; Mr. T. H. Wardleworth, Que.; Mr. R. C. Burns, Alta.; Mr. Gerald H. Brown, Honorary Dominion Secretary; *Mr. J. F. M. Stewart, Conference Chairman, Toronto; Mr. W. J. Cairns, Ont.; Mr. Wm. Copeland Finley, Que.; Mr. E. W. Lowery, Man.; Mr. Frank W. Thompson, Man. *Members of Executive Board.

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Scouts in Uniform May Not Be Used for Commercial Publicity

ATTENTION has been drawn to an American movie "Promotion Book" which suggests that theatre owners use local Boy Scouts in various ways to secure publicity. The "ideas" include parades of Scout troops, with bugles, carrying flags and large banners announcing that "We are on our way to see . . ."—a particular show; uniformed Scouts blowing bugles in front of theatres, doing rope spinning and signalling stunts in theatre lobbies, etc.

Such use of Scouts and the Scout uniform is commercial exploitation, and definitely contrary to Section 98, P. O. & R. for Canada (March, 1934):

"No Local Association, Group or individual member of The Boy Scouts Association shall enter into any contract or business relationship which may be construed as using the Boy Scout Movement for commercial purposes."

It seems obvious that the above-mentioned suggestions were made by American movie publicity men who do not understand Scouting as do many of our Canadian theatre managers,—particularly those who for some years have generously co-operated with our Christmas Toy Shop work by giving Toy Matinees. Such managers will appreciate the impossibility of Scout units or Scouts, as such, participating in any form of commercial publicity stunts without throwing the Movement and the uniform wide open to commercial exploitation of all kinds.

Give Your Boys a "Gun" Talk

A FATAL revolver—"examining" accident that resulted in the death of a western Ontario Patrol Leader, one of the outstanding boys of the troop, brings tragic reminder of the wisdom of occasional talks on the safety precautions of the Marksman's Badge. Most boys find themselves with firearms in their hands sooner or later, and Scouts are no exceptions. It is a credit to Scout training that such accidents amongst Scouts are notably rare.

Some 500 or more accidental shootings occur in Canada each year. There have been the usual number of hunters' casualties already this season,—some from the inexcusable carelessness of pulling a gun by the barrel through a fence, holding it carelessly when going through bush, or excitedly shooting at "something moving."

Re-read the safety precautions of the Marksman's Badge test, and give your boys a talk.

B.C. Starts District Training Courses

AS a first step in their campaign to increase membership, British Columbia reports two District Training Courses under way,—one at Trail, under District Commissioner A. Annandale, and one at Vancouver, under District Commissioner A. Faris. "Both courses went off to a good start on October 10, with a good attendance. It is hoped to start more of them this winter."

A Good Announcement

The attractively laid-out mimeo Vancouver announcement, as "proclaimed" by an old time Town Crier, explains:

"The objects of these meetings are to try and foster a closer co-operation between Groups, and also to include the new District Training Course. The latter is not along the lines of the old Indoor Course, but has been drafted to



CAPTURED at Kincardine, Ont., and forced to deliver Boy Scout Toy Shop gifts on Christmas eve. He probably was after toy-repair ideas, knowing Kincardine's eight-year Toy Shop reputation.

fit more modern conditions, as you will readily understand from the attached pamphlet."

The announcement adds:

"This is your opportunity to increase the interest in the Movement of that elusive Assistant that you have been chasing for the last few years," and it is noted that "You need not confine yourself to warranted Scouters, but may include Rovers, prospective Scouters or Committeemen, all of whom must be 18 years old."

The Course will meet in the Knights of Columbus Hall on the second Wednesday of each month, and the cost is 15 cents—for which "you get a notebook worth 15 cents."

"Hudson's Bay Scout" Returns

TROOP Leader Cockburn McCallum of the 44th Winnipeg Troop, this year's Scout guest of the Hudson's Bay Company on the summer cruise of the s.s. Nascopie to northern trading posts, reported a most interesting experience and the meeting of a number of Old Country post assistants. Hudson's Bay officials made the trip a most pleasant one.

Again - - - for the Kiddies!

ANOTHER scouty effort to provide Christmas gifts for the kiddies of needy families throughout the Dominion is promised by advance word of Scout Toy Shop plans. At least three shops already are in operation,—those at St. Johns, Que., and Galt and Preston, Ont. Dundas is collecting toys, and at Ottawa several consignments came in on October 1st, "moving day." At Edmonton the basement of Thompson and Dynes Ltd. has been secured for a workshop, and at Dalhousie, N.B., a Scouters' committee is looking for a similar place.

Moose Jaw made preliminary arrangements in September and Regina announces plans this year to produce 5,000 toys or more. At Saskatoon the District Council asked Scouter Linton Tooley, who has made a notable success of that shop for several years, to carry on this year. Hamilton's outstanding effort of the last two years will be carried on this Christmas by Rovers, in charge of three district shops, under Assistant Rover Commissioner Hands. Saint John, N.B., will do its usual thorough, well-planned job.

Manager Hazza of the Capitol Theatre, Calgary, has again offered the Toy Matinee that has so substantially supported the Calgary Scout-Herald "Sunshine" Toy Shop each year, and the local branch of the Eaton Company has offered to repeat the Scout toy repair demonstration in its toy department that attracted so much attention last Christmas.

It is expected that each of Toronto's fifteen Scouting sub-divisions will operate district shops. Parkdale has initiated plans, and the P. L.'s of the 58th Troop have invited the co-operation of the other units in the "Hyland" area.

World Rover Moot, Sweden, 1935

THE second World Rover Scout Moot will be held at Bjorno, on the Island of Ingaro, in the Stockholm Archipelago, 25 miles southeast of Stockholm, July 30—August 7 next.

Rover Scouts attending will take their own tents and camping kit, and no gear will be allowed other than that carried on the back and in the hand.

It is hoped that Canada will be represented by at least a patrol. The qualifications will be substantially those required for the Kandersteg Moot of 1931. Full details, including cost, will be published later.

Vancouver Does a Big Job

DESCRIBED as the biggest and most efficient publicity effort ever carried out in the Pacific coast metropolis, 2,000 Vancouver Scouts on Saturday, October 6th, distributed house to house 40,000 copies of a folder of the local Community Chest campaign. The city was laid out in districts, and assigned certain Groups. Distribution in their own areas was left to the leaders of the Groups concerned, with the suggestion that each Group start on the eastern side of its area, two boys to each street, one on either side, and work through to the western boundary. Scouts with bicycles were assigned special work. The big job was directed by Honorary District Commissioner A. Y. Faris.

100,000 Membership

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Majesty the King himself, the Duke of Connaught, the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York, the Duke of Gloucester and Prince George had associated themselves directly with the Movement.

"Few organizations could boast so many close personal links with the Throne."

His Excellency thought it interesting and significant that the words "Boy Scout" have been described as perhaps the two English words best known throughout the world; that thousands of young people of other lands and races without knowledge of the English tongue know what is meant by "Boy Scout."

A Race With Catastrophe

After referring to the world importance of Scouting, in contributing to the development of international friendliness, His Excellency spoke of Scouting's responsibility in what H. G. Wells had described as "a race between Education and Catastrophe."

"Scouting can do, and is doing, a very great deal to decide the issue of that race," said His Excellency gravely. "The future peace of the world, the future standards of civilization, the future maintenance of Right against Wrong,—these things depend chiefly on the younger generation." And reminding that the Scout Movement now numbers some 2,500,000 adherents throughout the world, the Chief Scout for Canada declared that such a membership carried a great responsibility.

His Excellency spoke of the coming visit of the World Chief Scout, Lord Baden-Powell next spring, and paid the tribute that "few living men have rendered greater service to the Empire, and to mankind at large." All of us, he declared, "will welcome him with admiration and affection. But when he arrives, what are we going to tell the Chief Scout about Canadian Scouting? We can tell him," His Excellency declared, "that Scouting is firmly rooted in Canada's national life; that wherever he goes he will find some of the finest Cubs, Scouts, Rovers and Scouters in the world; that we are fully alive to the immeasurable importance of fostering the Scouting spirit."

"All this we can tell him truthfully enough; but if he should ask us whether we are completely satisfied that we have made full use of the wonderful resources at our disposal, can we give him an equally satisfactory answer?"

We Have Not Done Enough

"Gentlemen, I do not think we can," affirmed His Excellency. "Canada has a population of over ten million souls, and there are 65,000 members of the Scout Movement. It is not enough." And continuing, he appealed to the Provincial and Dominion leaders present to "turn those five figures into six figures . . . and that, not merely in the interests of the Scouting movement itself, but in the interests of the whole country."

To the challenge His Excellency added the personal note that it would give him the greatest possible pleasure if before the end of his term as Chief Scout for Canada, he could announce that this membership objective had been realized.

The Reply of the Conference

Hon. Lt.-Col. Woods, Provincial Commissioner for Alberta, replied on behalf of the conference delegates, and assured His Excellency that every effort would be

made to achieve the desired goal. The first steps—plans to secure more leaders, properly trained, and to arrange for field work to develop and instruct local organizations—would be taken up at once by the conference. Brief addresses by commissioners from the other provinces supported Col. Woods.

After the close of the conference the delegates were entertained at Rideau Hall, and His Excellency in turn chatted with each of the Commissioners and Presidents concerning their provincial problems.

Conference Paragraphs

THE meetings were presided over by Mr. J. F. M. Stewart, Chairman of the Executive Board.

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Scouters generally will appreciate the significance and spirit of the formal conference opening. This was the repeating, after the Chairman, of the Scout Promise,—in the same words as those repeated by the youngest Scout in the Movement.

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Gentlemen,

His Excellency's Address

I am proud to be Chief Scout for Canada. I am proud of this not merely because of the intimate association it gives me with Canadian Scouts all over the Dominion, but also because the whole idea of Scouting embodies the finest traditions of the British race. It is because they recognize this, that His Majesty The King, and so many members of the Royal Family, have given Scouting such whole-hearted support. For The King, as you know, is Patron of the Association; the Duke of Connaught has for many years been its President; the Prince of Wales is Chief Scout for Wales; the Duke of York is President for London and Yorkshire; the Duke of Gloucester is President for Gloucestershire and Norfolk; and Prince George is Commodore of the Sea Scouts.

Few organizations, indeed, can boast so many close personal links with the Throne; and, as I have said on another occasion, it is difficult to think of any other organization that has attained such world-wide dimensions, and won such world-wide approval. The very words "Boy Scout" are perhaps the two best-known words in the English language throughout the world; I daresay you could find thousands of young people of different race and colour from our own whose knowledge of the English tongue is limited to just those two words and no more.

That thought brings home to one the international importance of Scouting. Mr. H. G. Wells has said, in a vivid phrase, that we are engaged to-day in "a race between Education and Catastrophe." Scouting can do, and is doing, a very great deal to decide the issue of that race. The future peace of the world, the future standards of civilization, the future maintenance of Right against Wrong,—these things depend chiefly on the younger generation; and, if you remember that the Scouting Movement now numbers two million five hundred thousand adherents, and flourishes in more than forty distinct nations, you will agree with me, I think, that the possibilities of Scouting exerting a very considerable influence on that younger generation are immense.

There is, too, one particular aspect of the international problems of the world which Scouting can materially affect all over the world. One of the commonest dangers to sound human relationship is the formation early in life of intellectual and moral prejudices against our neighbours. Those who have succumbed to this danger find themselves, all through life, instinctively deciding against a cause, an individual, even a nation, without ever having given them a fair trial; and that state of mind is clearly hostile to good neighbourliness. What a splendid thing it would be if our young men could grow up believing that the really natural, human attitude is to seek the best, and to expect to find the best, in all that they encounter throughout life; to assume that other human beings are friendly and that their motives are sincere. Such an attitude is fundamental to good Scouting; if our two and a half million Scouts can maintain it, and can bring others to adopt it, then, I venture to prophecy, the odds against Catastrophe winning Mr. Wells' race would lengthen considerably. For, as another British author has written, "The world is moved by ideas, and this idea of Baden-Powell's has in it the eternal spirit of boyhood, and some touch of magic which is helping to exorcise old ghosts and demons, and to draw the human family closer together in comradeship and service."

Mention of the Chief Scout's name leads me to remind you that we are all looking forward to a visit from Lord Baden-Powell next spring. Few living men have rendered greater service to the Empire, and to mankind at large, than Lord Baden-Powell, and none deserves a higher place in the hearts of his fellow-citizens. All of us will welcome him with admiration and affection. But, when he arrives in Canada, what are we going to tell the Chief Scout about Canadian Scouting—you and I who are responsible for the progress of the Movement in this Dominion?

We can tell him that Scouting is firmly rooted in the national life of Canada; we can tell him that, wherever he goes, he will find some of the finest Cubs, Scouts, Rovers, and Scoutmasters in the whole world; and we can tell him that we are fully alive to the immeasurable importance of fostering the Scouting spirit. All this we can tell him truthfully enough; but if he should ask us whether we are completely satisfied that we have made full use of the wonderful resources at our disposal, can we give him an equally satisfactory answer?

Gentlemen, I do not think we can. Canada has a population of over ten million souls, and there are sixty-five thousand members of the Scout Movement. It is not enough, and, if you ask me what is the best welcome Canada could give the Chief Scout, I would say to you: Turn those five figures into six figures before he comes. It is a big order, I know; but it could be done, and it ought to be done, and that not merely in the interests of the Scouting Movement itself, but, as I have tried to indicate, in the interests of the whole country.

If I may sound a personal note, I would add that, from my own point of view, it would give me the greatest possible pleasure when my term as Chief Scout for Canada comes to an end, to think that, during that term, the ranks of the Scouts of Canada had been materially increased.

It is principally to consider the ways and means of affecting such an increase, Gentlemen, that this present Conference of Provincial Presidents and Provincial Commissioners has been called. I am glad indeed to see here so many of those whom, in my not inconsiderable journeyings through this Dominion, I have often seen doing splendid work in their own districts. I bid them a very hearty welcome to Ottawa; and I hope that they will go home not merely full of pleasant recollections of this gathering of fellow-Scouts, but also full of determination to find more, and still more, fellow-Scouts in the future.

In declaring the meeting open, the Chairman made it clear that it was the Commissioners' and Presidents' own gathering, and invited free discussion of anything desired.

After introduction of the delegates by the Chief Executive Commissioner brief reports were made on the present status of the Movement in the different provinces. These indicated a continuance of slow but steady growth, and a need of increased funds for increased field work in all the provinces save Quebec.

Another highly satisfactory summer of good camping was reported. Several Commissioners referred to discontinuance of the privilege of renting military tents as "a blessing in disguise." It had resulted in a substantial number of Groups raising money in various ways to purchase their own equipment.

In connection with finances "Scout Apple Days" were mentioned frequently, by the eastern provinces in particular.

The Provinces Report

Nova Scotia.—For Nova Scotia Mr. W. C. Nickerson reported the addition during the year of six new troops, three packs, and one Rover crew, with prospects of several additional Groups. These additions had been made notwithstanding the absence of field work due to lack of funds. During the summer 39 registered camps had been held as compared with 32 last year. Apple Days had contributed very substantially to the local funds of some ten districts.

Regrets were expressed at the word brought by Mr. Nickerson of the serious illness of Col. I. W. Vidito, Provincial Commissioner for Nova Scotia. On behalf of the commissioners present a telegram of regrets and good wishes was sent Col. Vidito by the conference chairman.

New Brunswick.—Assistant Provincial Commissioner Boyaner of New Brunswick reported a steady growth of good camping in that province, and an increase of registered camps from 12 in 1932 to 29 this year. Troop camps were being encouraged rather than district camps. A most successful Gilwell camp had drawn a class of 30, of all denominations, including six Roman Catholic priests and seven student priests, the majority French-Canadians. The camp had been visited by the Bishops of each of the two provincial dioceses. It was mentioned that Provincial Akela Leader Robert Pugh had voluntarily travelled some 12,000 miles visiting Cub packs and prospective pack centres.

The Scout Apple Day was described as having permanently solved the annual financial problem for Saint John and several other provincial districts.

Quebec.—For Quebec, Provincial Commissioner T. H. Wardleworth reported a total enrolment of 7,500 boys and Scouters, sixty per cent. of these concentrated in Montreal. The financial support of the Movement came almost entirely from that city. Reference was made to the organization during the year of "La Federation des Scoutes Catholiques de Quebec." The province's fortunate financial situation

made it possible to give field service to units "sufficiently often to do away with the feeling of isolation which is so deadly to Scout enthusiasm."

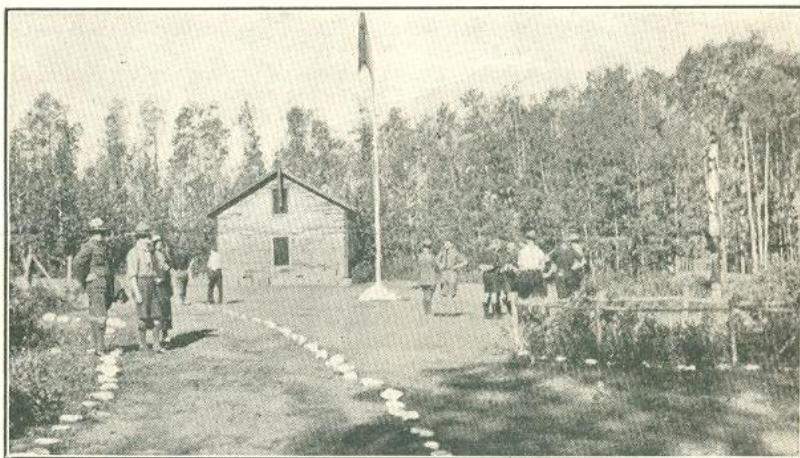
The present provincial problems were the strengthening of local organizations, the finding and training of new Scouters. The permanent camping property, Camp Tamaracouta, administered by the Montreal organization, but attended by troops from outside the city, had proved a valuable asset. The property had met the problem of individual troops searching for camp sites. It was sufficiently large to provide individual sites that would keep all under the eye of supervising officials.

Prince Edward Island.—Provincial Commissioner Wm. Warren of Prince Edward Island noted that the "Island" was the smallest province, with a population of but 82,000, and that Scouting had been actually in existence there but a few years. Nevertheless they had eleven active Groups, including 18 packs. Financial support had been secured chiefly in Charlottetown, partly through successful Scout Apple Days. They now owned sufficient

Manitoba.—Provincial Commissioner Frank W. Thompson spoke of Manitoba's belief in training courses. In Winnipeg the training of leaders had practically reached the saturation point, but training courses still were required in country districts. They would like to have more visits from the members of the Dominion Headquarters staff.

Saskatchewan.—Hon. S. J. Latta, former Minister of Education of Saskatchewan, expressed appreciation to the Executive Committee for making the conference possible, and hoped it would be feasible to bring provincial leaders together more frequently. A feature of preliminary training in Saskatchewan was that given school teachers at the Normal Schools, over 1,000 of whom had been reached. Leaders found opportunities to attend all conferences of school teachers, farmers' gatherings and conventions of business men.

Alberta.—Mr. R. C. Burns told of the importance placed in Alberta upon local organization, and that as a result of special attention given this matter the province had a large number of local associations.



CAMP Woods, the fine provincial campsite presented to the Scout Association of Alberta by the Provincial Commissioner, Hon. Lt.-Col. J. H. Woods. Left foreground,—Chief Executive Commissioner John A. Stiles looking over the site during the recent Alberta Provincial Conference and Rover Moot.

equipment for a good sized provincial camp and were able to loan tents to individual troops.

Ontario.—Mr. W. J. Cairns, recently appointed Provincial Commissioner for Ontario, told of steady progress in that province under all headings,—Groups, Cubs registered in Packs, and Scouts, Rovers and Scouters registered individually. As to finances, Local Association and Group Committee "Quota" contributions to Provincial Council funds were up 45 per cent. so far this year. The experience of both local committees and the Provincial Council indicate that although money is hard to raise, extra efforts expended in going after it are getting results. Last year the Scout Apple Day plan, used in some 50 centres, netted over \$8,000, most of which would not have been secured by ordinary means. Many more centres are putting on Apple Days this fall. More funds still are required, however, to maintain adequate field work, for the present approximate membership of 25,000, and to take care of further growth.

He credited this chiefly to Provincial President William Dick and Provincial Commissioner Woods, who had put a great deal of personal time in visiting various centres. He mentioned the camp site on Sylvan Lake given by Col. Woods for troop camping and Gilwell training.

British Columbia.—Speaking for British Columbia Mr. A. McC. Creery said they had had Scouting from the beginning, when B.-P. visited the Pacific Coast in 1908. The Provincial organization was a little different from that of other provinces. It consisted of a Commission Board of four members and a Provincial President. Their great need was leaders. Vancouver could use 40 additional Scouters at the present time. Mr. Creery paid a warm tribute to the work of Executive Secretary Wm. Solway, "the only problem being to discourage him from working too hard." The Vancouver Rotary Club gave Scouting excellent support in Vancouver, and had helped substantially in securing the headquarters buildings for Camp Byng, the 300-acre district camp site.

A Statement by the Honorary Dominion Secretary

For its bearing upon certain subjects coming before the conference, Mr. Gerald H. Brown, Honorary Dominion Secretary, and one of the original group concerned in the incorporation of the Canadian General Council, made a statement on the origin and nature of the Movement. "It began," he said, "with a wonderful leader, like General Booth of the Salvation Army. At first troops sprang up mushroom-like, largely initiated by the boys. Meantime a Royal Charter had been secured in England, giving to those receiving it the privilege of carrying out Boy Scout work in all parts of the Empire. With Sir Robert's agreement, it was felt that it would be a good thing to have a Canadian General Council set up by Act of Parliament. This was achieved in 1914. The Canadian General Council was vested with the duty and responsibility of setting up Provincial Councils and other bodies and through them branches throughout the country,—under the Royal Charter."

The Dominion Secretary pointed out that "We are still operating under the Royal Charter."

Systems of Provincial Financing

Discussion of provincial financing developed that several different systems are in use. Quebec depends upon a campaign every five years, contributions for which, amongst other sources, are asked from headquarters offices of Dominion institutions. Ontario has developed an annual quota system based on population—\$5.00 per thousand. Under this system nearly \$9,000 was received by Provincial Headquarters last year, \$6,500 from Toronto. In raising Toronto funds no corporations are approached for large sums and it is made clear that any contributions solicited are for Toronto only.

Similar quota systems are being developed in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, the money being raised chiefly by Scout Apple Days. Certain New Brunswick centres have sent Provincial Headquarters half the amount thus raised.

Prince Edward Island uses a membership fee plan, plus the income from an annual display in Charlottetown and a Scout Apple Day.

Manitoba depends largely on a moderate endowment income and the big biennial Jamboree in Winnipeg. Saskatchewan has used a Local Association membership fee system and the "Copper Trail".

Annual district campaigns and a provincial "Flag Day" have so far been Alberta's sources of income, and British Columbia has drawn its support for the last three years from the Vancouver Community Chest.

A Call for Rural Expansion

Col. Woods told of a survey of Alberta during which were found 160 places,— "not away out in the backwoods, but on the main line,—in which there has not been one single effort on behalf of the boys. There are 160 challenges, from the boys' end, in Alberta alone." The proper procedure was to visit such places, create interest and bring about local committee organizations that promise permanency, then visit them from time to time. "You

can't go out, form a troop and then leave it. You must cultivate your garden and this will require more funds. We have not the necessary money at present to take care of the extra effort required."

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The Rural Centre Scouter

Mr. Stewart spoke of the Scoutmaster in the small community, who after appointment is left to himself,— "to his trials and discouragements, and who after a time quits. It is a responsibility of provincial organizations to get the Scouters from the small town together, to meet and know and talk with one another,—that we may get amongst Scoutmasters that same 'gang spirit' that we have in the troops."

Mr. Boyaner of New Brunswick saw no difficulty in securing leaders in rural centres. "But they should not be left alone for a year or more. They should be visited at least twice a year. If you were never an S.M. in a small place you do not know what the job is like. Give us a man, and we will get him to Gilwell and train him, and start him right."

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The Chief for Canada Not a Figurehead

Mr. Stewart, referring to His Excellency's challenge to increase membership, declared that the Chief Scout for Canada was not a figurehead in Scouting. "He is quite as interested as any of us. In his trips through the country he reviews Scout troops if he can. He presides at meetings of the Canadian General Council, and personally signs over a thousand warrants and other Scout documents during the year."

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"We Must Get More Scouts"—for Canada

Mr. Stiles told of a visit to Government House during which the Chief Scout had declared, "There is nothing I know of that can help Canada more than Scouting. It prevents the growth of disturbing 'isms'. We have not enough Scouts. We must get more Scouts and more leaders, and if there are difficulties in the way we must overcome them,—but get more Scouts. Canada needs Scouting."

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How We Will Go About It

Following was the Executive Committee's recommendations as to the best way in which to meet His Excellency's challenge to increase Scout membership:

1. Even greater emphasis on Training Courses, and the use of volunteers as leaders, for those courses.
2. The preparation of a short course for Group Committeemen, to be given by volunteer leaders.
3. More emphasis in some provinces on conferences and rallies.
4. Help as we can with field work especially in provinces unable to undertake such work themselves.

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Dominion Registration

There was considerable discussion of the Scout Dominion Registration system and 50-cent fee. Ontario reported steady progress in establishing the system, and as a result of the income from this source had been able to add an additional field man

to the provincial staff. At the end of August, 11,268 Scouts, 744 Rovers and 1,720 Scouters had registered—the figures in each case marking an increase over the same period of last year. Considerably less progress had been made in the other provinces.

Answering a question, Frank C. Irwin, Assistant Provincial Commissioner for Ontario, stated that the registration fee and the troop budget system usually were combined. When a troop was started the Group Committee was advised to establish a revolving fund. Out of this the boys of the new troop were immediately registered, and the Scouter supplied with necessary books, etc. As the fees were paid in they were credited to the revolving fund.

Various modifications of the system for different provinces were discussed. In conclusion a motion was passed recording the conference's approval of Dominion Registration,— "details and cost of same to be approved by the provincial organizations."

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The Conference Roll

Prince Edward Island: Mr. James Leightizer, Provincial President; Mr. Wm. Warren, Provincial Commissioner. **Nova Scotia:** Mr. W. C. Nickerson, Provincial President; Mr. W. E. Tibbs, Assistant Provincial Commissioner. **New Brunswick:** Brig.-Gen. F. W. Hill, Provincial Vice-President; Mr. Eli Boyaner, Assistant Provincial Commissioner. **Quebec:** Mr. Wm. Copeland Finley, Provincial President; Mr. T. H. Wardleworth, Provincial Commissioner. **Ontario:** Mr. J. W. Mitchell, Provincial President; Mr. W. J. Cairns, Provincial Commissioner. **Manitoba:** Mr. E. W. Lowery, Provincial President; Mr. F. W. Thompson, Provincial Commissioner. **Saskatchewan:** Hon. S. J. Latta, Provincial Commissioner; Mr. J. S. Woodward, of Provincial Executive Committee. **Alberta:** Hon. Lt.-Col. J. H. Woods, Provincial Commissioner; Mr. R. C. Burns, of Provincial Executive Committee. **British Columbia:** Mr. A. McC. Creery, of Provincial Commission Board; Mr. Wm. Solway, Executive Secretary.

Also present, to meet and confer with the delegates, were the Honorary Dominion Secretary, Mr. Gerald H. Brown; Mr. H. A. Laurence, retiring Provincial Commissioner for Ontario, and the members of the Executive Board: Mr. J. F. M. Stewart, Chairman, Mr. P. D. Ross, Mr. J. B. Harkin, Mr. Lesslie R. Thomson, Mr. S. B. McMichael, Mr. C. H. Bland, Mr. R. C. Stevenson.

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The Committees

The committee appointed to draft recommendations for increasing membership consisted of: Mr. Lesslie R. Thomson, Quebec, Chairman; Mr. Eli Boyaner, New Brunswick; Mr. J. S. Woodward, Saskatchewan; Mr. S. B. McMichael, Ontario; and Mr. A. McC. Creery, British Columbia.

The Committee to consider the financial problems involved in increased field work was comprised of: Mr. P. D. Ross, of Ottawa, Chairman; Hon. Lt.-Col. J. H. Woods, Alberta; Mr. Wm. Copeland Finley, Quebec; Mr. J. W. Mitchell, Ontario; Mr. R. C. Stevenson, Quebec.

Checking Up on Our Scouting

A frequent problem of Scouting, as it is of other organizations, is "keeping the true trail"—true Scouting as primarily an outdoor programme. A tendency of not a few troops is to "go under a roof" in the autumn, and remain until spring; to confine activities indoors. Another tendency, easily following the first, is to drift from the "game idea" of Scouting and emphasize more and more the special objectives of the parent institution. Is there not here a danger of so "watering" Scouting that the boys will lose interest? This important question is thoughtfully dealt with thus by "The Victorian Scout."

THERE seems to be a very real danger that Scouting may become too bookish and solemn. We are all responsible for this—some of us who write a great deal, and others who talk a great deal are probably most to blame.

The really successful Scout was never intended to be the fellow who could extract the most lore from books, or who would take up Scouting with the conscious object of making himself a better boy and a better citizen. Scouting, as the Chief has told us over and over again, is a jolly game, and a boy is in it primarily for the fun and joy he gets out of it.

B.-P. has stated where he himself began Scouting—"half out of bounds at school. Our playing fields", he goes on, "were on the plateau top of a hill, whose steep sides were clothed with a regular jungle of brushwood and copse. And there I used to sniggle away and set snares for rabbits. If and when I caught one—which was not always—I skinned him and cooked him and ate him—and lived."

Scouting nowadays has very often got far away from this natural setting in which it was born; we forget that its character-forming qualities are incidental to it, so we preach about it and forget to Scout.

Cannot See the Wood for the Trees

It seems such a pity that so many of us cannot see the wood for the trees. We recognize the essential soundness of the Scouting method. It does give the boy the experience and the environment which will round off his character, just as cricket or football or other games will help to do. But, like other games, we must play it for the sake of the game. As soon as ulterior motives, either financial or consciously moral, are introduced, the game suffers. We must play spontaneously and for the joy of playing, and then good, like happiness, will come of itself and not for the seeking.

Scouting is essentially a game for the out-of-doors. As a matter of fact very little of it can be played inside, and what can be is mainly artificial. It certainly, now, in its activities has grown so wide that much preparation for its better carrying-on can be done indoors. Unfortunately too many Scouters confuse this preparation with the real thing and get no further.

Catching Him for Something Else

There is, we think, a very grave danger that schools, and churches, recognizing that this game is an attractive game for boys, will seek to mould it for their own ends, not with the first idea of giving the boy Scouting, but with the underlying

idea of catching him for something else. This sort of Scouting, because of the insincerity of its basic motive—however good otherwise that motive may be—must usually fail. The boy will be the first to realize that there is a catch in it somewhere. Scouting cannot be made the obvious means of gathering boys together for other ends. But if played properly for its own sake it can and does benefit the boy physically, morally and spiritually. These benefits are, however, inherent in the system. They can be fostered by proper treatment; they cannot in any sense be compelled. Like Shakespeare's "Mercy," the good of Scouting "cannot be strained; it droppeth as the gentle dew from heaven upon the place beneath."



A NOVEL development of the 1933 Calgary Toy Shop work was the operation of a demonstration Toy Repair Department in the T. Eaton Company store. Crowds came to witness the Scouts at work.—COURTESY CALGARY HERALD.

Let us quit some of the theorizing, therefore, and get back to real Scouting. Perhaps then we shall realize, as the poet realized, that the light will come from unexpected quarters:

*"And not by eastern windows only,
When day light comes, comes in the light.
In front the sun climbs slow; how slowly!
But westward, look, the land is bright!"*

World Might Have Been Different

IF only the middle-aged and elderly men who are managing or mis-managing the affairs of the world today were sincerely inspired by the spirit of the Boy Scout Movement, how much better the world would be, how much happier and more prosperous the lot of mankind."—Sir Ernest Bennett, M.P., at Cardiff, Wales.

An Institutional Church Uses Scouting

FOR several years the First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa, Okla., has maintained in its department of religious education four active Scout troops, with an enrolment of some 125 boys and ten regular leaders. Besides these, many other men give occasional assistance. One of the men's classes of the church has volunteered to sponsor this phase of the boys' work of the church. The Scoutmasters of the four troops are either active or honorary members of this class, and the Troop Committeemen for each of the four troops are all taken from the class membership. Monthly reports of the work are made at the business meetings of the class, and occasionally the class entertains the boys in some way.

Furthermore, the work is tied up directly with the Religious Education Council through its Boys' Work Committee. The director of religious education himself acts as District Commissioner of the four troops, and is present at practically every meeting of the boys.

The Intermediate Boys' Society, sometimes called the Scout Endeavour Society, is composed of boys from the four troops. In Sunday-school these boys occasionally conduct the worship service or assist in

special features. Each summer the church conducts a ten-day camp for the boys.

As far as possible, the leadership of the four troops is encouraged to participate actively in many other phases of the educational programme of the church. In so doing the boys come to feel that it is all one great church programme. When the boys graduate from the Scout troops they naturally fit into the athletic and educational programme that is provided for the older boys.

A framed portrait and a Wolf Cub head plaque with an inscription in memory of the late Cubmaster Earl Paynter, has been placed in the library of St. Anne's Parish Hall, Fredericton, beside a similar memorial to the late Scoutmaster Andrew Douglass.

Quebec Accepts the Chief Scout's Challenge

One hundred per cent. acceptance by standing vote, at its 8th Annual Scouters' Conference, was Quebec's answer to the challenge of the Chief Scout for Canada to raise the Dominion Scout membership to 100,000. The motion, and vote, followed a long and exhaustive discussion of ways and means by which Quebec could secure its proportionate increase.

THE conference, held at Three Rivers, October 6-8, was marked by a splendid attendance, discussions which permitted no one to "get away" with anything which was not sound "B.-P. Scouting," some excellent ceremonial demonstrations, thoughtful addresses attentively listened to, and unusually fine singing. Local Scouters under the leadership of Dr. C. E. Cross and Mr. H. J. Keating, president and vice-president respectively, extended many courtesies, and the city placed the large City Hall auditorium at the disposal of the gathering for its sessions. Conference headquarters were maintained at the Chateau de Blois, where delegates were guests at generously served luncheons and dinners.

The first full session, that on methods of increasing Quebec's Scout enrolment, brought out suggestions which will be of interest to leaders of the other provinces now considering the same project. The proposition was presented in the form of three questions. These were mimeographed, and a copy given each member of the "patrol groups" into which the conference was divided. At the termination of the discussion period, Patrol Leaders came to the platform and briefly stated the "answers" found by their groups.

The questions and answers follow:—

QUESTION 1.—What can a practical Scouter do to assist the extension of the Movement?

Full troops maintain a waiting list.
Under-strength troops this year add three boys net (10%).

Give points for recruits; ask boys to bring them in.

Personal interviews with boys; emphasize that they may progress and eventually become P.L.'s.

Interest parents by personal approach.
Encourage boys to talk Scouting amongst boy friends.

Make sure that the Group has an active Rover unit.

Keep in some troop activity boys who have become Rovers.

Hold Scouts we have.

Make certain that meeting programmes are well balanced.

Make sure your troop is doing good Scouting.

See that your leaders have training.

By consistently good programmes make Scouting attractive.

Maintain principle of Scouting from within.

Remember that what you say speaks more loudly than what you say. Live the spirit of Scouting.

B.-P. Scouting and exemplary conduct on the part of Scouters.

Read and digest "Scouting for Boys."

Run good camps.

Scouters seek to interest personal friends to become leaders.

Hold open meetings, to which Scouts are asked to bring boy friends.

Take Sunday-school classes out on hikes.
Demonstrate meetings in non-Scout areas, before responsible people of church or community.

Strong troops assist neighbouring troops in difficulty for leaders.

Scouters refrain from criticising one another's troops; help one another.

To increase interest of Group Committee, put on a Group Committee night.

Arrange Preliminary Training Course for Group Committee.

Combine practical advertising and good Scouting. Properly advertise hobby shows, displays, etc.

Get untrained Scoutmasters to Gilwell.

QUESTION 2.—Would the possession of larger funds increase the strength of your Scout unit? If so, how?

In some cases would help by paying half of rent, or by buying necessary equipment for troop room and camp. Good equipment tends to increase membership.

Would be helpful to have funds for uniforms in some cases, but make boys work for them.

—Money should not come as an untagged gift, but specifically, for camp equipment, troop room rent, etc.

Good equipment helps make Scouting attractive.

Afraid of troops having large funds; a bad influence.

QUESTION 3.—How could a larger proportion of Ex-Scouts be influenced to become Scouters?

Genuinely good outdoor Scouting creates desire of ex-Scouts to come back into the game.

Hold annual reunions of old Scouts.

Invite old Scouts to occasional meetings.

If troop standard is high, old Scouts may be brought back into activity gradually, if properly approached by old S.M.

Don't take in any Tom, Dick and Harry as a leader or assistant; this affects attitude of old Scouts.

If old Scouts return give definite jobs in troop or pack. Don't ask them back unless you have something definite in mind.

First use as instructors, gradually working them back into full connection with troop.

Advertise training courses.

Pooling Conference Transportation Expenses

A NOVEL idea worked out for the annual conference of Scouters of the widely scattered Timiskaming and Cochrane districts in Northern Ontario, is the pooling of transportation expenses. For the fourth highly successful get-together, held this year at South Porcupine, all transportation costs were met by a conference fee of \$1.60, paid by each delegate. Some had travelled 300 miles.

October Apple Days

REPORTS on Scout Apple Days held in October again demonstrate the dependability of this method of raising local Scouting funds, and at the same time benefitting Canadian Apple growers. In Ontario, Apple Days in 21 centres produced \$9,210.53 gross, and \$6,090.85 net.

In Nova Scotia, Sydney sold \$358.00 worth of apples and Halifax sold \$1,150.00 worth.

A \$100.00 Apple

The news feature of the October apple days in Ontario was the sale during an auction on the steps of the Prince Edward Hotel, at Windsor, by Commissioner Col. E. S. Wigle of one apple for \$100.00. It was bought by Wallace R. Campbell, of the Ford Motor Company of Canada. Another apple was sold to Mr. Harry Gignac at \$50.00, and one for \$30.00 to Mr. Ben Kovinsky. A number were sold at \$10.00, and ten brought a total of \$260.00.

A very effective piece of publicity in connection with the Border Cities Apple Day was an eight column picture in the *Border Cities Star* of the Scout Apple Auction, and a second six column picture showing Commissioner Wigle being "arrested" for auctioneering without a license, and the sale of the \$100.00 apple.

Some Results

The Border Cities campaign resulted in the selling by some 900 boys and leaders of 103 bushels of apples for a total of \$903.00.

Another notable sale was that at Niagara Falls—in the great Niagara fruit belt—where 70 boys sold 4,500 apples for \$234.58. Port Colborne, also in the fruit country, sold 20 bushels for \$134.01.

Toronto Scouts on their big and carefully planned Apple Day sold 725 bushels for a total of \$6,100. The usual excellent support was given by the Toronto papers.

Sudbury was another outstanding success, 115 boys selling some 7,000 apples for \$365.00. Galt also did well, disposing of 4,000 apples for \$216.00.

Items from the Ontario Report

All but two of the 21 Apple Days reported used some sort of purchaser's tags, and comparisons with 1933 totals indicate that tags led to increased sales.

In almost every case expenses are higher than last year, apples, due to scarcity, costing more. Local committees which contemplate holding Apple Days next spring are urged to take this situation into consideration and buy their apples now and put them into storage.

Publicity Committees appear to have secured excellent results, in most cases at little or no cost. Merchants gave space in their regular newspaper advertisements. Store window space for displays was freely given. Local radio stations carried the appeal. Chesterville circulated an attractive, mimeographed announcement to every household the day before. Border Cities attracted unusual attention through a well-planned "auction sale," which has already been described. Sudbury got a lot of fine window cards through enlisting the co-operation of teacher and pupils of a Technical School art class. Filmar Motion Picture Apple Day "trailers" and the window cards sold by

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The
Outdoor
Game
of



Scouting
for
Boys

—An altar
kitchen
fire of the
4th
Calgary.

THE 1st Sidney, B.C., Troop has joined those adopting the programme slogan, "ALL FIRST AND KING'S SCOUTS BEFORE THE CHIEF GETS HERE NEXT SPRING."

"Secret Rendezvous"

Repeating a successful "fall opening" idea of previous years, some 400 Border Cities Scouts were gathered together at City Hall Park at 1.30 p.m. of a September Saturday afternoon, and taken by trucks and cars to a "secret rendezvous." There, following a formal flag-break, a mass flag raiding game was played, some 200 to a side, and other games and tests. A generous supper then a huge council fire wound up the outing.

Weymouth, N.S., Scouts have been leased a corner of the local athletic association's grounds for a period of 99 years, and will erect a Group headquarters.

Boat for Niagara Sea Scouts

The Sea Scouts of the 1st Niagara-on-the-Lake Group have been presented with a fine 25-foot boat, complete with air tanks, oars and other equipment, by the National Sand & Gravel Company. A summer resident, Mrs. F. H. Salt, presented the Group with two fine masts and a quantity of rigging.

1929 Jamboreans Foregather

A most successful and enjoyable reunion dinner was that of members of the Canadian contingent to the 1929 International Jamboree, held in Toronto, Saturday, October 20th. Over 30 Scouts and Scouters from scattered points included two from Manitoba. A considerable number were attending colleges in the city. Letters of greeting were read from ten Scouts and Scouters unable to be present. The affair was arranged by P. L. Fred Heather of the Moose Patrol, Byng Troop, of the Jamboree contingent.

Fifteen members of the 20th Calgary (Ogden) Troop were given a talk and demonstration of the X-ray by Dr. A. J. Fisher at the Calgary Associate Clinic.

No less than 64 different kinds of birds were seen and identified at Ebor Park, Ontario's Gilwell, this summer.

Brandon's 2nd Jamboree

A Parade of Proficiency Badges, a spectacular lantern drill, and the lining up of 40 Scouts on a rapidly constructed bridge were referred to by the press as impressive items of Brandon's Second Annual Jamboree. Scout visitors from a number of

outside points were later entertained at a reception held in the parlors of the First Presbyterian Church.

Sixteen Moncton District Scouters have qualified to operate the inhalator apparatus used by the Safety Department of the Moncton Electric and Gas Company. Instruction and tests were given by Safety Engineer McClure.

Montreal has reopened its yearly winter series of Sphinx Patrol training courses for Patrol Leaders.

Eastern Ont. P. L.'s Confer

The first Junior Leaders' Conference for Eastern Ontario brought P. L.'s from Gananoque, Brockville and Sydenham to St. James' Parish Hall, Kingston. At the closing dinner the boys were addressed by Prof. A. E. Prince of the Department of History of Queen's, upon the characteristics of successful leaders.

Hamilton Scouts assembled at the Market Square for their annual district church parade, held this year at Erskine Presbyterian Church.

Remaining in the Family

"King's Scout 'Touty' Coupar has been appointed Troop Leader, to replace Donald Pollitt, who has advanced to the Rovers."—12th Vancouver.

Thirty-five Troop Leaders and Patrol Leaders from Hanover, Port Elgin and Owen Sound gathered at the latter place for a week-end conference, and were welcomed by Mayor McQuay and District Commissioner D. E. Macintyre. A model troop meeting was a programme item.

A Scouty Combination

"A. S. M. Buchan then gave a short talk on the art of decorating the Scout staff. The meeting then closed, after which several of the boys raked up the dead grass and leaves around the church."—2nd Lethbridge.

Cubmasters of the Jarvis and Kingsdale Divisions, Toronto, opened the autumn season with a demonstration Cub meeting at St. Enoch's United Church, conducted by Assistant Commissioner Harvey Caldwell.

A Quiet Period Game

"Try this one," suggests the Scout news column of the Truro Daily News: Cut from a news article in a daily paper an interesting paragraph of about 15 lines. Cut each line, jumble them up, and on your typewriter make a copy for each patrol. (Note

that the words are not jumbled, but only the complete lines.) Give patrol competition points for speed in assembling.

Old and New Gilwellians

The second annual Labour Day week-end reunion of Calgary Gilwellians was held at Camp Harwood over Labour Day. The Scouters were guests of District Commissioner and Mrs. H. A. Harvey at their summer home for the reunion supper. Members of the five-week-ends Gilwell Course did their First-Class Journey over the week-end, spending Sunday night in bivouacs on the Sarcee Reserve and returning to camp for the final camp fire of the Gilwell reunion.

As a district step toward encouraging and standardizing badge work, the Montreal Badge Board, under the chairmanship of R. L. Allan Strong, has sent to all troops in the district a circular entitled "Information for Scouters Regarding Badge Requirements."

Each Patrol Add a Member

"Each patrol will be responsible for the training of one recruit in the Fourth's new membership campaign, and when they get through with him they will start over again. By this system the troop hopes to hold the older Scouts as well as increasing the membership."—4th Regina.

A "first annual banquet" of Montreal North Rovers, Scouts, Cubs and Dads proved a happy affair.

Adopt Scouting as Church Programme

At the annual convention of the Anglican Church for the County of Frontenac the Boy Scout and Girl Guide programmes were adopted and Rev. A. E. Tavener of Sydenham was appointed County Superintendent of Boy Scouts for the church. Rev. Mr. Tavener took the Gilwell Course at Ebor Park last summer.

After being presented with his Camp Cook Badge, P. L. Hall of the 2nd Lethbridge Troop, Alta., was asked to tell the other boys just how he prepared for and passed it.

Scouts Explain Badge Work

Some 60 parents and friends enjoyed an open evening of the 1st Farnham Troop, Que. An explanation of the work required for certain badges was given by different Scouts, there were tableaux, a "radio broadcast," music by the troop orchestra and games. After refreshments, visitors inspected an exhibition of scoutcraft.

The season's programme of the 1st Hartney Troop, Man., includes the learning of one new knot each week. By next summer there will be few knots with which the troop is unacquainted.

N.B. Three-County Banquet

Scouters of three New Brunswick counties—Westmoreland, Kent and Albert—were brought together for the annual banquet of the Moncton District Association, at the Brunswick Hotel. An evening of entertainment and addresses was enjoyed as such get-togethers always are.

St. John Ambulance Association certificates were presented to 44 members of the Montreal Scouters' Club at their October meeting. The training course was conducted last spring.

Northern Ontario Scouts Meet

Iroquois Falls carried off the Scout statuette as winners of the general Scouting competition at the Northern Ontario Scout Jamboree at Kirkland Lake, Ont. South Porcupine was second and the 1st Cochrane and 2nd Kirkland Lake troops tied for third place. The contests included bridge building, tent pitching, fire lighting and first aid. In the Cub competition South Porcupine came first, Kirkland Lake second and Iroquois Falls third.

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"A talk on map reading was given by the Scoutmaster, who dealt with the essentials for a sketch map and the conventional signs. Thereafter a patrol competition comprising 20 questions was carried out."—2nd The Pas, Man.

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Moncton's Thanksgiving Scouts' Own

More than 300 Scouts, Cubs and leaders, representing all groups, attended Moncton's annual Thanksgiving Scouts' Own at Central United Church, Friday evening, October 5th. Rev. Robert Smart, the minister, spoke on the 3rd Scout Law. Following the service Scouts and Cubs returned to their respective headquarters for regular meetings.

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Over 100 Scouts, representing the five Wallaceburg, Ont., troops, gathered before the Chateau De Norme to thank the Kinsmen Club, at their regular meeting, for their interest in local Scouting, particularly their donation to the district camp fund.

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Are We Weak on Scout's Pace?

Athlete's Badge tests for the West Winnipeg District, given by Scouters and Rovers, qualified 19 out of 29 Scout candidates. It was noted that the failures included inability to gauge the Scout's Pace. This probably points to the wisdom of checking up on Scout's Pace training in other districts.

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3rd Toronto's 25th Birthday

Celebrating its 25th birthday, the 3rd Toronto Troop paraded to the Church of the Epiphany and heard an address by Rev. Dr. Dyson Hague, held a Parents' Night, the Patrol Leaders preparing the the programme; and a large number of 3rd Old Boys gave a banquet in honour of Scoutmaster Bert Hayes.

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A hike and weiner roast "in spite of rain and snow" started off the fall season typically for the 1st Dawson Creek, B.C., Scouts and Cubs.

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St. Johns, Que., Field Day

The Kenneth Murray Memorial Shield, awarded for excellence in woodcraft and nature study, was captured by the 1st Farnham, Que., Troop, at the annual field day of the St. Johns District. In the athletic contests the 1st McMasterville Troop and the St. Johns Cub Pack won the shields.

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A six-successive-evening training course for new Scouters opened at Montreal Headquarters October 15. The course will be repeated in January and February.

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A "Scout Work Day," held on a Saturday, was the means adopted at Trail, B.C., to raise local Scout funds. The day was duly advertised and Scouts given various odd jobs, the remuneration being turned into the general fund.

"Parkdale Division" is Enterprising

A Patrol Leaders' Training Course, a Parkdale District Christmas Toy Shop and a Week-end Scouters' Camp next spring were projects discussed by the enterprising Scouters of the Parkdale Division, Toronto, under Divisional Group Leader Jack King, at their initial autumn meeting.

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A Fine Example of Preparedness

A fine example of preparedness for emergency was given by boys of the 91st Toronto (Glenmount United Church) in connection with a fatal cave-in accident. On the way to troop meeting, coming upon a group of men in a ravine working frantically to extricate a buried boy, Scouts Norman Cheeseman and Herbert Hunt ran and telephoned police and fire departments, then hastened to troop headquarters, and returned with all available Scouts. The police had them join hands to hold back the crowd that had gathered to watch doctors and firemen working over the unconscious boy. A flashlight picture in a Toronto paper showed the Scouts holding back the crowd.

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Winnipeg Old Wolves Gather

The fine registration of 52 Cub leaders was made for the current season's activities of the Greater Winnipeg Akela Club. Twenty-four packs are represented. As usual the club will be run on the lines of a model pack.



THE troop Christmas Toy Repair Shop of one of the most enterprising Border Cities Groups—the 10th Windsor.

A Medal for McMasterville Troop

A good example of promptness in an emergency was offered this summer by the 1st McMasterville Troop, Que., when a car on a road opposite their camp was seen to overturn. Within a few moments Scoutmaster Webb and several Scouts were in a boat, racing for the scene. They found and extricated two lady motorists, and rendered first aid. Meanwhile one Scout had been sent three miles for a wrecking car, and a car with which to take the women to a summer hotel. Word of the incident reached Provincial Headquarters from an outside source, and a Medal of Merit was awarded the troop as a whole. It was presented at a largely-attended district rally.

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Decision to continue training courses for Scoutmasters for another nine weeks was made at a meeting of the Saskatoon District Council, Oct. 3. The classes are held at the Y, Monday nights. Mention in the **Saskatoon Star-Phoenix** adds that "any interested will be welcomed."

OCTOBER APPLE DAYS

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Dominion Headquarters were quite generally used. Woodstock found it important to have Apple Day coincide with the pay

day of the principal industrial concerns. Centres which held final "pep meetings" for their salesmen before the Day profited thereby. Toronto gave every boy a mimeographed sheet of instructions.

Toronto's Final Instructions

APPLE DAY SATURDAY

Apple Day is Toronto's biggest Scout event. With every Scout and Cub right on the job we can put it over in a big way. Do your job Saturday to the very best of your ability—Let's put it over in real style!

PRICE? "AS MUCH AS YOU CAN GIVE, SIR"

Individual apples only are for sale. Do NOT sell by the basket. Every Apple Counts!

PEP PLUS PERSEVERANCE GETS RESULTS

Push your sales. Do not "stand around and wait". Go right after the people.

LOOK SMART BUT DON'T ACT SMART

The public is judging the Scout Movement by the way YOU act. Be polite no matter what happens. A smile and "Thank you" at all times.

EATING WILL NOT SELL

Apples are costly. Every apple SOLD is helping more and more boys to be Scouts.

DO YOUR BEST

Sixty of the best hustlers on Saturday are being picked. They will receive a dinner and evening's fun.

ASK NICELY AND YOU WILL RECEIVE

Be sure to say what you are selling for—use the phrases "Buy an apple for the Scouts, Sir?" or "Buy a Scout apple, Madam".

YOUR SALUTE, SMILE AND THANKS WILL HELP.

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A camp and woodcraft window display, combined with apples, was one of the effective publicity features of Brantford's Apple Day, participated in by four troops, and netting \$107.00, notwithstanding a rainy morning. The radio, newspapers and street cars carried reminders. The Scout Mothers' Club served lunch during the dinner hour. The report concludes, "Splendid results, and plan a larger effort next year."

A Manitoba Troop Apple Day

The first Scout Apple Day of the troop at Glenboro, Man., created a lot of new interest, and netted troop funds \$15.00, notwithstanding a raw day with few people on the streets.

"We decorated one big window, and had an apple display in every other grocery in town. The boys worked in couples, and we found that two Cubs could follow the Scouts and sell as many on the second trip. The grocers all co-operated, and were really awfully good. In Frederickson's store there was a big crowd at one time, and two boys entered and emptied their basket of apples in the store. All the customers, clerks, and Frederickson himself bought. He thought it was rather keen competition, but took it as a joke."

Correspondents for English Scouts

SCOUTMASTERS having Scouts desirous of corresponding with Scouts in England are requested to forward names and addresses to The Secretary, Dominion Headquarters, Ottawa.

From Manitoba's Rover Moot

As expected, Manitoba's annual Rover Moot, held in All Saints' Parish Hall, Winnipeg, brought together an enthusiastic gathering, and papers and discussions produced numbers of good things. The attendance included a good representation from outside points in the province, and ten Sea Scouts from Fargo, N.D. A special Sunday evening service presided over by Rev. Wm. Askey, R.L. of the 14th Winnipeg Crew, was largely attended. Rovers read the Lessons, and otherwise assisted in the service.

The Quest of Rovers Outside of Manitoba

Several papers were presented under this heading. Rover Jack Toombs of the 4th Winnipeg Crew, and a member of the Canadian contingent to the 1931 World Moot in Switzerland, spoke of the value of such public contacts between Rovers of different countries. The quest of getting better acquainted with Rovers of different nations had in it a real thrill, and should be enlarged for Rovers. Where impossible to travel, interesting and helpful contacts could be made by letter. This should be done by the Crew, and a scrapbook kept of all interesting letters and pictures.

Rover B. Newman of the 17th Winnipeg suggested correspondence with Old Country Rovers at Arctic posts of the Hudson's Bay Company. "This would not only provide interest for the Crew, but would be greatly appreciated by the Rovers in the north. The Crew also could supply him with magazines and papers."

Regarding Rovers travelling, "he should give thought to his appearance, and bearing. He must remember that people will judge him as a representative young man of his country and city, and of his own Crew."

Rover Bissett of the 31st Winnipeg told of friendships made by correspondence between his Crew and the 31st Montreal, the 31st Vancouver, St. Giles' Crew of Edinburgh and crews at Auckland, N.Z., Melbourne, and Cape Town. One of their ideas was to make contacts with crews having the same number or the same church name,—St. Giles'. The arrangement between the Rovers of St. Giles' Edinburgh and St. Giles' Winnipeg was that all members of the former were honorary members of the latter, and that any King's Scout of St. Giles' Winnipeg automatically became an honorary member of St. Giles' Edinburgh. The two crews had exchanged colours, and when the St. Giles' Winnipeg colours were presented to St. Giles' Edinburgh it was made the occasion of an impressive service in the chapel of St. Giles' Cathedral.

The Quest of Rover Scouts Still Scouts

This was the subject of the next group of papers. Rover G. Churchill, 33rd Winnipeg, thought Rovers should have at least one outdoors meeting a month. He stressed the importance of Crew hiking, and that the Rambler's Badge should be an objective of every Rover. "If the necessary mileage for this badge is obtained through short hikes, it will prove much more interesting." Logs and maps of such hikes made useful additions to Crew possessions.

Rover G. Laidlaw of the 31st Winnipeg argued that "all Scouting should be on the basis of good fellowship. Outdoor activities are essential to Scouting, and hikes and camp fires develop fellowship and goodwill." On the subject of Service: "It

is one of the Scout laws, but should be carried out by Rovers with a deeper understanding of its significance, because of the difference of age between the Scout and the Rover."

Colin Sym of the 27th Winnipeg likewise emphasized the necessity of outdoor Rovering,—"This was one of B.-P.'s primary Scouting ideas." On the subject of hike objectives, and the possible exhaust-



FREDERICTON, N.B., Rovers, who are giving service as S.M.'s, C.M.'s and assistants of district Groups. Practically all came up from Tenderfoot or Tenderpad.

ing of interesting routes, the speaker suggested that each Crew keep a log with maps of all hikes, and that these be made available to other Crews. Local historical and natural history societies might be able to offer good suggestions for hike objectives. A definite schedule of summer hikes might be planned during the winter.

Rover Leader E. F. Mills stressed the point that outdoor-scouting proper should not be overlooked as a feature of Rovering. He would like to see Rover dens closed during the summer and all activities taken out of doors. This would mean a lot to the Crew, and would offer a good example to Scouts. Social activities are a fine thing, but should not overshadow outside activities. "Start a definite programme of out-of-doors scouting, and carry it through to a finish. Rovers often do not realize how Scouts look up to them in matters of camping and hiking. They should be able to guide a Scout Troop to a good camping spot, and help them in laying out a good camp. Also Rovers should bear in mind the example they are setting Scouts in the wearing of uniform.

They can be a help, or a big drawback, to the keeping of Scouts in smart and correct uniform.

Enlarging Culture

Under this heading, papers were presented on Art, Books, Music, and Drama.

Discussing "Art," Rover J. Howarth, 4th Winnipeg, referred to this as an expression outlet for man's appreciation of beauty. He interestingly traced its development from the crude drawings left by cave dwellers of prehistoric times, and the role of Art in developing a sense of the finer things of life.

Speaking of Rovers and "Books," Rover J. Williams of the 37th Winnipeg Crew stated that the reading of books was necessary to the development of the mind,—"and not cheap fiction, but the best books." Reading requiring thought may to some be tiresome at first, but the taste develops, and the benefit. With many the same applies to poetry. One of the important values of the reading and study of history was its learning of happenings and national situations and conditions which may be repeated in our own day. A taste for good books assured good company for any leisure hours,—in good books one may choose "good friends."

Rover H. Collie of the 23rd Winnipeg spoke of "Music." Every Rover, he felt, should go in for some kind of musical expression, vocal or instrumental. Music was a feature of practically every social occasion, indoors or outdoors, and Rovers should be able not only to take part, but to lead. This was one type of possible Rover service. Folk dances, in their music, offered a means of understanding and appreciating the music of different countries.

"Drama" was taken by Rover K. Jordan of the 17th Winnipeg, and considered as a whole-Crew project. There were many practical values in play reading and acting—the development of self-confidence before an audience, improvement of memory, vocabulary and enunciation; also team spirit, as between those in the leading and secondary roles. While some members of the Crew might lack acting ability, they could take care of important back stage jobs,—as directors, stage hands, electricians, etc.

Regarding the selection of plays, these in subject matter and presentation should be consistent with the principles of good Scouting—clean in plot and dialogue. Also they should be creditably presented, giving an audience good value. They should be selected with the age of the players in mind. Rovers might try some of the old English pantomimes.

The Game of Rovering

Under this heading Rover S. Borgford of the 14th Winnipeg spoke on "Physical Health and Bearing." The absolute importance of health to everyone, old or young, rich or poor, was stressed. Nothing paid better dividends than the care of health; it was a duty of every Rover, in order that he might do his job well. Regular habits were the basis—good habits of living which finally become automatic and fixed. Outdoor activities of course are of the first importance.

Rover Leader McDougall of the 72nd Crew read a paper on "Clear Thinking." Thought is that which determines what

we say and do, and clear thinking requires mental training, concentration and effort. The trained mind acts as a filter to allow only things of value to seriously engage the attention. A Rover should think his own way through things; and clear thinking by a Crew can only be achieved through the trained clear thinking of the individual members of the Crew.

Adaptability, Teamwork and Fellowship was considered by Rover J. Doig of the 23rd. One of the most important factors in a successful and happy life was the faculty of adaptability to one's circumstances and surroundings. The good fellowship developed by the individual members of a Crew inevitably had an influence in their outside life—in the home, wherever employed,—and so was generally helpful and valuable. Adaptability and good fellowship naturally included and helped to develop good teamwork.

Rover Leader B. W. Dashwood of the 58th Crew offered some thoughts on "Creative Leisure Time." Man has a natural urge to create and build. A Rover should build not only for himself, but for others as well,—a Creative Leisure Time Quest. By his example and friendship he can help mould younger boys who look up to him. It might be said that a Rover becomes part of the younger boy he is influencing, and therefore should seriously consider what part he is becoming—the kind of example and inspiration he is giving.

"Values are the sum of all the things we live for," quoted Rover R. Donald of the 31st. Values are personal, and are acquired both from the example set by older persons and by inner personal experiences and observations. Rovers should be careful to help create a sound sense of values in younger boys by setting sound examples.

Assistant Provincial Commissioner for Rovers Frank Foulds concluded with a summarizing discussion, "The Challenge." All the discussions had hinged on the main idea of "Building the Man." Rovers must live together and do their part in the community to create a team spirit which will be of help to the individual citizen and the community as a whole. Rovers have a social responsibility. He challenged the gathering to "go back to your jobs and put into practice the principles and ideas of good Rovering offered by the various speakers."

The Moot closed with the lowering of the flag and the Scout Silence.

Roverings

TEN of the Trail, B.C., Rovers have passed Part II of the Gilwell Wood Badge. During last year four took out Cub or Scout warrants and six qualified for their Senior St. John Ambulance.

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A history of the beginnings and the development of various civic utilities of their city is being compiled by the Rovers of the 3rd North Sydney Group, N.S., as a Crew quest. The first paper, "Power and Light Service in North Sydney," was published in the *North Sydney Herald*. This may suggest a similar quest in other communities where such facts have not yet been placed on record.

The Q.M.'s Chat

Brother Scouters:

My October letter finally got a rise out of you. Quite a few rises! Many thanks. I shall be kept busy this winter trying to please you all in compiling my next Catalogue.

I would appreciate more opinions regarding the present type of Wolf Cub Jersey. The majority so far favour the old type, with the closed or "polo" collar. Personally, I am of course neutral—the whole matter is up to you Cubmasters. Let's hear from more of you.

One of the real live-awake letters was that from Cubmaster Sheppard of the 11th Winnipeg Pack. It contained no less than 16 husky "wolf growls." I imagine,—from the excellent constructive criticism,—that his pack is one of the best west of the Lakes. Thanks a lot, Old Wolf.

Two communications were from Scouters who are not very keen on the new "OFFICIAL" SHOULDER BADGE. This badge — name of place, and large Group number below — was designed for easier identification by the general public of individual Scouts on the street, or units on parade. Already I have heard casual observers attracted to Scouts on duty at public functions because of the easily seen distinguishing number on their shoulder.

When properly sewn to the shirt or jersey the new badge is quite an improvement over the old type. At least that's my opinion.

As a matter of fact I am expecting that when Lord Baden-Powell comes next Spring, and sees these easily identified numerals, he will recommend their adoption in the Old Country. Wait and see!

Have you given any thought yet to Christmas Greeting cards? We have an especially fine line this year, as you have no doubt noticed on page 31 of the FALL CATALOGUE.

And now for a Ditty:—

*A Scout without a Diary's like
A dog without a tail,
A fish that's out of water,
A track without a rail;
A hike without a hiker,
A book without a leaf,
A sneeze without a sneezer,
A cow that isn't beef.*

More of the "Ditty" later, and hoping I'll be deluged with orders,

Yours for real Scouting,

George L. Lewis
P. M.

The Rover Crews of Edinburgh unite annually to put on a Rover Review, the proceeds of which go to a fund started six years ago to assist Scout troops of poor sections.

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Nearly 90 Calgary Rovers, representing the eight Crews in the city, were guests of Rover Commissioner H. A. Harvey at "Harwood", Fish Creek, at a joint meeting of city crews and delegates attending the meeting at Elboya Bridge. Various Rover activities of the district were discussed. It was decided that similar conferences would be held quarterly, with the different crews acting host in rotation. Preceding the business session, each Crew contributed an entertainment item.

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Melita, Man., Rovers provided a good example of Group service last winter by putting a number of Scouts through for their Ambulance, Public Health and other King's Scout badges.

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At the Moose den Edmonton Rovers enjoyed a series of talks on youth movements in other lands by members of the Crew,—youth doings in Italy, Switzerland, France and Russia.

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Public Service with Trail, B.C., Rovers include maintenance of the Rover Fire Brigade, assisting at the local Hallowe'en and Armistice Day Parades, a boxing display and at the Trail Rotary Carnival. Service to Scouting included a display at Fruitvale in aid of the local Scout patrol; providing leaders at the annual district Scout and Cub camps, and at the Kokanee Gilwell camp. Lectures on Rovering were given in Rossland, and the Crew is keeping in touch with a new Crew being developed in Nelson, B.C.

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Fifty Toronto Rovers were requisitioned to act as guides for visitors at the old fort on Toronto Bay during the city's Tercentennial celebration.

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Edmonton Rovers have developed a blood transfusion service, with members whose blood has been tested and approved, ready to answer the call of hospitals where transfusions are needed for urgent cases unable to pay for the services of professional blood donors.

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An impressive double investiture conducted by D. R. L. Nichols in St. George's Anglican Church, Windsor, with the Lord Bishop officiating as Chaplain, made Rovers of Col. E. S. Wigle, A.D.C., Border Cities and Skipper of the 23rd Border Crew, and Rev. Davies, rector of St. George's. In connection with the ceremony Rover Davies was presented with a special stole decorated with the Cub, Scout and Rover emblems, the stole being then consecrated by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese for use in all Scout ceremonies. Several clergymen, laymen and 30 Rovers were present. Following the ceremonies a supper was served by Scouts of the 23rd Troop.

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Some 30 Rover huskies were called upon to assist in handling the crowds at the big provincial Guide and Brownie Rally at Toronto.

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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.

Progress Chart Always Helps

SINCE introduction of the new Progress Chart into the pack, much rivalry and keen competition has been evident on the part of the Cubs to complete their star tests and earn some of the Proficiency Badges. At the rate the boys are working, there should be a large percentage through Second Star tests before the summer camp.—1ST REGINA PACK.

A Form Letter to a New Cub's Parents

Dear Parents:

You have done me the honour of placing your boy in my charge for one hour a week in order that he may have instilled in him the cleanly habits, sound moral principles and good comradeship which form the backbone of the Boy Scout and Wolf Cub Movement. That you have done so is sufficient indication of your approval of the formation of the Wolf Cub Pack and infers a willingness to co-operate with me to the fullest extent in the home.

I am sending home with your boy a sheet that is self-explanatory. Will you please INITIAL each space when the boy has fulfilled the duty and leave it blank when he has not. Please make sure it is properly done, and send him back to do it over again if it is done in a slipshod or careless manner, before you initial for it.

Thanking you in anticipation and trusting that he will soon produce tangible evidence of the influence of the Wolf Cub Movement.

THE above letter has been used with excellent results by Cubmaster C. M. Wrenshall of Sarnia, Ont. With the letter is sent a form ruled for a daily check-off for "Making bed, shining shoes, combing hair, washing hands for breakfast, ditto for dinner, cleaning nails." A used sample form was filled in completely, February 15 to March 15, except for one blank day. This bore the tragic notation, "Ran away."

Roverings

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The 1st Owen Sound Rovers sponsored a successful Saturday afternoon Scout hike that comprised several "wide" games, and signalling and fire-lighting contests. The winners, the 3rd Troop, were rewarded by the Skipper with 60 feet of knotting cord.

The possibilities of Rovering in the smaller communities is well set forth in the report of the doings of the 1st Anyox, B.C., Rovers, who during the last year switched over to Sea Rovering. They number 26, divided into two watches and four patrols, and own a 25 by 40 den with kitchen. They have a basketball team, which during the winter "won one game out of 20 and still think we had a good team." (A nice little example of loyalty and sportsmanship.) Last summer's public service "consisted mostly of building a diving raft for patrons of our local beach, repairing the landing floats and keeping the

beach in repair." They held a concert in October that "Rolled 'em in the aisles," played a large part in the Group Toy Shop at Christmas, and contributed \$25.00. The fact that the crowd has the use of ten gas boats, and that Anyox is on an island, was one of the logical reasons for the switch to Sea Rovering. Obviously the spirit of Rover service was not lost in the switch-over.

The Cubs Seek a Treasure

AKELA then announced a treasure hunt. Each Six would find in their box a message, sealed by the seal of the Great Grey Wolf, which would give the first clue. When the instructions were opened they were found to be in signalling code. The clue given was to go in a certain direction, using a compass, and search for further instructions.

After figuring out the required direction, the instructions were soon found. But before leaving the spot four knots had to be tied, two by one boy and two by another. The names of the knots were not given, only their uses were described.

Unfortunately the searchers were slower than expected, and time was up before the



A "BEAN BARREL" in a push-wagon was used by Fredericton, N.B., Cubs to advertise a "Bean Barrel Supper" served in a vacant store to raise funds for their Cub choir.

third and fourth clues were discovered. These clues probably had something to do with the Flag and Tenderpad work. The treasure therefore was not found,—and another search for it probably will be made next month.

—THE 9TH WINNIPEG.

Next Year's Camp Fund

FORWARD-LOOKING Scoutmasters who include next year's camp financing in their planning should not overlook use of the tried and proved CAMP FUND CARD. This small weekly deposit bank system can be started at any time, and the fee so scheduled as to produce any desired camp charge at the end of next June. The cards cost 25c. per dozen, from the Stores Dept.

A VALUABLE IDENTIFICATION AND CHARACTER CARD GOES WITH SCOUT REGISTRATION AT DOMINION HEADQUARTERS.

Cubs Like Bible Stories

CUB leaders when seeking short stories to tell Cubs in council circle or around the indoor camp fire should not overlook the favourite Old Testament stories. Cubs are still at the age when old stories are enjoyed—stories to which they may add details missed by Akela, intentionally or otherwise.

Here are some of the best liked: Noah and the ark. Joseph and his brethren at the pit. The finding of Moses in the bull-rushes. David and Goliath. Daniel in the lions' den. Solomon and the baby claimed by the two mothers. Joseph and Benjamin and the cup in the meal sack. The passing through the Red Sea. Lot's wife. Jonah and the whale. The fall of the walls of Jericho. The selection of Gideon's army. Elisha, the children and the bears.

A Robinson Crusoe Test

THE experience of being shipwrecked and marooned on a lonely island in Loch Lomond was the genuine adventure-test given three patrols of Scottish Scouts by the Northern District of Glasgow. On a gusty, misty Saturday afternoon the Scouts sailed for Inch Tavanach, an island owned by Sir Ian Colquhoun, a Chief Scout's Commissioner and President of the Scottish Scout Council. As the adventurers reached the shore they were attacked by Chinese pirates, and captured. The pirates deprived them of all worth while possessions, and sailed away in the Scout ship. The ship, however, was speedily wrecked, and wreckage drifted ashore. By happy chance, the flotsam included a box of food for each patrol, canvas, an axe and four matches.

The boys tackled the situation with true Robinson Crusoe ingenuity. They improvised cooking billies and frying-pans with cans and binding wire secured from boxes, constructed fish lines and hooks, and made candles of dripping, with shoelace wicks. During the night a morse lamp flashed across the lake, informing the shipwrecked party that a member of each patrol had fallen from a tree and broken his leg, and should be properly taken care of.

Needless to say the adventure-test was hugely enjoyed.

Seven Knots

A REEF knot is used when doing First Aid,

Because it is beautifully flat;
With a sheet bend you fasten a very thin rope
To one that's exceedingly fat.

A bowline you put around people's waists
When you lower them down from a height;
With a clove hitch you fasten a rope to a pole,
And be sure that you make it quite tight.

A sheep shank is really quite easy to tie,
'Tis for shortening a very long rope;
The timber hitch round the end of a log
When you pull, up the river by rope.

The fisherman's knot is for joining two ends
Of ropes that are slippery and wet,
And these are the seven knots, hitches and bends

That all of us should not forget.

—SELECTED.