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## Where the Settler's Parcel Went

GATHERED close about the stove, while the prairie wind droned and whistled outside, the three boys had been discussing the big question that boys and girls in many other pioneer prairie homes were debating that Christmas eve,—Santa Claus.

Mother, her head bent low over a busy darning needle, was saying nothing. Dad, to head off disappointment, was encouraging the doubts expressed by Jimmy and Jack, aged respectively eight and nearly seven.

"No; it's not to be expected that Old Santa Claus could find us away out here in Canada," he was saying. "We forgot to leave an address behind for him, you know; and he has so many homes to visit that we couldn't very well expect him to hunt for us all over Saskatchewan."

Phil, just turned four, did not agree. The periodic arguments of a month had not shaken his faith, and he would not waver now. "Santa Claus will come," he insisted. "Cause I know, an' 'cause I writed him a letter, didn't I?"

"But remember the big ocean we crossed, Phil?" Dad pressed. "How could Santa Claus drive his reindeers away across the water from England?"

"'Cause he can go anywhere," laughed Phil. "He'll come when it's dark, down the chimney. Come on Jim, come on Jack." And so saying he trotted off with his brothers to the little bedroom where they slept together in a bed Dad had made of lumber left over when the little shack was finished the previous spring.

The father had sold his limited possessions in the Old Land to come out to

Canada, to avoid the dole, and to make a "man's home" for his wife and his three small boys; and after the first payment was made on the quarter-section, the little cabin built and meagrely furnished, some stock, a plow, disc and seeder acquired, there was little left for anything else. The first year's work happily had produced the necessary oats to carry over the stock, and sufficient wheat to provide simple food and clothing necessities, but nothing at all for extras, even for Christmas.

After the good-nights to the boys, the parents sat in depressed silence. The husband finally broke the quiet. "It's hard on them, Mother; but still we have a lot to be thankful for. We have a little home of our own; and we did fairly well this year. Next year we'll have a real crop. And our boys, God bless them, are healthy and husky; and you and I are content to wait."

"Yes, I know, John; and there are many worse off. But,—well, if we only had some trifling thing out of the ordinary; something that would bring a Christmas morning shout—you know—especially for Philly. He's going to be so dis—"

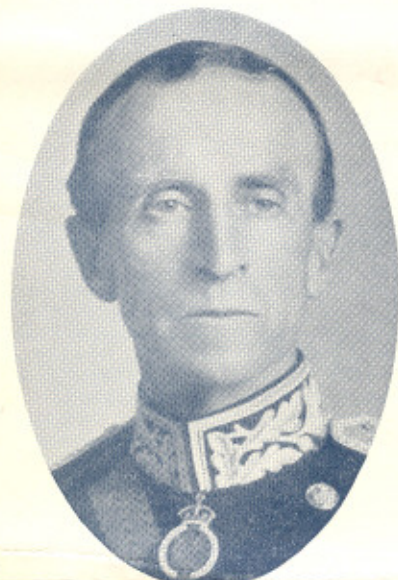
Abruptly she turned her head, then rose and passed hurriedly to the bedroom door.

Yes; they were all three of them asleep—Jack curled up on the inside, Jimmy straight up and down on the outside, and little Phil in the middle, his bushy curly head on his big brother's shoulder, happy in Dreamland.

The Mother came back to the stove slowly, struggling to keep back the tears.

"There, there, Mother," began her

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## Our New Chief Scout

His Excellency the Rt. Hon. Lord Tweedsmuir,  
G.C.M.G., C.H., Governor-General of Canada.

IN the presence of members of the Executive Committee of the Canadian General Council gathered at Dominion Headquarters, Ottawa, on the afternoon of Thursday, November 7, His Excellency the new Governor-General, Lord Tweedsmuir, accepted the office and was formally invested as Chief Scout for Canada, in succession to the Earl of Bessborough. The simple standard form of Scout investiture was used by Sir Edward Beatty, President of the Association, who presided; and upon the repetition by His Excellency of the words of the familiar Promise, Sir Edward extended his hand to greet him as duly installed Chief Scout for the Dominion.

Preceding the ceremony Sir Edward Beatty expressed the gratification of Canadian Scout leaders that Lord Tweedsmuir had indicated his willingness to accept the position of Chief Scout for Canada, following the example of his immediate predecessor the Earl of Bessborough, and other Governors-General.

Said Sir Edward: "Your Excellency, we would like to tell you how gratified we are that you are willing to accept the position of Chief Scout for Canada. This position has been occupied by your predecessors, and we are under great obligation to them for their assistance. Rightly or wrongly, we of the Canadian General Council of the Boy Scouts Association believe that Scouting is the finest youth movement to be found anywhere in the world. The

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A RAINY day did not prevent an overflow Scout Toy Shop Saturday Morning Matinee at the Regent Theatre, Ottawa; several hundred children were accommodated at the nearby Capitol. The success of the Scout Toy Matinee led the management to put on several used-clothing matinees, on behalf of relief agencies.



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## Welcome,

### "Scout" John Buchan!

WE always have been fortunate in the more-than-nominal interest and understanding, the practical appreciation of Scouting shown by succeeding Governors-General and Dominion Chief Scouts.

In Lord Tweedsmuir the chain has not been broken. He comes to us indeed as one of the brotherhood; and further, we may assert the unique claim of possession that, in the pen person of "John Buchan" he has lived and adventured with Scouts in several of his widely-read books—"Hunting Tower," "Castle Gay" and "House of the Four Winds."

And how many of you offer the excellent example of starting each day with the setting-up exercises from "Scouting for Boys?" This for some years has been the practice of our new Chief.

He is one of us, and you will look forward to meeting him.

## The 1937 Jamboree in Holland

OFFICIAL announcement has been made that the next World Scout Jamboree will be held in Holland, in the summer of 1937. The word was issued by Imperial Headquarters, London, upon receipt of a formal invitation from His Excellency Admiral J. J. Rambonnet, Chief Scout for Holland, this following official assurance of support from the Dutch Government and other authorities. The acceptance of Holland's invitation will be a popular one, and large contingents of Scouts from other countries are assured.

It will not be overlooked for this next Jamboree that at the recent International Conference in Sweden it was laid down that only BOY Scouts and the necessary leaders should hereafter attend such international Scout gatherings; that Rovers shall attend only in definite service capacities.

To the announcement London Headquarters adds: "A cordial invitation is as usual extended to our Oversea Branches to send contingents, and it is hoped that such contingents will find it possible to visit the Home Country either before or after the Jamboree."

## Leader Training, Scout Results

AMONCTON, N.B., rally of 400 Scouts and Cubs at Central United church was fittingly chosen as the occasion for awarding six Bushman's Thongs to Scouts and no less than 50 Gilwell Course certificates to Scouters—34 Scout and 16 Cub.

## Remembrance Day

AS in previous years, Scouting was widely represented at Remembrance Day ceremonies, chiefly in service roles—as ushers, distributing programmes, etc. At Montreal West what many would regard as a most fitting ceremony was opened with the raising of the flag by the local Scouts. The occasion was thus reported by the local paper:

The Remembrance Day service at the soldiers' monument in the town of Montreal West was a family ceremony. Mothers and fathers brought their little ones and the color of the occasion was given, not by soldiers in uniform, with a band, but by Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Wolf Cubs and High School Cadets. Mayor J. R. Pearson and the town commissioners were there, school commissioners, members of men's and women's organizations, war veterans wearing their medals, and a large gathering of private citizens.

The service opened with the raising of the flag by the Boy Scouts.

## B.-P. Standard Honour List

THE following additional Scouting units have joined the membership expansion Honour Roll by organizing at least one unit and the Group Committee of a new Group, the new unit and Committee having carried on successfully for six months, as reported by Provincial Headquarters:

### 7th Regina Troop and Pack

organized 1st North Regina Troop and Group Committee.

### 1st Welland Troop, Ont.,

organized 10th Welland Troop and Pack and Group Committee.

### 1st Fort Frances Group, Ont.,

organized 1st Barwick Troop and Group Committee.

### 1st Flin Flon Troop, Man.,

organized 2nd Flin Flon Troop and Group Committee.

## 1936 First Aid Contests

PARTICULARS of the annual first aid competitions of the St. John Ambulance Association for 1936 open to Scouts and Rovers are now available at Provincial Headquarters. For Scouts there are the "Leonard" provincial trophies and the "Wallace Nesbitt Junior", provincial and Dominion. Rovers up to 18 years may compete for the intermediate "Gaunt" Trophy, Dominion, and those over 18 for the Montizambert, provincial and Dominion.

It should not be overlooked that entries must be in the hands of the Honorary Provincial Secretaries of the St. John Ambulance Association on or before January 3rd, 1936, after which date entries will be refused.

The majority of Boy Scout troops in Palestine are connected with the public schools.

## Lieut.-Governor of N.B. Invested as a Kilty Scout

ONCE again illustrating the high standing which Scouting has earned for itself in the estimation of Canadians in high places, and their readiness to associate themselves directly with the Movement, comes an extended newspaper report of the investiture of Lt.-Gov. Murray MacLaren of New Brunswick, Chief Scout for that province, as a Tenderfoot in a kilted troop of the Church of St. John and St. Stephen, Saint John.

Like other candidates, His Honour stood solemnly before Scoutmaster Wetmore and his Assistants, in the horseshoe of kilted boys, and repeated the words of the Scout Promise. In the usual procedure, a Scout Badge was placed in his lapel, A.S.M. Guthrie Allan knotted a Gordon plaid neckerchief about his neck; P.L. Neil of the Beaver Patrol fixed a shoulder knot, and welcomed him, and Scoutmaster Wetmore in conclusion placed in his hands a Scout staff, "as an aid in travelling over rough roads."

Quoting the *Saint John Times-Globe*: "Simple and impressive, the investiture ceremony created a deep feeling of respect and admiration throughout the throng of parents, friends, special guests and provincial Scouting officials present."

The investiture was the concluding incident of the annual banquet and badge award night of the troop, an occasion always made one of the year's big events, and, appropriately, given a distinctly Scottish flavour. The evening was opened by the marching into the banquet hall of the guests and some 90 Scouts and Cubs behind the skirling pipes. Place cards were in the shape of the Scout fleur-de-lis with a sprig of heather attached.

## An Appreciated Jubilee Gift

A BEAUTIFULLY framed copy of King George's address to the citizens of the British Empire on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee, with inset pictures of Their Majesties, was a handsome gift recently made by Mrs. Forbes Angus of Montreal to each Provincial Headquarters of the Boy Scouts Association. In an accompanying letter Mrs. Angus states that she feels that the stirring words of His Majesty should be kept before the youth of our country. A copy of the address also was presented to Dominion Headquarters.

## Chief Scout's Commissioner for Overseas

LT.-COL. Granville Walton, O.B.E., who as Imperial Headquarters Commissioner for Rovers accompanied Lord Baden-Powell on his tour of the Dominion has been appointed the Chief Scout's Commissioner for Overseas. The appointment will be a most popular one; Colonel Walton made many friends in Canada, and doubtless was similarly happy in his contacts with leaders in other parts of the Empire. He is accompanying the Chief Scout on his present tour of South Africa.

There are nearly one thousand British Boy Scouts in Alexandria and Cairo, Egypt. They co-operate closely with the local French, Greek and Armenian and native Egyptian Scouts.



## OUR NEW CHIEF SCOUT

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Council has given a great deal of time to the activities of the Movement, and we are particularly delighted to have the sponsorship of yourself in this work. We believe that you will find it interesting. We know that your leadership will be valuable and profitable to us. We hope that at the end of your term of office you will be able to record the fact that the Boy Scout Movement has made very substantial progress in Canada.

"It is my honour and pleasure now to invest you in the office of Chief Scout for Canada."

Sir Edward then quoted the words of the Scout Promise, His Excellency repeating them with thoughtful significance. The ceremony was concluded and the new Chief Scout expressed his appreciation of the honour.

"I am very proud to have an official connection with a Movement which I have watched with admiration from its beginning," he declared. "It was founded by a very old friend of mine, and I entirely agree with what you have said, sir. There is no youth movement in the world comparable to it. If I can do anything while I am here in Canada to help in this great work, please command me."

"I had a talk with Lord Baden-Powell before I left for Canada, and he told me he had never been so satisfied with the work of the Boy Scouts anywhere as he was with the work of the Scouts in Canada. I hope to help make that position still more satisfactory, and, as I said, command me for anything in my power."

Upon his arrival at Dominion Headquarters the Governor-General was met by Sir Edward Beatty, and introduced to members of the Executive Committee by Mr. John A. Stiles, the Chief Executive Commissioner.

Those present for the induction were: Sir Edward Beatty, President of the Canadian General Council; Mr. Gerald H. Brown, Honorary Dominion Secretary; Dr. Francis H. Gisborne, Honorary Dominion Counsel; Major W. R. Creighton, Honorary Dominion Treasurer; Mr. John A. Stiles, Chief Executive Commissioner; Most. Rev. J. C. Roper, Metropolitan of Ontario; Sir George Perley, Brig.-Gen. C. H. Maclaren, Mr.

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Toy Shop.



C. H. Bland, Mr. G. E. Fauquier, Mr. J. B. Harkin, Major A. A. Pinard, Ottawa; Mr. W. J. Cairns, Provincial Commissioner for Ontario, Toronto; Mr. J. F. M. Stewart, Chairman of the Executive Board, Toronto; Mr. T. H. Wardleworth, Provincial Commissioner for Quebec, Montreal; Mr. Wm. Copeland Finley, Montreal; Mr. J. E. MacPherson, Montreal; Col. W. I. Gear, Montreal; Mr. Leslie R. Thomson, Montreal; Mr. R. C. Stevenson, Montreal; Mr. B. M. Hallward, Montreal; Mr. Jas. M. Fraser, Montreal; Mr. Frank W. Thompson, Provincial Commissioner for Manitoba, Winnipeg; Mr. J. S. Woodward, Provincial President of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon.

## The Settler's Parcel

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husband. He stopped abruptly. Above the noise of the wind came the jingle of sleigh bells.

"Who in the world can that be?" he wondered aloud.

While they listened, looking at one another questioningly, the sound came quickly nearer. It ceased opposite the door, and a hearty voice shouted, "Hello, neighbour!"

There was a stamping of feet; and as the

settler sprang towards the door it was thrown open, and in a blast of cold air and a flurry of snow a tall muffled figure appeared, and placed a parcel on the floor.

"Merry Christmas! I'm Old Santa Claus himself, I guess," boomed the visitor, striding to the stove and rubbing his hands.

"Why, it's the station master," exclaimed the Mother. "What brought you away out here—from home on Christmas eve?"

"Didn't I say I was Old Santa Claus?" laughed the station agent. He pointed to the carton on the floor. "That's the reason—a Christmas box. I knew you would want it tonight, for the kiddies' stockings."

"But," husband and wife exclaimed together, "it can't be for us. We weren't expecting anything. We haven't any friends in Canada—that would be sending us things."

"Well, I guess you're mistaken."

Again laughing the station agent picked up the carton.

"It's addressed to Mr. John D. Browning—that's you isn't it?—Crocusvale, Saskatchewan—that's where we are, isn't it? It's from the Boy Scouts."

He placed the box on the table, and while husband and wife still stared incredulously, he placed his finger on an



THE highly-developed delivery department of Calgary's Scout-Guide-Herald Sunshine Toy Shop. Two days are given to wrapping and arranging in Zone Piles, and delivery made by a fleet of trucks accompanied by uniformed Scouts the day before Christmas.



address sticker in one corner of which was the head of a smiling Scout.

"It's from some Boy Scout Christmas Toy Shop back east somewhere—Quebec or Ontario. Where they get your names, I don't know; but they do. We've handled several of them. But I must be off back home, to help the wife fix up things for Old Santa Claus' visit to our place." And declining even a wait for a hot drink, the station agent was off with a final Merry Christmas, for the five-mile prairie drive back to his own home.

As the sleigh bells sped away, stumbling fingers—stumbling because eyes could scarcely see for tears—were fumbling at the carton knots.

And in the early morning light—just as "back home"—weren't there whoops of joy from Philly! And incredulous exclamations from Jimmy and Jack, as they looked at a truck and a grain elevator, and a train and harmonica and story books; and at Philly's jack-in-the-box and build-blocks,—and even little bags of nuts and candy.

"And didn't I told you!" crowed Phil. "I knowed Old Santa Claus would come! 'Cause I wroth him!"

And somewhere, the boys who had worked in a Scout Christmas Toy Shop were wondering happily where their parcels had gone, sure that "kids somewhere" were happy with them; and were agreeing with their Scoutmaster that there was no better fun than fixing up Santa Claus toys for boys and girls who otherwise would have found nothing at all on Christmas morning.

## Toy Shop Items

**D**ON'T overlook inviting the Mayor, other municipal officials, members of service clubs and lodges, as well as the public at large to visit your Toy Shop. Designate certain Scouts or Scouters to show the visitors around.

The honour of getting in the first 1935 Christmas Toy Shop announcement form (one of last year's) was claimed by the 1st Elk Point, Alta. These keen lads, near the Saskatchewan-Alberta border northeast of Edmonton, plan to ensure a visit by Santa Claus to 30 local needy children, and in addition offer to send a five-kiddy parcel of gifts to a family elsewhere.

Cubs of the 7th Charlottetown Group are making model aircraft for the Christmas Toy Shop.

A collection of toys made at the public schools gave the Stratford, Ont., toy shop a good start. Space for the shop was secured in the city's market shelter. A schedule of working hours was laid out by the Shop Committee.

The new troop at Kamsack, Sask., demonstrated its enterprise by holding a well-organized and successful Scout Apple Day, then made plans for a Christmas Toy Shop—which is now in full operation.

Under an active Committee the New Glasgow Shop has this year added the making of wooden toys.

With a well organized machine-equipped shop in their new permanent troop headquarters, the Rosetown, Sask., Scouts expect this year to repeat their big toy-

manufacturing job of last year. . . . The Rovers were assigned the task of raising the needed funds, and did this with a Scout Apple Day. . . . "We have a great supply of material on hand in the way of wooden boxes, and the quality of the wood this year we find is much superior to that of last season. We also expect to enlarge our equipment in the machine end of the shop, to make a neater job at still greater speed."

. . . . The forms are cut out in quantity, and unskilled boys assemble, glue and nail.

Through the co-operation of the Fort Frances Canadian Legion, the east wing of Legion Hall has been turned over to the 1st Fort Frances Troop and 4th Sea Scouts for a Christmas Toy Shop.

At a Toronto troop shop: The boys brought their own tools, identified by a piece of white adhesive with name. Each patrol given a particular job—one books, one mechanical toys, one wooden toys, etc. The Rovers do the finishing and painting.

Our Scout friends of St. John's, Newfoundland, are repeating the efficiently-planned, large size Toy Shop job of the last several years that has meant so much to the children of needy families in that district.

The den of the new Rover Crew at Red Deer, Alta., will include a Christmas toy workshop.

An attention-arresting bulletin placed by the North Vancouver, B.C., Scout-Guide Toy Shop in each class room of the local schools features a fire engine, and notes the fact that the local firemen are doing their share in the local effort by making new toys and helping in the repair of old. For local distribution the Scouts are co-operating with ladies of the local Red Cross.

## Bits from Last Year

**A** SAINT JOHN experience:—Voice over the Toy Shop 'phone: "Hello! Scout Toy Shop? . . . Well, I heard your radio talk last night. I have no kiddies to send to the Capitol Theatre this morning, but if you will send a Scout over I will give him some money to buy some new toys with." A Scout was sent for the contribution. Shortly after he returned, the donor was again on the phone. "Hello, did you get my dollar? . . . Well, I think I can spare two more dollars. Send the boy back again. I do want to help as many kiddies as I can."

Other Saint John experiences included an anonymous gift of \$10 "to be used to buy toys for children," and the generous blanket commission of a local business man to the shop manager to "go out and buy whatever toys you need, to ensure that every needy child is taken care of."

The Regina Shop co-operated with the Y.M.C.A. Model Boat Club. The Scouts painted over 100 model boats prepared by the club for distribution through various agencies, and in return the club director rigged a number of model boats for the Scouts.

The Royal City Cleaners of New Westminster, B.C., gave free baths to hundreds of woolly dogs, cats, monkeys and other animal species, wild and domestic, and the Royal City Laundry

placed its services at the disposal of the doll department. Local merchants donated broken strings of beads and other novelties, which the Scouts fashioned into pleasing articles.

The Shop at The Pas, Man., distributed toys to 60 families, comprising 98 girls and 89 boys.

In Calgary delivery of a package of toys brought tears to the eyes of a mother who said she and her husband had been able to scrape together 60 cents with which to provide some small present for each of their four small children. On Christmas Eve the same parents came into the Toy Shop and requested that the toys be passed on to other children in greater need, as they had that day received a hamper and parcel of toys from relatives in the east.

Following a custom of previous years Calgary Toy Shop workers gave a demonstration of their work in the T. Eaton Company's Toyland, and in one day more than 10,000 people watched them at work.

Montreal's 1934 Shop established a new high record with 17,044 toys, 2,000 over their objective.

The Sidney, B.C., Scouts joined the manufacturers, turning out boats, carts, wagons, etc., with glistening coats of paint and varnish, for some 200 children.

The Summerside, P.E.I., Toy Shop received a \$25 cheque from Lieut.-Gov. DeBlois, with a letter stating that he knew of no more worthy cause than that of helping underprivileged children, and congratulating the Summerside Scouts for "taking upon themselves this pleasing duty."

At Victoria, through the courtesy of the B.C. Electric Railway Company, mothers of needy children were provided by Scouts with two car tickets to facilitate their visit to toy headquarters to pick out gifts for their children.

In addition to fixing up old toys, Saskatoon Scouts invented new ones that could be made of odds-and-ends of material gathered from many sources. Grape baskets with wheels and handles became doll carriages; lengths of large cardboard mailing rolls, mounted on wheels and wooden ends added, made realistic "oil trucks."

The Fredericton Toy Shop acted as a distributing agency for 500 new toys, books and articles of clothing donated by the Knights of Pythias and the Fredericton Gyro Club. Over 1,000 kiddies were taken care of by the shop.

Sixty large new wooden playthings—sleds, doll-sleighs, carts, rocking horses—were produced by the Granby, Que., shop through the active participation of the keen Group Committee. Patterns were prepared, arrangements made for cutting out with bandsaws at a manufacturing plant, and the assembling and painting was done at the Toy Shop by committee-men and Scouts. Dry-goods dealers donated the netting used to make Christmas stockings—which were filled with candy, nuts and an orange each. Churches and relief committees supplied a list of needy



families, with names of children and ages; and individual parcels were prepared bearing names of children, all then made into one family parcel.

The importance of visitors in securing the maximum appreciation and support of the toy shop work was stressed in the very complete report of Mr. R. C. Burns, chairman of the Calgary Toy Shop Committee. To further increase the number it was suggested that members of lodges, service clubs and other organizations be invited to come and see the work being done. "Different days might be arranged for different organizations, and in this way the Toy Shop could be advertised to a greater extent, more toys obtained, and the movement generally would benefit thereby."

## Other Xmas Good Turns Found Last Year

MONTREAL Rovers did another major job with Scout Relief Barrels in over 200 chain stores. Groceries valued at \$577.22 were collected, hampered, and distributed on the day before Christmas to 292 families.

North Sydney Scouts supplied re-conditioned toys for a Community Christmas Tree.

Scout Relief Barrels in grocery and chain stores and a Canned Food Theatre Matinee for children provided hampers distributed by Oshawa Scouts. The hampers were given to old age pensioners and the recipients of mothers' allowances for whom no provision was made by other agencies.

The Scouts of Strathroy, Ont., also sponsored a successful Canned Goods Matinee, turning the receipts over to the local relief committee.

Christmas hampers for needy families of Coleman, Alta., were purchased by the local Scouts with the receipts of a special Scout Apple Day, held December 15th.

With their Brownie sisters, Hanover, Ont., Wolf Cubs were hosts to over 100 less fortunate children for a supper and Santa Claus party. Each Brownie and Cub brought supper for two, and hot cocoa was provided by the Group Committee.

Trenton, Ont., Scouts helped control traffic when Santa Claus paid his annual visit to the town, under the auspices of the Rotary Club.

## S.M. Gone, Court of Honour Carries On

IT was unanimously agreed that all would tuck in and help to keep the Troop up to the old standard. Probably more important, was the Court of Honour held on Monday night at the A.S.M.'s home. Since losing the services of S. M. Gordon Titcombe, the Troop has been without a Scoutmaster, and a resolution was passed that the affairs of the troop would be run by the Court of Honour, until such time as a Scoutmaster could be found. This is the usual practice in Scouting, where the leader collaborates with his Patrol Leaders and other officers.

—2nd Three Rivers, Que.

## Scout Election Service

DURING the recent Federal elections the Scouts of Nova Scotia repeated their service of former years as official messengers for bringing in polling-booth results. Newspapers throughout the province credited to this service the promptness with which the results became known. The citizenship-training value to the boys is obvious.

Said the *Sydney Post Record*:

The manner in which the results from all the polling places was gathered in by the Maritime Telephone and Telegraph Co., working here in conjunction with the Boy Scouts, was very satisfactory and well handled by the Scouts and the staff of the local telephone exchange.

The *Gloucester Gazette*:

Monday night the local operators were in complete charge of securing the election returns, by previous arrangement with The Canadian Press and co-operation of the local Boy Scouts. The returns from the fifty polls in Gloucester Bay were all in, and in correctly, well before eight o'clock, a tribute to the efficiency of the operators and those who were assisting.

The *Halifax Star* went more into detail:

Two hours is a short time in which to collect and compile the results of the voting at 1775 polls, which is the number of polling places in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. How, then, was it possible for even the telephone companies with their widespread organization to accomplish this task in such a brief space of time? The answer is through a co-operative effort, the efficient co-operators in this instance being the Boy Scouts Association—that organization which so fully lives up to its motto of "Be Prepared."

When the polls closed at 6 o'clock on election day, trim Boy Scouts stood at the doors of hundreds of the booths prepared to rush returns to the nearest telephone office, and there was no dallying by the wayside. With typical Boy Scout efficiency was this duty performed, thus making it possible for the anxious electorate to receive the information for which they were waiting much more quickly than otherwise would have been the case.

## A Caution in Connection with Use of Buildings for Displays

AN award of \$1,700 damages for injuries claimed to have been sustained by a fall down a short flight of steps at the Horse Show buildings, Vancouver, during the Scout and Guide rally for Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, comes as a caution which might well be kept in mind for all Scout gatherings in similar buildings. The damages were assessed against the Vancouver Exhibition Association. The finding was that the stairs were unguarded. It was not indicated that the Scout Association was in any way responsible, but the incident was none the less regrettable, and suggests the wisdom of studying and guarding against any such possibility at similar large gatherings to witness Scout displays.

Failure to carry on according to Scouting standards has caused cancellation of recognition of the Boy Scouts Association of Liberia, Africa, by the International Committee.

## 93 Apple Days in Ontario

A TOTAL of 93 Scout Apple Days, 46 of them on one date—Saturday, October 16—was the remarkable record set up this year for Ontario. The estimated apple sale was a quarter of a million, or approximately 2,500 bushels. In other terms, 250,000 people were reminded of Ontario dessert apples and Ontario Scouts and Cubs. Incidentally this outstanding success, after two years' experience, unquestionably carries the stamp of public approval of the Scout Apple Day project.

It has been noted previously in these columns that the attention being attracted by Ontario Scouting to the McIntosh Red as a dessert apple—large orchards of the variety are just coming into bearing—is potentially of major importance to Ontario apple growers.

Excellent autumn apple sales also were held in the Maritimes—in six cities and towns each in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, as last reported; and another record success in Charlottetown. Of the other provinces Quebec has reported one, Manitoba four, Saskatchewan six, Alberta two and British Columbia one.

It will not be overlooked that the success of these ventures to a large extent is to be credited to the experiences recorded in the Apple Day Questionnaire as summarized in *The Scout Leader* and the *Scout Apple Day Book*. To date only a limited number of the 1935 Questionnaires have been returned. It is hoped that none will be overlooked, in order that they may be studied, so that various data and new ideas may be reviewed in an early number of the *Leader*.

So, Apple Day directors, kindly fill in Questionnaires and return to Provincial Headquarters as soon as possible.

## Scouts and Girl Guides Help Keep Back Crowd

THE value of uniform for Boy Scouts and Girl Guides found an illustration at a recent fire in Stratford, Ont. It being Friday night, the common meeting night of all the city units, boys and girls were in uniform; and when they appeared at the fire the police were quick to use them. This was the tribute paid by the *Beacon-Herald*, whose printing plant was the scene of the fire:

The efficiency of Stratford Boy Scouts and Girl Guides in times of emergency was clearly emphasized Friday night when crowds gathered to witness the fire at The Beacon-Herald. The Scouts and Guides, marshalled by police and their leaders, formed a chain in front of the crowd, holding everyone back to one side of the street. Through their efficient work any confusion was avoided.

## A Rotating Scout Library

A ROTATING Scout Library developed at Mansfield, Ohio, may offer a suggestion for certain Canadian Scout districts. Because the facilities of the local public library were not always readily available to Scouts, due to distance, employment, and other factors, the Mansfield Rotary Club collected several hundred books suitable for Scout libraries, and divided them among the troops. The plan calls for the rotating of the libraries at certain intervals.



## The World Chief Scout's Visit

(Concluded from November)



*The World Chief Scout inspecting the Prince Edward Islanders*

**Moncton, N.B.**—A half-hour stop of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell at Moncton on Friday, May 31, was taken full advantage of by some 400 Scouts and Guides, in part made up of contingents from Sackville, Amherst, Albert, Port Elgin and Lewisville.

At the car steps the Two Chiefs were met by a guard of honour of King's Scouts. They were welcomed to the city by His Worship Mayor Thomas H. King, and other prominent citizens, and on behalf of the Boy Scouts of the province by Assistant Provincial Commissioner Eli Boyaner and District Commissioner R. K. Buzzell and other prominent leaders.

A special platform had been erected in the station square, and here the visitors reviewed a smartly performed march past. During the inspection which followed the Chief Scout met the leaders of the various units, then addressed the gathering. An enthusiastic send-off saw the party on their way to Saint John.

**Saint John, N.B.**—One of the greatest tributes of Lord Baden-Powell's tour of Canada was that paid him by the City of Saint John. This was the postponing of the city's celebration of the King's Silver Jubilee to correspond with the Chief Scout's visit, so that his reception and entertainment might be incorporated in the Jubilee programme. As a result, New Brunswick's welcome was staged in a city aflutter with flags and bunting and crowded with visitors for the dual occasion.

The official welcome to Lord and Lady Baden-Powell was extended at Government House, by Lt.-Gov. Murray MacLaren and His Worship Mayor Brittain. In the evening there was a banquet at the Admiral Beatty Hotel, attended by a notable gathering of citizens and district and provincial Scout leaders.

The Scout and Guide rally was held on historic Barrack Green, and saw gathered together over 3,500 Scouts and Cubs, Guides and Brownies, and several thousand spectators.

The distinguished party on the reviewing stand, in addition to Lord and Lady Baden-Powell and their party, included Lt.-Gov. MacLaren, with his aides; Premier Tilley, Mayor Brittain, U.S. Consul von Treskow, Commander Alden of the U.S.S. Macdonough, Dr. Walter W. White, Provincial President of the

Boy Scouts Association, and Brig.-Gen. F. W. Hill, Vice-President; Mr. John A. Stiles, Chief Executive Commissioner, and a large number of other prominent district and provincial leaders.

Rain had promised to interfere with the display, but promptly at 3 o'clock, as though in special compliment, the clouds broke and sunshine flooded the scene. This was the appropriate setting for the opening number, the splendidly effective singing of patriotic Canadian airs by the massed Scouts and Guides.

Brownies and Guides provided the opening half of the programme, following which came the march past. The review was outstandingly varied and picturesque in make-up. In addition to Protestant and Catholic English and French speaking units, there were Hebrew and Syrian groups, coloured Scouts and kilted Scouts, and white-gaitered, blue-uniformed American Sea Scouts; and mixed with the mass of fluttering Union Jacks were the Stars and Stripes from across the border.

To the alternating music of kilted Scout pipers and the band of the Saint John Fusiliers, the impressive procession of boyhood and girlhood marched gaily by, each unit in turn "facing right" as it passed the smiling father of the movement. And adding another touch, as the large 1st Edmundston French-Canadian Troop passed the order "Face right" was called in French.

The Scout display comprised rapid tent-pitching, bridge building, friction-fire making, rope-spinning, pyramids, signalling in unison, and first aid, all done with fine precision. As customary, the Chief Scout passed about the field, watched the different groups, and tested the stability of the bridge. The Cub contribution was a very effective presentation of the jungle dances.

The Chief Scout's return to the stand was the signal for a rush-in of Cubs followed by the Scouts, so spontaneously enthusiastic and accompanied by such continued cheering that it was some minutes before Lord Baden-Powell secured silence for speaking.

An anxious crowding forward of the outer circle of Scouts brought a characteristic example of the Chief Scout's wit. "Steady back there," he called to the older boys. "You're squashing the next generation of Scouts, and that won't do."

During his address Lord Baden-Powell had a special word of welcome for the three Scout units from Maine.

On Sunday afternoon 1,500 Scouts and Cubs attended divine service in various Saint John churches. The parade was divided into three sections, each headed by a band and massed colours; and thousands of spectators were attracted to the line of march. The parade was reviewed at King's Square by Lt.-Gov. MacLaren and Mayor Brittain, and a party including Chief Justice J. B. M. Baxter, the United States Consul, and many other prominent citizens and Scout leaders.

On Monday the Scouts were a feature of the big King's Silver Jubilee peace parade, sharing honours with hundreds of other marching bodies in one of the greatest processions in the history of New Brunswick.

Another Scout feature of the celebration was a model Scout camp on Barrack Green, complete in all details, an actual camp occupied by the 1st St. Stephen Troop, displaying all sorts of gadgets, and in a large marquee an exhibit of Scout handicraft; a Rover camp occupied by the 3rd Fredericton Crew; a full-sized log-cabin, chinked with moss, and a rustic bridge.

Organization of a high degree characterized the arrangements made by the Saint John Scouters for the four-days' entertainment of the visiting units representing 27 different centres. The majority were housed in a large building on the Exhibition grounds, and one of the tasks was the providing of some 10,000 individual meals. The "camp" was run on schedule, from 6 a.m. Reveille to Lights Out; a camp doctor made daily morning rounds and on Saturday and Sunday nights there were largely attended council fires.

The Headquarters included a printing shop, which issued bulletins in French as well as English; a hospital tent and a telephone system connecting the reviewing stand and various points on the Green.

Two of the visiting units, the North Head and Grand Harbour troops from the island of Grand Manan, across the Bay of Fundy, came by schooner, chartered with money saved over many months; and the Scouts from Plaster Rock came down the St. John river by canoe. The American contingent comprised land troops from Calais and Woodland, Maine, and the "Baden-Powell Sea Scouts" of Bangor.

A pleasing tribute paid Lady Baden-Powell at the opening of the rally was the dropping of a bouquet of flowers by a low-gliding seaplane of the Saint John Flying Club. Later members of the club gave a number of visiting Scouts the thrill of a flight over the city.

A feature of the banquet to Lord and Lady Baden-Powell was the singing of a welcome song, addressed to both, written specially by Canon H. A. Cody, M.A., to music composed by Mr. J. F. Browne, Mus. B.

**Sydney, N.S.**—The Chief Scout and his party arrived in Sydney early on Wednesday, June 5th, and spent a busy morning meeting Scout and Guide leaders of the province and district and other prominent citizens. At noon they were entertained at luncheon at the Cove, through the courtesy of Sir Newton Moore, as guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Kelley.

For the rally some 2,000 Scouts and Guides and spectators gathered in the afternoon in a spacious and brightly de-



corated badminton court. A formal welcome was extended by His Worship, Mayor S. E. Muggah and by Provincial Commissioner W. E. Tibbs, Provincial President W. C. Nickerson, Col. J. A. MacDonald, President of the Sydney Association; District Commissioner W. C. Carter, and other leaders.

A march past and a brief Guide and Scout display preceded the Chief's address.

The concluding function was a supper attended by some 200 representative citizens at Presbyterian Hall, Mayor Muggah presiding. At the conclusion of the banquet the Chief Scout and his party left for North Sydney, and there boarded the s.s. Caribou for his three week's visit to Newfoundland.

**Halifax.**—July 1st, Dominion Day, was the appropriate occasion of Lord Baden-Powell's visit to Halifax, and some 3,000 Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies and 7,000 spectators greeted him in the afternoon on the campus of Dalhousie University. With his party he was welcomed by the Hon. C. W. Anderson for the provincial government, by His Honour Lt.-Gov. W. H. Covert, and by His Worship Mayor Cragg on behalf of the city.

A considerable portion of the two hours' programme had been set aside for visiting the various units by the Chief Scout, other features being restricted accordingly. Singing by the entire Scout-Guide ensemble, under direction of a Scouter, District Scoutmaster R. O. Cutler, was unusually effective, notably the rendering of the "Toast to B.-P." Also notable was the fact that the chorus was led by a Scout-Guide-Cub-Brownie orchestra. Upon discovering this, Lord Baden-Powell at once proceeded to the orchestra platform, to observe the young musicians; and at the conclusion of the first number commented approvingly.

As a special Dominion Day feature, the singing of the opening number, "O Canada," was accompanied by the display of the Arms of the different provinces, and the dates at which they entered into Confederation.

Following the singing came the march past—pleasingly executed—then the Chief Scout's address. The Chief Scout then took the occasion to present a number of awards—the Honorary Silver Wolf to Mr. W. C. Nickerson, the Provincial President, in recognition of long service to the movement in the province; the Medal

*The  
Two Chiefs  
return a  
march-past  
salute at  
Winnipeg*



of Merit to Rev. A. F. Denteith, for work in a wide rural district; to District President A. K. Harvie of Halifax; to Rev. Foster Heffler of Stellarton, and to District Commissioner Robert McGregor of Pictou County. The last named, it was noted, had come up to commissionership from Tenderfoot Scout. Honour Standards, for the organization of new Scout Groups, were presented to Scoutmaster H. M. Grant, for the 14th Halifax Troop, and to Scoutmaster Wood for the 2nd Kentville Troop.

The memorable conclusion of the rally was the reaffirmation of the Scout and Guide Promise, led respectively by the Chief Scout and Chief Guide, and cheers for the King and the Lieutenant Governor.

A novel contribution to the Halifax programme, and one which brought an exclamation of surprise and pleasure from the Chief Scout upon his arrival at the Lord Nelson Hotel in the evening, was an indoor council fire, with its circle of blanketed figures,—a "Gilwell reunion." The Chief fell at once into the atmosphere and took his place in the circle for a delightful hour's pow-wow. Eugene L. Cote, of Maritime '26, presided, and the circle numbered over 30 members of various courses back to 1922. Included was an unrelated namesake of the Chief, Scoutmaster Baden-Powell of Weymouth, N.S.

Another enjoyable event was a banquet

tendered by Lieut.-Governor Covert and attended by prominent leaders.

**Charlottetown.**—A large gathering of Scouts and Guides and citizens overflowing the station platform was Charlottetown's welcome on Friday, July 5. The unofficial greeting was followed by an official provincial and civic reception in the Confederation Chamber at the Provincial Parliament Buildings, in which historic birthplace of Canadian Confederation the distinguished guests were addressed by Premier MacMillan.

The rally of Scouts and Guides was held on the Exhibition Grounds, before a well filled grandstand. His Honour Lt.-Gov. DeBlois presided. The opening was a song of welcome by the fourteen units representing all parts of the Island. This was followed by inspection by the Chief Scout, who spoke personally to the leaders of many of the boys.

The fun and frolic of Scouting was the keynote of the Island programme, presented in a Circus parade of fearful and wonderful animals and birds, pre-historic, story-book and from the "funnies." Each troop and pack had been allotted certain animals or birds; the resulting procession was hugely enjoyed by the Chief Scout and his party as well as by the spectators.

The serious part of the programme comprised singing, led by the Canadian Legion Band, this succeeded by rope spinning, friction fire making, the building of an Arch of Welcome by the Scouts, and the Grand Howl and games by the Cubs.

At the conclusion of the Chief Scout's address a Medal of Merit, in recognition of more than ten years of valuable service to the Movement in Prince Edward Island, was presented to Mr. J. R. Burnett, F. J. I. The rally closed with the National Anthem and cheers, led by the Chief Scout, for the King and Lt.-Gov. DeBlois.

The concluding function of the Charlottetown programme,—and of the Chief Scout's Canadian tour,—was, appropriately, a largely attended "Gemoot" of Scout and Guide leaders at the Canadian National Hotel. The President of the Prince Edward Island Scout Association, Mr. J. O. Hyndman, presided, and the gathering included Lt.-Gov. and Mrs. DeBlois, Mrs. H. D. Warren, Chief Commissioner of the Girl Guides Association, Mr. John A. Stiles, Chief Execu-



*Listening to the Chief Scout at Edmonton*

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# Along the Trail



The Rams  
of the 118th  
Toronto  
arrive at  
Camp

**B**EFORE the troop and Scouters, Provincial Commissioner J. I. Morris and other prominent leaders, Rev. Fr. McCordle was invested as a Scout and Chaplain of the 1st Charlottetown (Basicalia) Group. The investiture was made by Assistant Provincial Commissioner Driscoll.

Winter season plans of the 1st Fort Frances, Ont., Troop include a course in motor mechanics by Committeeman Cordray and woodworking under Mrs. Biddeson.

## Active Parts in Scout Church Service

Individual Scouts of the 1st Millet Troop, Alta., took part in a special service at the United Church,—reading the lesson, contributing a solo, offering the prayers and taking up the offering. The Chaplain, Rev. H. E. Parker, spoke interestingly on the religious application of the Scout motto. The church was well filled, and the hope was expressed that the service would be repeated.

A handsome new stand of colours was presented the 1st Parry Sound Troop, by President J. M. Daly of the Canadian Legion.

## An Old Boys' Patrol

To meet the problem of a number of old Scouts who could not attend all meetings the Court of Honour of the 2nd Three Rivers Troop are trying an "Old Boys' Patrol." The patrol will not enter competitions, "but otherwise when turning out will function in the same manner as other patrols."

New colours of the 13th Winnipeg (Daniel McIntyre) Troop were dedicated by Rural Dean Horrobin at a morning service at St. Jude's Anglican Church.

## The Over-night Hike Adventure

An over-night October hike—Friday to Saturday evening—was a thrilling adventure for the large Scout troop of St. Patrick's Orphanage, Silver Falls, N.B. Part of the programme of a big council fire consisted of each boy telling what he liked best at the summer camp, the troop's first outing. The busy programme included football, softball, swimming, boxing and hiking.

500 Border Cities Wolf Cubs, packing six chartered street cars, journeyed to Amherstburg for their annual autumn field day of games and competitions, "eats," and songs and stories round a big camp fire.

## Again, the Value of Parents' Nights

"Certainly those directly interested with this work, whether in Vulcan or elsewhere, feel that their efforts along Scouting lines are making advancements." This was the comment at the end of a column story in the Vulcan, Alta., *Advocate* of a Parents' Night of the 1st Vulcan Group. The programme comprised a pack and troop opening, lively competitive games, in some of which the parents were included; a realistic accident calling for first aid, an impressive "Going-Up," refreshments served by the Mothers' Auxiliary, and brief addresses.

Three pies were the real treasure hidden in Point Pleasant Park for a treasure hunt of the 17th Halifax Troop. Appropriately they were secured by the Bear Patrol.

## Must be 2nd Class for Week-end Camp

"Last week-end saw the older fellows of the 2nd Troop (Three Rivers) out camping on the banks of the St. Maurice. The party numbering eight in all, spent Friday and Saturday nights under canvas . . . . These camps are of course for the older boys only, as the cold weather does not permit a full troop camp. The attendance has been limited to Second Class Scouts."

A request from Fire Chief Mathieson to the Scouts present to do their part throughout the year to eliminate local fire hazards was made at a largely attended Scout fathers and sons' banquet at Trinity United Church, Kirkland Lake.

## A Community H.Q. Activities Set-Up

Hollinger Hall, Timmins, Ont., new Scout headquarters, is the boys' activity centre of the Northern Ontario mining city. Every night in the week except one is allotted a troop; on Wednesdays troop leaders, patrol leaders and scribes gather. The recently organized Scout leaders' club also meets regularly. Cub packs meet on the same night as their troops, from 6 to 7.15 p.m.

A new stand of colours was presented to the 83rd Winnipeg Troop by the Amputations Association of the Great War, and dedicated on the following Sunday morning at Calvary Community Church.

## A Well Planned H.Q. Opening

Representatives of the London, Ont., Fire Department, a contribution from the members of which formed the nucleus of the building fund, were present at the ceremony opening the new headquarters building in Knollwood Park of the 17th London Scout Troop. The building was

officially opened by Rev. T. J. Finlay, of the Church of the Resurrection, sponsors of the troop. There was a programme of music, singing and dancing, and refreshments served by the Scout mothers. It is planned to complete the Group with Cubs and Rovers. The firemen had donated the major portion of the receipts from a ball game.

Returning support given them on various occasions by Legion members, the Scouts of Stirling, Ont., contributed boxing bouts and a tumbling act at a carnival staged by the local Canadian Legion Post.

A census of the town, to determine the population since the opening of a new mill industry, was the task given the Scouts of Huntingdon, Que., by the Town Council. Each patrol was allotted a section.

## An Inter-troop Stalking Game

On Friday night an inter-troop stalking game was conducted between St. Mary's and St. Andrew's troops, the two headquarters being about one mile apart. One hour was the time limit set for the game over this territory, and the two messengers proved themselves worthy of their assignment by outwitting those who were out to scalp them. The scalp was a piece of white cloth hung from the belt.

—Lethbridge Herald.

The Scout organizations of Mount Forest, Arthur, Listowel and Palmerston have been organized as a provincial district, with a District Council under the presidency of Dr. E. A. Roos. Captain A. C. F. Winslow of Mount Forest was named District Commissioner.

## That "Unusual Pack Evening," September Leader

The Cubs held a joint meeting on Tuesday evening with 40 boys and 5 leaders present. It was a special Chinese night. Shortly after the opening, material for costumes was given to each Six and very soon afterwards a gay and Oriental looking crowd of Cubs joined in Chinese games and songs.—1st Smith Falls.

Autumn plans of the 126th Toronto (I.O.D.E. Preventorium) Group, announced by the Group Committee, listed: Active participation in Apple Day, a Halloween concert, Armistice Day service, and a "Council Rock" meeting in November.

## Making a District Event of a Life Saving Medal Presentation

One hundred and sixty five Scouts, Cubs and Rovers from Sherbrooke and Lennoxville, Que., gathered for the presentation by His Worship Mayor Bradley of the Gilt Cross for life saving to Scout Fred V. Sinclair of the 4th Sherbrooke Troop. The meeting was opened with flag break, Scout Silence and the Cub's Grand Howl. A Certificate of Merit was awarded Scout Roy Phillips for his share in the rescue, which involved diving to bring up a fellow Scout, at last summer's camp, and the successful use of artificial respiration.

Two Perth, Ont., Boy Scouts on duty in connection with a local Boy Scout Apple Day were able to furnish the police with information which led to the arrest of the driver of a hit-and-run car involved in an accident in which a man was injured.



Over 400 Cubs and Scouts and their leaders attended morning service at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Toronto, and listened to a sermon by Bishop Renison on the traditional example of the Scout good turn, the "Good Samaritan."

### Fire Chief Asks Scout Help for "All Time"

As a result of Scout co-operation during Fire Prevention Week at Ingersoll, Ont., the boys were asked by Fire Chief Gillespie to aid the Fire Department "for all time." The Fire Chief is now giving the Scouts a series of talks and demonstrations, at the conclusion of which essays will be written and prizes awarded.

We now have a flying lady Cubmaster—Miss A. L. McNeill, Akela of the 5th Regina Pack. Miss McNeill qualified early this autumn for a private plane flying license. A number of Regina Scouts expect to take pilot's examinations at a later date.

### Another Scout Harmonica Broadcast

Sudbury's Boy Scout Harmonica Band is the latest Scout musical organization to go on the air. The band, comprising a piano, banjo and six harmonicas, provided an excellent quarter-hour's entertainment from station CKSO. Scoutmaster Fred Behmber spoke briefly on Scouting.

The 1st Smith Falls (St. John's) Group has been presented by Mr. Grant Jones with a building lot on which to erect a permanent headquarters. The building when completed will include a hall, a reading room, a workshop and a Rover den.

### "To Col. Wigle, From His Scouts, Cubs and Rovers"

A beautiful silver service subscribed to in small sums by boys was the unique tribute paid Col. E. S. Wigle, Scout Commissioner for Windsor and Essex County since the organization of Scouting in that area. Presentation was made by Wallace R. Campbell, President of the Border Cities Scout Association. The inscription on the service reads: "To Col. Wigle, from his Scouts, Cubs and Rovers."

Presentation of the Leonard Trophy to the first aid team of the 47th Winnipeg Troop, winners for 1935, was made at a largely attended and successful parents, friends and old boys' night. The programme comprised an exhibition of first aid, and games and singing around an indoor campfire.

### A Special Composite Rally Troop

As a means of more closely associating the boys coming in from outside points to a Kent County Thanksgiving rally at Victoria Park, Chatham, Ont., the different units were combined with the local troops into four special rally units. A flag break opened the afternoon of games and competitions. Supper was served at the park motor camp, and in the evening there was a big indoor council fire at the Armouries. The programme here included a model troop meeting. Troops were present from Blenheim, Tilbury, Wallaceburg, Dresden, Ridgeway, Thamesville, Merlin, Windsor and

Chatham. The honour of best attendance went to the 1st Blenheim Troop, with but one absentee. The big opening flag-break horseshoe was made the occasion for presentation by Assistant Provincial Commissioner F. C. Irwin of the Gilt Cross for life saving to Scout Leslie Needham of the 1st Chatham Troop, after Scoutmaster Fred Watson had described the ice accident rescue of last winter.

The care of new trees planted in local cemeteries was a service carried out this summer by the 1st Merritt, B.C., Troop. Patrols took weekly turns in visiting the trees and watering them when necessary.

### A 300-Attendance Parents' Night

A Parents' Night attended by 300 people celebrated the 26th birthday of the 3rd Toronto Group. Sixteen new Wolf Cubs were invested and 14 were admitted to the troop in an impressive Going Up. A presentation was made to Scoutmaster Bert Hayes in recognition of his completion of 25 years with the troop.

*The Chairman of the Toy Shop Committee lends a hand,—at London, Ont.*



### A Cub Rally "Shere Khan" Competition

One of the new units competing, the James Island Cub Pack, won the Raven-hill trophy for aggregate points at Victoria's annual district Cub rally. The jungle dance competition, the "Death of Shere Khan", for the J. T. Slater trophy, was won by the Langford Pack, with 91 of a possible 100 points.

### A Harvest Fair and Sale of Work

"The 1st Troop (Moose Jaw) Boy Scouts Harvest Fair and sale of work, held at the Scout hall Friday night, was a decided success, and the Ladies' Auxiliary, Associate Brothers, Girl Guides, Brownies, Scouts and Cubs, were grateful for the support given the event by the public."

### Native Woods from Acton, Ont., to Acton, England

A mounted collection of native woods of Ontario was presented by the 1st Acton, Ont., Troop to Dr. J. Ewart Smart, to take back with him to a Scout Group in Acton, England. The presentation was made at a meeting at the Town Hall, when Dr. Smart presented a silk Union Jack from Acton to its Ontario namesake.

### Mayor and Council at District Scouts' Own

Over 200 Scouts, Cubs and Rovers from Chatham, Wallaceburg, and Ridgeway joined those of Dresden, Ont., for a Scouts' Own service at Christ Church. The parade assembled at Market Square, and was marched to the church by the Dresden Community Band. At the church entrance the boys were received by the Rector, Rev. R. M. Weekes, and Rev. M. B. Johnson of Wallaceburg. The service was attended by His Worship Mayor George E. Clark and members of the Dresden Town Council. After the service a committee of ladies served refreshments in the Parish Hall.

### A Friendly Call on New Groups

A party of Scouts, Cubs and leaders from Dalhousie, N.B., paid a visit to Campbellton, to make the acquaintance of the four new local troops, and put on a number of demonstrations. The visit was much appreciated.

### Opening New Walkerton H.Q. a Community Event

The fine new permanent home for the Scouts of Walkerton, Ont., built through the generosity of Mr. G. E. D. Martyn, and lighted and furnished through the assistance of Messrs. David Robertson, Harry E. Truax and L. C. Crozier, was opened with suitable ceremony in the presence of Mayor Campbell Grant, Reeve John Clancy and other prominent citizens. Mr. Martyn raised the flag on the new flag staff in front of the building, and handed the key to Scoutmaster Reg. Swanson. The hall is one-storey cottage style with imitation-log siding.

### Sir Francis Floud Addresses Ottawa Scouters

A record attendance of nearly 200 Scouters, reports showing 47 active Groups, presentation of awards and trophies and an address by Sir Francis Floud, K.C.B., British High Commissioner to Canada, marked the annual meeting of the Ottawa district association. A popular award was the presentation of a Medal of Merit to Rev. Father Hebert, in recognition of the important part played by him in the development of French-Canadian Scouting in the Capital district.



## Troop Wastage and Qualified Leadership

*THE keen Canadian Scouter is always interested to learn what brother Scouters in other parts of the Empire are debating, particularly when the problems parallel our own. In this category comes the following analysis of the relationship in Australia between troop wastage, natural leadership qualifications of Scouters, and training in leadership, as discussed in THE VICTORIAN SCOUT for October.*

A GILWELL Scout Course at Gembrook has just concluded, and the approaching summer will see many Courses of Training of various sorts. It is one thing, however, to arrange training courses, but quite another to persuade those who most need them to make some sacrifice to undertake them. Sooner or later it would seem, the Boy Scouts Association will have to make some definite move to stop the wastage of good boy material which, under present conditions, is unfortunately only too manifest. There is a steady drift of boys aged perhaps only 14 or 15, or even less, away from Scouting—boys who would make splendid Scouts if only they were well led in good troops.

The question of leadership is the all-important matter. Not all men, whatever their outlook or willingness to serve, make successful Scoutmasters. Some fail through ignorance of what to do and how to do it, and some haven't the personal qualities to succeed in the job. To safeguard the interests of both the man and the boy, the prospective Scouter should surely be required to acquire some working knowledge of principles before he starts a Troop going at all, and prove to himself and others that the task will prove congenial to him, and within his capacity to do reasonably well.

We feel very definitely that a man should not be permitted to start out until he has at least completed a course of preliminary training, and that any Scouter, who does not feel the urge to attend a full Gilwell Course of training, has probably not the right outlook.

There is no place in any ordered system of human activity for the man who imagines he has nothing to learn. The best Scouter is the one who welcomes new ideas and new methods, and who feels keenly that his own success, and that of his boys, depend very largely on his keeping abreast of new ideas. These he cannot get unless he is willing to enter the stream of progress, and to keep in touch with others as much as possible.

Training more than anything else stimulates the "look-wide" aspect. There is no loss of dignity involved for the veteran Scouter to enter a training course; such action proves his worth to the Movement. But the Movement should beware of the man, whether he be Commissioner or Scouter, who refuses. He is probably too ignorant to be conscious of his own limitations.

There should be no place in Scouting for the poor Scouter who muddles along from year to year filling up with new recruits as disillusioned boys drift away from him. His activities in the long run do more harm than good to all concerned, for his failures are with human lives. It is better to have no troop than a bad troop, and far better not to start a troop at all than to have it wane and die. Parents and boys who have been disappointed do not get caught a second time.

Commissioners, we think, should face this question honestly and strongly. There should be no more troops allowed in any place or district than there is proved leadership to manage. To keep a struggling group just alive by hook or by crook is wrong. The better thing is to amalgamate troops under a good Scouter even if it means loss of numbers. Quality of the Scouting product is all that really matters in the end; quantity means less than nothing unless true worth can be maintained. Let us aim therefore at increasing efficiency through good leadership and proper methods. Then Scouting will grow healthily, and quality will improve the census figures as well, in due time.

—The Victorian Scout.

## Roverings

WE'LL soon have some Rover air ramblers. Wes Hodgson of the 2nd Reginas has qualified as a commercial flyer, and Dick Lewis of the 23rd Ottawas for a private pilot's license.

Rovers of Kincardine, Ont., gave four blood transfusions in an effort to save the life of Dr. H. J. Wildfang, seriously injured in an accidental shooting.

The Winnipeg Rovers' Vocational Guidance Committee, now in its second year, is compiling a vocational census of Rovers, for comparison with that taken last year. The committee meets twice monthly. Rovers have a standing invitation to visit the offices and consult material on vocational guidance.

A Peterborough, Ont., Crew is developing correspondence with a Rover Crew in Peterborough, England.

The 14th Halifax Rovers claim several Rovers in a literal sense—one on an oil tanker, running between Montreal and Peru, one on a Canadian National Steamship running to Australia, another stationed on Sable Island.

A charter has been granted the new troop at University Hospital, Edmonton, Alta., composed of boys being treated for infantile paralysis. One of the boys, Patrol Leader Swanson, already has achieved the distinction of winning his Second Class badge. Rover Scouts of the 6th Edmonton Crew are assisting Scoutmaster Holloway with the new Group.

Two members of the new Red Deer Rover Crew journeyed to Edmonton to be invested at the den of the 6th Edmonton Rovers by R.L. Col. R. H. Palmer. The investiture took place in the presence of the Crew, President Pearson of the District Association, District Commissioner Clark and Assistant District Commissioner Percy Cooper. The last named acted as Chaplain.

An appeal through the press for books and magazines, including those for children, was made by the 5th Regina Rovers for the General Hospital library, which the crew is conducting for the benefit of the patients.

The 1st Camp Woods Rover Crew, its members to be drawn from a radius of twenty-five miles, has been launched at Red Deer, Alta. The crew is named after Provincial Commissioner, Hon. Lt.-Col. J. H. Woods, donor of Camp Woods, the provincial camp site on Sylvan Lake.

Charlottetown Rovers last Christmas wrapped and delivered 500 parcels in co-operation with the Charlottetown Guardian Santa-Pal project. They are repeating this Christmas.

Rover Harold Shannon of the 1st Regina Crew completed his hundred miles of rambling, and a complete record of the hikes, with maps and observations, for the Rambler's Badge.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the candles of all previously invested Rovers, which stood in brackets around the walls of the den, were lighted by the Rovers concerned,—a ceremonial reminder to each of his own investiture. The candle lighting was followed by a short prayer.

A recent innovation at the crew meetings is instruction in French by our Rover Leader. Under his able guidance we are hoping to brush up the fragmentary knowledge which we have retained from our school days and achieve a fair standard of fluency.—16th Sheffield, England.

## From a Seattle Rover Pow-wow

AT a meeting of all our Rovers last night we took stock of our experience over the past four or five years and reached this conclusion:—

That the crews that have survived have been those which had a very definite programme or quest, such as mountaineering, wild life study, etc., pursuing interesting outdoor studies under enthusiastic and skilled leadership,—developing so much interest in their subjects that the natural disintegrating tendencies of changing school, home, and industrial situations were overcome or minimized.

That these crews have been led to render service to Scouting through their development of skill and knowledge in these special fields, conducting courses in mountain hike organization, conservation, bird study, highway safety, etc.

That the crews that have disbanded were those that had nothing but a desire for fellowship and a commitment to service as their sustaining motives, and failed to develop strong and absorbing programme interests.

All of which leads us to feel that we should emphasize the necessity for a very definite object in view, appealing to all members of the prospective crew, before a crew is formed or its members invested. Previously we have rather allowed crews to form and then urged them to try to think of something to do afterward, holding up Service as the main obligation. Now we think the service will follow easily



and naturally from a strong activity programme.

(The above discussion-contribution from our U. S. Pacific coast friends most interestingly hooks up with New South Wales' "Guild" idea in "Old Rover Scouts," November *Scout Leader*.—Ed.)

## Good Scoutcraft at the Northern Ontario Jamboree

DETAILS of the annual two-day Ontario North Country Jamboree held this year at Timmins showed the get-together to have been organized along the practical-Scouting lines that have characterized these yearly gatherings.

Effectively, the Jamboree was opened Friday evening with a big council fire at an adjacent camp site. In addition to brief addresses and songs these campfire numbers are noted:

Stunt by a patrol: Dramatization of the Ten Scout Laws, showing how a boy might act in various situations before becoming a Scout, and how, in the same set of circumstances, after taking the Scout Promise.

Another: "Indians Through the Bush." This was a medley of sounds in the darkness beyond the circle of fire light depicting "by ear" the arrival in camp at night of a party of Indians. The representation was so realistic that the presence of the Indians "could easily be imagined."

The scoutcraft competitions were held in the large Timmins skating rink on Saturday evening, following a parade of the various Scout units headed by the Timmins Pipe Band.

Tent pitching, the first item, was won by the Kapuskasing Scouts, for best time in erecting "a Northern style camp," with as few tent pegs as possible.

A keen competition in cutting through a hefty log with a cross-cut saw went, on a narrow margin, to Kirkland Lake, with Kapuskasing and Iroquois Falls a few breathless swings behind.

It took an 8-Scout team from Kirkland Lakes just 4 minutes and 25 seconds to throw a bridge across an imaginary stream, and mount it to prove its stability,—the bridge being built only of materials such as would lie at hand anywhere in the Northern Ontario bush.

Another troop's bridge was built more quickly, but was not quite so secure, records the report, and, as a fatal blunder, "some of the builders developed a happy faculty of walking across the (imaginary, stream while working."

For the Second Class fire lighting contest competitors were supplied with the usual few sticks of wood, hand axe and two matches; the fire to burn a string 12 inches above the ground. Kapuskasing took this first, Iroquois Falls second and Timmins third.

The friction fire contest went to the experienced 1st Dome Troop, South Porcupine.

The first-aid contest involved problems such as might be faced in the bush or in the north country gold mines, including cuts in such difficult places as the palm of the hand. In this test the Kirkland Lake Scouts again did the smoothest work, the Iroquois Falls boys second.

The Scout signalling contest and a message relay for Cubs were similarly

## The Q.M.'s Chat

Brother Scouters:

Since my last "chat" I have been privileged to visit the Western Provinces in my capacity as Q.M. My primary purpose was to get personally acquainted with our several agents and to meet as many Scouters as time would permit.

It was a most profitable journey and to all those who were so generously hospitable I want to say many thanks. I have returned to Ottawa with pages of notes, of criticism and otherwise of the Department's supplies; and these will go a long way in helping me compile the 1936 Catalogue.

Perhaps the most outstanding observation was the great impetus given Scouting by the visit of the Chief Scout. In each of the Western Provinces there appears to have come about a "new life," reflected in the increasing demand for Supplies. And I am anticipating early realization of 100,000 members.

You will recollect in the last issue of this magazine that I drew your attention to the 1935 CHRISTMAS CARDS and enclosed a loose-leaf announcement. This is enclosed again for your convenience and I would urge early ordering, as only comparatively few cards remain.

Of course we have a large stock of the 1936 BOY SCOUT AND WOLF CUB DIARY on hand for the many Leaders who mark the festive season by giving Diaries as gifts.

As this will be the final edition for 1935 of "The Scout Leader" I want to take this opportunity of wishing each and all of you "A very merry Christmas". The year just closing has been a remarkable one for Scouting in many ways. But don't let us sit back with that satisfied attitude, that the job is done. We must go on, with sleeves rolled up (inside) for the boyhood of Canada.

I hope you appreciate my monthly "Smile" effort. Here's a good one:

Farmer Jones: Which is correct,—a hen is sitting, or a hen is setting?

Farmer Brown: I don't know, and I don't care. All I bother about is when she cackles,—is she laying, or is she lying?

Yours for better Scouting,

*Charles L. ...*

practical. The message given the Morse flag teams read:

"Please rush plaster casts of print found at Mattawa. Similar track found here. Express collect."

The verbal message passed from mouth to mouth by the Cubs ran:

"Akela has moved from Birch Street to 77 Maple Street, and would like all of the Red Six to come to his house with their models tomorrow."

An athletic field day on Saturday afternoon aroused keen interest, the 5th Timmins Troop acquiring the greatest number of points.

The Porcupine Trophy, for best showing in the scoutcraft contest, went to Kirkland Lake. It was won last year by Iroquois Falls at the Kirkland Lake Jamboree.

A comment of the *Timmins Advance* upon the value of such district Scout get-togethers is worth quoting:

"The local lads, most of them new to Scouting, learned more from the Jamboree and their brother Scouts than they could have in any other way in such a short time. They did not expect to place high in the final standing, but another year or so should see their work on a par with any of the others."

## Increasing Large-District First Aid Competition Interest

OTTAWA apparently has solved two district first aid competition problems,—examination of the large number of teams entered, and maintaining of interest in troops which have several times landed far from the top. The solution: Division of the district into four competition sub-districts, each with its examiner, and the awarding of four sub-district shields. For the senior trophy, the Scoutmasters' Cup, first and second sub-district teams compete. Thus at the recent annual meeting four teams appeared for shields, and one of these for the Cup.

## An Annual Swimming Meet

CUBS and Scouts to the number of 250 competed in the annual Toronto district swimming meet, for the Scout Trophy and the McMichael Trophy for Cubs. The Cub contest comprised: Swimming, under 10 years; Swimming, under 12 years; Relay, boys under 12; Diving, boys under 12. For Scouts: Free style, under 14; Free style under 16; Free style, under 18. Relays, boys under 14; boys under 18. Diving, boys under 18. Points go to the troop and pack. The winners were the 79th Toronto (Centennial United), for the fifth consecutive year; and the 23rd Toronto Pack.

## THE CHIEF SCOUT'S VISIT

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tive Commissioner of the Boy Scouts Association, and practically the entire roll of the Guiders and Scouters of the island province.

Lord and Lady Baden-Powell and their party left Charlottetown the following morning, July 6th. As their final contact with Canadian Scouting and Guiding, while awaiting connection with the mainland ferry at Borden they met and inspected a new troop of Scouts and company of Guides. They then boarded the train ferry for New Brunswick, and headed for Saint John, Boston, and their boat for home,—the final leg of their long and historic world tour.



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.

### The "Good Hunters"

THE Brown Six won the Good Hunters' pennant for the month of October, and it is now hanging proudly outside their lair, right beside the Floorball Shield that they won last season. Apart from the pennant, they received the pound of jelly beans that each month goes along with it.

—St. Luke's United, Montreal.

### A "Best-Ever" Meeting

A "BEST-EVER" meeting of the 10th Toronto Troop was voted a big success. Carrying out the idea, an A.S.M., the Troop Leader, three P.L.'s and a Second in turn took the floor to demonstrate the best game, best Scout instruction, best stunt from camp and best patrol meeting of their experience in Scouting.

### A First Aid Unit Idea

A GROUP of six has been formed into a First Aid Unit. These six are all Tenderfoot Scouts, and part of their work is to pass their Second Class First Aid. The final test will be held before the whole troop. This test will take the form of an exhibition, when their work will be inspected and duly passed, if properly done. On completing their Second Class the unit will continue with the First Class First Aid and be examined as before. These Scouts will then remain as the official First Aid unit of the 2nd Three Rivers Troop.

### A P. E. I. "Journey" Does Yours Compare?

A FEATURE of 7th Charlottetown Troop (St. Paul's) meeting, was a description of their First Class Hike by P. L.'s Tom DeBlois and Durill Murray. These Scouts, accompanied by Scout S. Peppin, hiked to a point nine miles from home, cooked supper, made a sleeping shelter of spruce boughs, and spent a comfortable night. They cooked dinner by the roadside on their return journey the following day. One item of diet was fish which they caught, cleaned and cooked.

### Patrol House Meetings

A PATROL Leader whose name shall be kept secret devised the following method of putting some pep into his patrol. He arranged with his mother to have his boys visit him on Sunday afternoon for a lunch and a discussion of patrol activities. The lunch had its effect, and everyone turned out and had a very enjoyable time. At the suggestion of one of the other boys the patrol met the following Sunday at the Patrol Second's home for another lunch and discussion. This went on until all the boys had visited each other's homes. The effect of these gatherings was such that the boys were all pepped up, and entered into the patrol competitions with such enthusiasm that there was no doubt as to the final winners of the troop shield. A patrol spirit is required to make the boys realize that there are many things in which they must co-operate in order to gain success.

—Regina Leader.

### More Pack Totem Ideas

NUMEROUS interesting ideas have been worked out by Cubmasters for their Pack totem poles. In the totem here pictured Cubmaster James Diggle of the 2nd Regina Pack has incorporated several new ideas, practical and decorative, and of obvious interest to the boys.

Beginning with the fretwork head, there are two rosettes with 18 inch streamers in the Pack colours. Around the base below the head there hang 37 six-inch tabs of split leather, the kind used in book binding, one for each boy; the tabs secured by a lace threaded through a brass eyelet. On these tabs, which are 1½ inches in width, is typewritten in capital letters the complete individual record of the Cub, and of proficiency badges passed, with date, until he goes up to the troop.

When this occurs, and the Cub leaves the pack, his tab is removed, finished off with a 2½ inch leather tassel, and re-threaded on a long green leather lace, so



that it hangs below and distinct from the cluster of tabs of present members, a permanent reminder of him as one of the Pack "old boys."

Some 8 inches below the tab cluster a Group shoulder badge encircles the pole, and below this again hang short ribbon streamers in the Pack colours and long Six streamers of wider ribbon, secured to the pole by a neatly made turk's head of ¼ inch ribbon doubled.

The whole makes a most attractive totem, and one with decorations of interest to each Six, and to each individual boy, not forgetting those who have gone up to the troop.

Such Cub pack totems can only be produced with considerable thought and fussy work, but undoubtedly they are well worth while, and give the Cubmaster himself a new flip of pride and interest in his work.

(The Editor would be glad to receive good photographs of totems of other packs, with a description of their details.)

### District Badge Exam Information

THE Toronto Badge Board has provided local Scouts with a pocket card of information regarding Proficiency Badge examinations, the monthly schedule of the several Badge Centres, etc.

### A Kim's Ad. Game

AS a Kim's game for his patrol, an enterprising Regina P.L. clipped advertisements from newspapers and pasted them on a large sheet of cardboard. The patrol was given one minute in which to study the ads. and were then directed to write down the names of advertisers and the product advertised.

### Real Boy-Appeal Lectures for "Friend to Animals"

A SERIES of lectures on the care of horses, dogs, cats and other animals, how to detect early symptoms of illness, etc., will be given this winter to Edmonton Scout troops by Mr. E. H. McDonald, of the Alberta Humane Society. At the end of the series, examinations for the Alberta Humane Society Certificate will be given. Last winter 64 Edmonton Scouts qualified for the certificate, and at the same time for the Scout Friend to Animals Badge.

### Keeping Them OUT

LAST Wednesday evening, the troop had a camp fire at the old rock near McIrvine. Part of the programme was novel to most of the Scouts present, since it has only been carried out once before in this area. Carrying a message, A.S.M. Wheeler and D. McLeod tried to get through a cordon of boys set at regular intervals through the woods. This feature of the evening's programme was one which for both hunters and hunted brought out their capacity for stalking and observation. Following this, the two troops, St. John's and the Fourth, held a very enjoyable campfire on the rock together with the St. John Wolf Cub seniors.

—1st Fort Frances, Ont.

### A Steeplechase Relay

WHERE feasible a steam-off game of Trinity Troop, Westmount, Que., described as a "Super Steeplechase Relay," looks well worth trying. Quoting a description of it in the Scout column of the *Westmount Examiner*, it was "magnificent, stupendous, colossal and even gigantic." Details were described as follows:

Running round chairs was a cinch; jumping over them was merely nothing; going under chairs provided a little more difficulty, but the real stumbling block for most Scouts was a framework made with two staves lashed to chairs and raised a foot off the ground. Stepping through these was a slow process, so several of the more adventurous tried taking a running dive... they didn't notice the bump they gave their heads on the floor... their heels were stinging too much after contact with the top bar.

But in spite of the hazards and difficulties it was a great game and the whole gang approved of it.