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A Radio Message from our President

AT 9.55 P.M., E.S.T., MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, MR. E. W. BEATTY, PRESIDENT OF THE CANADIAN GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION, WILL BROADCAST OVER THE NATIONAL CHAIN OF THE C. R. C. A MESSAGE TO ALL INTERESTED IN THE FUTURE OF CANADA. THIS FIRST DOMINION-WIDE ADDRESS BY ONE OF CANADA'S OUTSTANDING CITIZENS, SPEAKING AS PRESIDENT OF THE SCOUT MOVEMENT, MAKES THE OCCASION A MEMORABLE ONE, AND SCOUTERS AND SCOUTS EVERYWHERE WILL BE ANXIOUS TO HEAR HIM.

9.55 P.M., E.S.T., MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18!

His Excellency's Broadcast

NOTWITHSTANDING blanketing interference by outside stations in some areas and failure of several C.R.C. stations to complete the hook-up, many thousands of Scouts and Scouters, members of councils, associations, Group committees and parents' auxiliaries, and many thousand other citizens listened in to the historic first Dominion-wide radio address of His Excellency the Governor General, as Chief Scout for Canada, on the evening of January 11, formally inaugurating his suggested campaign for the expansion of the Movement to 100,000 members.

It also is safe to say that many thousands of those in the Movement, and a great many more thousands of other listeners, thereby received a new or renewed appreciation of the national significance of Scouting to Canada, and its potentialities for yet greater service during these youth-trying years.

For the benefit of those who unfortunately missed the broadcast, and for many who will wish to re-read it, the address is reproduced:

The Address

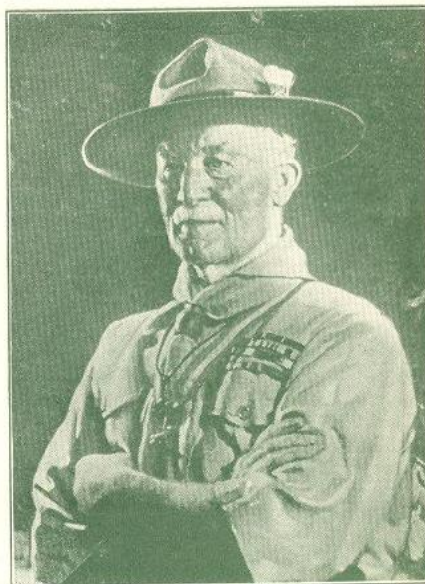
I AM now starting my fifth and last year in Canada as Governor-General.

During every one of the past four years, I have travelled many thousands of miles throughout this wonderful Dominion. As the representative of the King in this country, I have endeavoured to testify to Canadians of all ages, in your great cities and in your remoter country districts, the close personal interest that His Majesty feels in all his Canadian subjects.

In my travels, I have met a very great number of the men, women, and children of this glorious country. I have seen many sides of Canadian life. I have seen, I hope, something of the hearts and minds of Canadians, as well as much of their outward activities. It has been, as you can imagine, a very agreeable, but also a very moving, and a very illuminating, experience. From that

experience, one impression stands out more vividly, perhaps, than all the others I have gathered—and that is that Canada, as a country, is vitally instinct with the spirit of Youth.

By that, I do not mean that Canada is, historically, a



A TOAST!—B.-P., GOD BLESS HIM!
THE world's most persistent youth,
78 years old February 22nd, and still
energetic head of the greatest boyhood and
international friendship Movement in
history. The best birthday message you
can send him is that you are bringing
more boys into Scouting in
your community.



MEMBERS of the Provincial Executive Council of Manitoba listening to His Excellency's address. Similar gatherings—Local Associations, Membership-expansion Committees, Group Committees, Parents' Associations, Mothers' Auxiliaries, Cubs, Scouts, Rovers, Scouters—were grouped about radio sets in every part of the Dominion.—Courtesy WINNIPEG FREE PRESS.

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A Tribute to Scouting by Hon. H. H. Stevens

THE serious importance to Canada of assuring high ethical standards in the training of our future citizens was referred to by the Hon. H. H. Stevens in an interview with reference to announced plans for the expansion of the Boy Scout Movement.

That Canadian youth never before has played so important a role in shaping the Dominion's destinies, and at the same time never have presented so difficult a social and economic problem, was the declaration of the former Minister of Trade and Commerce and first chairman of the Price Spreads Commission.

Said Mr. Stevens: "Never in the history of this country has youth been more prominent in its effect upon the future of the country.

"On the one hand trained and informed young men and women are taking a larger part in the major activities of the country.

"On the other hand one is forced to admit that the most serious social and economic problem we have today is how we are to care for, in useful occupation, the thousands of youths who are leaving our educational institutions year by year.

"The Boy Scout movement has been one of the greatest factors in the development of character in youth; and character, after all, is the most essential element in the up-building of a true citizen.

"No greater contribution could at this time be made to the country's welfare than just such contribution as is being made day by day by the Boy Scout movement."

First Aid Competitions

PARTICULARS regarding the annual first aid competitions of the St. John Ambulance Association, including the Wallace Nesbitt Junior and Gaunt Intermediate, provincial and Dominion; the "Globe" and "Leonard" and other provincial contests, may be secured from Provincial Headquarters.

An Alberta Supplement

ALBERTA is now issuing a monthly Bulletin, or "The Alberta Supplement to The Scout Leader." The Leader goes in bulk to Edmonton, and is mailed from there, with the Supplement inserted. British Columbia, Ontario and Nova Scotia issue similar Supplements in the same way.

Filling B.P.'s Stockings

WHILE not aspiring to "fill Baden-Powell's boots," candidate Scouts of the 7th North Brighton Boy Scout Troop, England, will hereafter, at least temporarily, fill his stockings. They will be invested as members of the Scout movement while wearing a pair of Scout stockings formerly worn by the Chief Scout. The stockings were offered by The Scout magazine to the troop suggesting the best use of them.

A Noted Western Addition

A RECENT and notable addition to the active ranks of Scouting in Saskatchewan was the Very Rev. W. L. Armitage, dean of St. John's Cathedral, Saskatoon. Dean Armitage was invested by District Commissioner A. J. Hanchard in a solemn ceremony in the presence of the 8th Saskatoon (St. John's) Scout Troop.

HEALTHY BODY - HEALTHY MIND



YOUR MONEY CAN HELP SCOUTING TRAIN MORE SUCH BOYS FOR CANADA

Our Campaign Poster

ABOVE is a reproduction of a special poster now available at Dominion Headquarters for use in connection with our Welcome-to-B. P. Expansion and Financial Campaigns.

It is in three colours—red, blue and khaki—and undoubtedly is one of the finest husky-happy "boy" pictures ever presented in a poster. It is certain to attract immediate attention wherever shown.

The flag provides a note, pictorially and in sentiment, that will be appreciated by every true Canadian.

The drawing was after a poster by George W. Goddard jr. for Scouting, official monthly of the Boy Scouts of America; and we are indebted to Mr. Goddard and Scouting for its use, with the necessary changes.

The poster will be furnished complete with adhesive window tabs for hanging,

at 12 cents per copy, postpaid. It is suggested that not less than five be ordered, because of the problem of safe mailing and postage cost. (The price asked is less than half the per-copy cost of the first printing.)

Address all poster orders:

Poster Department
Dominion Headquarters
Boy Scouts Association
Ottawa, Ont.

An H.B.C. Medal for Pluck

IN recognition of exceptional pluck and endurance shown during a winter month's trip to a branch outpost, a Gold Medal was presented by the Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company to a Scottish Rover, G. G. D. Stephen, an assistant factor at Port Harrison, Eastern Arctic. During the trip Rover Stephen lost his R. S. badge. A new one has been forwarded from Imperial Headquarters, through Ottawa.

Toronto Controllers Vote \$400 for Coliseum for B.P.'s Visit

THAT the coming visit of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell is regarded as an event of first importance at City Hall, Toronto, is indicated by the recent action of the Board of Control in ensuring the use of the Coliseum for the occasion. After discussion, the sum of \$400 was voted by the Controllers to cover the Coliseum rental charge.

Debating the matter, Controller Sam McBride is quoted in the Toronto Star as declaring, "Surely we can give the Coliseum to our boys and girls for an event so important as that." The other Controllers agreed.

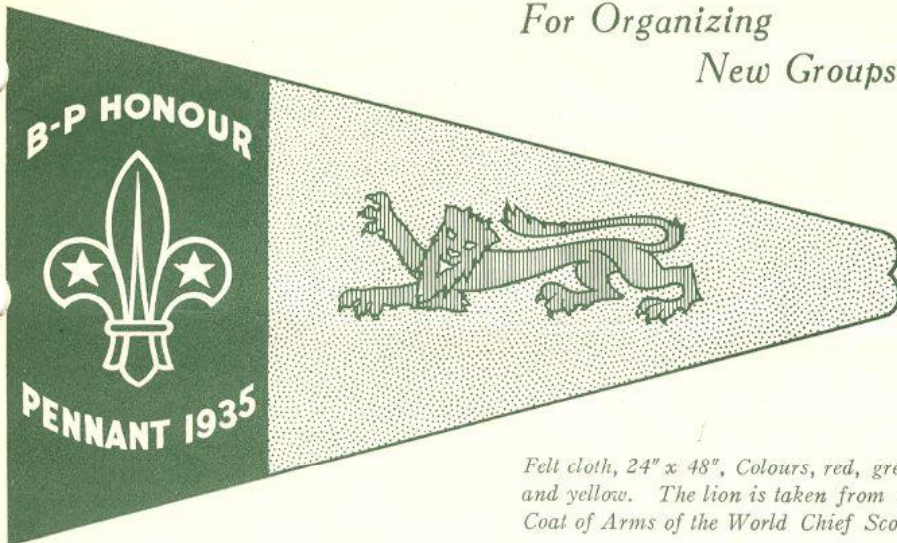
Honour for Bishop of Saint John

AN outstanding incident of New Brunswick's annual meeting was the presentation of the Scout Medal of Merit to the Rt. Rev. E. A. LeBlanc, D.D., Bishop of Saint John. The presentation was made by Dr. W. White, M.P.P., Provincial President of the Scout Association, and the citation by Provincial Commissioner A. G. McAvity. The citation read:

"For energetic and sustained interest and promoting Scouting among the Roman Catholic priests of his diocese, for encouraging student priests in the study of Scouting methods as their boys' work programme, and for arranging their attendance at Gilwell Training Camps."

Expressing his appreciation of the honour done him, Bishop LeBlanc said he was interested in Scouting because he felt that as a society for boys it was one of the best, if not the best in the country. The Movement had been blessed by the Holy Father, who had on more than one occasion gladly received Boy Scouts, and urged them to further good efforts; and it had also been endorsed by many prominent men in the Church in many lands. He already had seen good results from the training, and believed it would spread widely among the French and English people of New Brunswick.

For Organizing New Groups



Felt cloth, 24" x 48", Colours, red, green and yellow. The lion is taken from the Coat of Arms of the World Chief Scout.

Towards That 100,000

WELL over a thousand newspaper clippings in January, added to the 1,200 for December, recorded busy Scouting activities in every part of the Dominion, and reflected the continuing and gratifying response to His Excellency's appeal for increased membership. Several districts report strengthening their organization by the appointment of new Assistant District Commissioners.

Numbers of local expansion committees held their initial meeting on the evening of the Governor General's broadcast, so that they might start with the inspiration of His Excellency's personal words. News comes of widely scattered meetings for the organization of Group Committees preliminary to the development of new Cub and Scout units, and of district plans for the training of new leaders.

Expansion Paragraphs

His Honour Lieut.-Governor Walsh, Chief Scout for Alberta, consented to act as Provincial Patron of the expansion campaign in that province. The Provincial Council has secured a strong Provincial Campaign Committee of outstanding citizens, under the chairmanship of Provincial President W. J. Dick. Senator P. Burns is Honorary Chairman and Mr. J. Walker, Manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Honorary Treasurer.

A well known member of the Ontario Provincial Executive Committee, District Commissioner D. E. Macintyre of Owen Sound, is giving most of his time for two months to assisting in the extension activities in various parts of the province.

A special campaign office has been opened in Regina, under direction of President J. S. Woodward and the Saskatchewan Provincial Council. Mr. E. H. Morrison is Regina's representative on the campaign committee.

Nearly 200 Scouters are at work in a drive for new leaders in British Columbia, following up the appeal of the Governor General for more Scouts.

In connection with the Calgary district membership campaign an office has been

The B.P. Honour Pennant

TO be awarded Groups which have brought about the organization of a unit or units of a new Group, properly backed by a Group Committee; which new Group has carried on successfully for at least six months, as reported by Provincial Headquarters. Applications may be retroactive to cover Groups started Sept. 1st, 1934. Applications will be made through Provincial Headquarters to Dominion Headquarters, Ottawa.

opened under Mr. R. H. Johnson, Assistant Provincial Secretary. The office will remain in operation for several months, and will assist in working out plans for the Calgary visit of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell.

After a visit by Provincial Commissioner William Warren of Charlottetown to Cra-

pud, P.E.I., a meeting of representative citizens was held and steps taken to form a Scout Group.

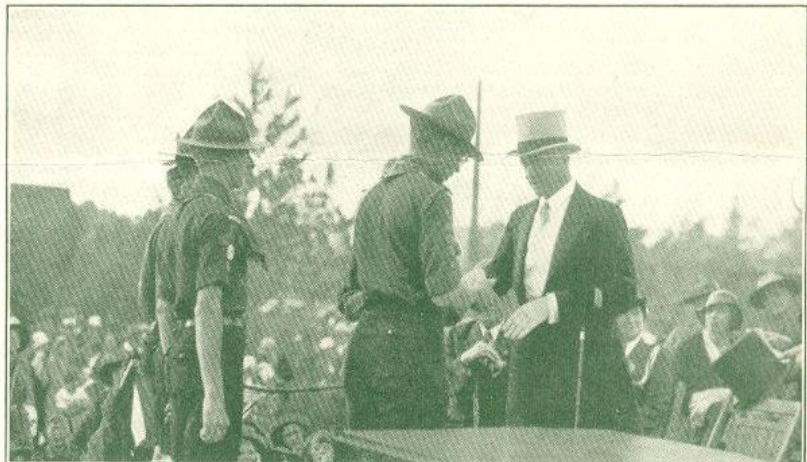
In Quebec, the Eastern Townships "Baden-Powell Recruiting Campaign Committee," under the leadership of A.D.C. Clarence G. Price, is "stepping out" in the manner to be expected of this always enterprising area. A circular of January 19 to all district Scouters stresses the organization of Cub packs, and asks a re-check on units lacking packs, or whose packs are under strength. A stamped questionnaire return-card sent fortnightly will ask latest increase figures.

An attendance of 700 leaders and friends of the Movement, a contagious spirit of enthusiasm and confidence, and the presence of His Honour Mayor W. J. Stewart as guest speaker marked Toronto's dinner-annual-meeting, January 14th. Reports showed 8,460 membership for the district, a year's increase of 243, and a fine record of widely varied and substantial public service.

A strong appeal to the Scouters present to do their utmost to help prevent the rising generation from becoming a jobless generation, and to protect boys from those who "seek to tear down instead of build up," were themes of the Mayor's forceful address. While Police Commissioner, he said, he had been surprised at the number of agitators in the city. He believed the Scout Movement did valuable work in combating destructive elements, and urged his hearers to maintain the highest ideals of Scout leadership.

Reflecting a fine spirit of enterprise on the part of local Scouters, Fredericton, N.B., opened a Preliminary Indoor Course January 15th with an enrolment of fifty-eight candidates. The course is headed by Honorary Provincial Field Commissioner Robert Pugh (of the staff of the University of New Brunswick).

By the same mail came word of the starting of new Cub and Scout units at Apohaqui, N.B., and the launching of a new Group at James Island, on the Pacific coast. The former resulted from a visit by Honorary Field Commissioner Robert Pugh; the latter was a "missionary job" of the 1st Sidney, B.C., Rovers.



HIS meeting of Scouts and leaders whenever possible during his trips about the Dominion enables His Excellency to speak of Scouting in Canada at first hand. Above—presenting first aid medals to the ambulance team of the 1st Rockyford Troop, Alta.

A strong Group Committee, as the first step toward the creation of a Scout Group, was formed at Cypress River, Man., following a meeting of representative citizens in the school room of the United Church. Several visiting Scout leaders took part.

The 1st Drumbheller Troop, Alta., has added two additional patrols and increased its membership to 43 boys. That Scouting progress is being made along with the increase of numbers is indicated by mention of signalling classes, lectures on axeman-ship and first aid, handicraft work and games; and for extra measure, a Scout coasting party, calling for sleighs, toboggans and skis.

Activity reports from Dalhousie, N.B., mention a successful parents' night of St. Mary's Anglican Cubs and Scouts on separate evenings, both largely attended; good progress of St. John's United Church, and the organization of a new Roman Catholic troop. The autumn Apple Day produced \$150.00 net.

A year ago Owen Sound's membership stood at 143. At the end of October it was 198. During the subsequent three months it has grown to 250, the latest addition a Sea Scout Troop under the leadership of C. C. Middlebro, Owen Sound city solicitor. All the new units are under experienced and trained leaders.

The 1st Edmonton Troop has been re-established in First Presbyterian Church, with four patrols, and a strong Parents' Association.

A new troop has been organized at Castor, Alta., under the auspices of the B.P.O.E.

A promising Group is in process of organization at Holland, Man., after a meeting in the school auditorium attended by boys and parents, at which Charles Stalker was invested as the Scoutmaster. The new troop was presented with a Union Jack by Mr. J. H. Mason, while Mrs. Mason donated a patrol competition honour flag.

Dalhousie, N.B., reports the organization of a Roman Catholic Troop which will have a membership of 35 or 40 boys.

New Lone Scout units are reported in Alberta near Wainwright and Bonnyville. The latter patrol has the guidance of "Old Scout" Ronnie McClung, of the 25th Edmonton, now teaching near Bonnyville.

"Look around your neighbourhood for possible recruits," says Ontario's Lone Scout Trails. "Talk to boys about the benefits of Scouting. Show by your example that it is really worth while to belong to the Lone Scouts."

"So, altogether now, to help us show that Ontario Lone Scouts are ready and willing to do their share in this big Canadian Scout task."

Mental Cases Helped by Scouting

THE utilization of the Boy Scout training, suitably modified, for handicapped boys in various institutions in England includes a troop in Nottinghamshire for mental cases. The troop has achieved marked success, eight boys having passed the First Class and seven the King's Scout tests.

Campaign Suggestions

IMPORTANT features of His Excellency the Earl of Bessborough's 100,000 Membership project, and the incidental financial campaign necessary to ensure sustained support for a five-year period, include:

(1) Informing the public and ensuring understanding of the benefits in citizenship training offered an increased number of boys.

(2) Issuing of a detailed statement of the uses to be made of funds subscribed.

The following admirable outline of suggestions for working out a local budget, prepared for Ontario, is offered for the possible value of its ideas elsewhere:

IN connection with your local "Welcome Baden-Powell" Financial Campaign next month it will be necessary for your Committee to set some objective. You know how much you have been raising—



ONE of the features of Scout training that has secured the backing of public men has been the application of its good turn code to public service.

or how much you should be raising to finance properly your needs. Some things for which funds should be provided (and the list will necessarily vary from place to place) are as follows:

- Badges for Scouts, etc., qualifying for same.
- Leadership training—expenses of local training courses and of sending selected Scouters or prospective Scouters to Ebor Park Gilwell Camp for summer courses.
- In some centres—rental or maintenance expenses of local Scout headquarters.
- Local Secretary's expenses—stationery, postage, telephone, etc.
- Assistance—possibly on some loan scheme—to make it possible for boys of needy families to secure uniforms.
- Assistance to Groups re summer camps—particularly to make possible attendance of boys of needy

families. Also Camp Sites, Tentage, Transportation.

- Books—perhaps a little library of the most up-to-date publications on Scout subjects for the use of local Scouters.
- The local community's share—or "Quota"—of the expenses of the Provincial Council the services of which are maintained for the benefit of all Ontario communities using the Scout programme.

For 1935 the Provincial Council (for Ontario) asks that your community include in its budget and definitely plan to raise the sum of ——— as its "Quota," this figure being based upon your population and upon your local development of Scouting. (This quota and the 50 cents per year registration fee which each Boy Scout and Rover Scout is expected to pay as his personal contribution towards the maintenance and extension of the Scout organization, are the only contributions to Provincial or Dominion Scout organizations local Committees and Scout Groups are asked to make.)

The other items for which you will require to raise money, and the amounts you will need for them you will decide for yourselves. The total of all these will be your budget for 1935. For a five-year appeal, multiply this total by five and then add a figure to take care of estimated increased costs as your local membership grows. Now divide this new total by five to find out what you should raise on a "per year" basis. Deduct from this any present revenues, anticipated "Apple Day" profits, etc., and you arrive at the figure to be obtained in this February effort.

Now break this figure down into small units—so many subscriptions of \$25. per year, so many of \$10., so many of \$5., etc. Work out a list of prospective subscribers of these amounts and then through your team organization (as per general campaign plan) cover every prospect.

In non-Local Association centres where the campaign is conducted by two or more Group Committees combined for this purpose, proceeds of the effort, after deducting the amount of the community "Quota" for the Provincial Council, should be divided between the Committees upon some basis agreed upon before the canvass.

Every year increasing numbers of Local Associations and of Group Committees not under Local Association jurisdiction have been giving definite attention to the financial needs of their work and to the provision of their share of the funds required by the Provincial Council. This year we confidently hope that practically every Association and Committee, through taking advantage of this national effort, of its publicity, and of the enthusiasm engendered by everybody working together, will not only secure all the funds they require for 1935, but also lay a very sound foundation for their financial programme in the years to follow. A 100 per cent. payment of 1935 "quotas" at an early date will make it possible for the Provincial Council to put into effect several long-overdue extensions of its facilities for services to its field—for services which become increasingly necessary as we increase our membership in accordance with Lord Bessborough's now famous "Challenge."

His Excellency's Broadcast—(Continued from first page)

young nation, as nations go. I do not mean, either, that Canada at the present moment offers greater professional opportunities to Youth than do other countries. What I do mean is that Canada today seems to me pre-eminently conscious of the needs of Youth, anxious to give Youth a fair chance, proud of its own boys and girls, and determined to make the most of the fine raw material of citizenship which those splendid boys and girls provide; and this explains what I have also noticed everywhere—that in Canada, the elders seem to stay younger, to keep Youth in their hearts longer than they do in most countries. There is, in fact, throughout this great country, a deep seated sympathy with Youth, a realisation of the obligations of Age to Youth, which is one of Canada's greatest national assets.

There are in the world today many so-called "Youth Movements"; but of all those of which I have any knowledge the one for boys that appeals to me most is the Boy Scout Movement. In my opinion, this organisation which lays such stress on honour, on loyalty, on neighbourliness, and on "playing the game", is the one that is the finest and is best suited to Canada. Naturally, its emphasis on loyalty appeals to me, for is not life made up of loyalties, loyalty to one's friends; loyalty to those things that are beautiful and good; loyalty to one's country; loyalty to our King; and above all, and most important of all, loyalty to God.

Doubtless you have heard that the Chief Scout of the World, Lord Baden-Powell, is coming to Canada next spring, and that I have challenged the Scout Organisation to celebrate what may be his last visit by laying plans for a considerable expansion and improvement of the Movement. Canada has 65,000 excellent Scouts, but I know that is not enough. There should be at least one hundred thousand in this country, and Scouting should be made available to the hundreds of smaller communities which at present have no organised activities of any kind for their boys.

Mr. Beatty, the President of the Scout Organisation in Canada, is just as much in earnest about this matter as I am. With his co-operation, an all-Canada Conference of Scout Provincial Presidents, and Provincial Commissioners, met in Ottawa last September, and decided to accept my challenge.

Organisation for the Campaign, with this object in view, will begin tomorrow, and I am calling upon every adult member of the Association in every Province, and upon everyone who loves Canada, to lend a hand with this big task.

May I ask the people of the Dominion to do this for me. I would feel a great deal happier on the sad day when I return to England, on giving up my office, if I could report that the Scout Movement, which lays such stress on loyalty to the Throne, had been firmly placed upon its feet for the next five years, and that plans had been completed for greatly extending and increasing its usefulness to Canada.

To be a good Canadian and a good Scout will always, I feel sure, be synonymous terms.



IMPORTANT values to the individual Scout of participation in public relief projects are his realization of the need of others, and his habituating in playing the good citizen's part.

Boys Make Arrangements Boy committees in the host towns took care of local arrangements for dinners, catering, registration, billeting and entertainment. In most cases a T. L. was chairman of the dinner sessions.

Dinner Opening The dinner on Friday night was the first rallying time for all, but prior to that, out-of-town boys had been registered and allotted to billets. The usual after dinner ceremonies were carried out and then the speaker of the evening introduced.

Organized into Patrols Adjournment was then made to the conference room, where the boys were divided into patrols for the duration of the conference. All activities were conducted on the Patrol Competition plan, and included points for punctuality at sessions, inspection, games, competitions, and other minor points from time to time.

Games and Discussions All day Saturday would be given over to various types of games, competitions, etc. and to discussions of problems on topics

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Holding P.L. Conferences

P. L. or "Junior Leader" Conferences have for a number of years been held with some regularity in most of the provinces. For the autumn of 1934 Ontario planned and carried out a series of 14 such two-day gatherings, covering the entire province, and secured the splendid total attendance of 798 P. L.'s and T. L.'s. The conferences were organized and guided along standard lines by members of the Provincial Headquarters staff. In view of their outstanding success (reflected in some cases by several columns of local newspaper attention), Ontario H. Q. was asked for and supplied the following particulars.

Save one, all conferences were held on a Friday and Saturday, the first Sept. 21-22 and the last Dec. 7-8. A one-day conference was held for two Toronto districts. The district "guest towns" were Owen Sound, Kingsville, Kingston, Arnprior, Wallaceburg, Cornwall, London, Tillsonburg, Niagara Falls, Palmerston, Kitchener, Barrie and Lindsay.



IT is safe to say that no other volunteer organization of our time could carry out so efficiently, and in one day, such a project as collecting used clothing throughout a city of over 700,000 population. Toronto Scouters and Scouts did this for the second time on January 19, gathering between 175,000 and 185,000 garments and many thousand pairs of boots and shoes,—116 truck loads.

Why Not a Sea Scout Patrol?

THE following Service Bulletin on "Sea Scouting," just issued by Ontario Headquarters, and prepared by one of the Dominion's most consistently successful Sea Scouters, J. Harry Rigg, Sea S.M. of the 8th Oshawa Sea Scout Group, was so complete and sound a presentation of the subject that it was felt leaders in other provinces would be interested to study it in connection with their expansion campaign.

What is a Sea Scout?

FIRST let us establish this fact firmly in our minds—a Sea Scout, in many respects, is no different to any other Boy Scout. He must follow the same Law and subscribe to the same Scout Promise, if he is going to follow the teachings of our great Chief Scout, Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell, who says of himself, "I was first a Sea Scout."

From this it may be seen that it is only the activity which he pursues that makes him a Sea Scout. While his brother, the Land Scout, (the term "Land Scout" is used only for the purpose of making the statement clearer) follows the trail of the backwoodsman and the plainsman, the Sea Scout, shall we say, "Goes down to the sea in ships." To be a sailor? Oh, no! but to acquire, through water activities, the manly and character making qualities that are so essential to good citizenship.

Having then decided that all Scouts are brothers of the same organization, and that the same ideals are going to guide them through their Scout life, whether it be on land or sea, the question naturally arises, "How does a person start to organize a Sea Scout Patrol, Troop or Rover Sea Scout Crew?"

First Steps in the Organization of Sea Scouts

At the present stage of Sea Scouting, too much care cannot be taken in the formation of new units, for it is the manner in which you start that will, perchance, mean whether you will have a unit of "real" Sea Scouts or just another group of boys, sailing the many waters of Canada.

Past experience has taught us that the urge for Sea Scouting in groups of Scouts already formed comes in one of three ways:

1. To organize a Patrol of Sea Scouts in an existing "Land Scout" Troop;
2. To turn the whole Group into a Sea Scout Troop;
3. Or to form the older boys into a Rover Sea Scout Crew.

The Sea Scout Patrol Idea

The Patrol method has many advantages. It maintains a direct association with Scouting; it permits its members to remain with the sponsoring Troop; it can be initiated with as small a group as four or five boys; it encourages a slow, steady, healthy growth, and may eventually develop into a larger group—a Troop. It permits the Scoutmaster to learn gradually the technique of Sea Scouting, beginning on a basis with which he is already familiar, namely, the Patrol System.

The Sea Scout Troop

In very occasional situations it may be advantageous to begin with a full Troop organization. Here proper leadership must be available, under the supervision of a strong Group Committee. Very good work has and still is being done in Sea Scout Groups sponsored by Yacht Clubs which

have elected Group Committees from their membership and have provided boats and equipment for Sea Scouts. Great care, however, must be taken when starting as a whole Troop. It is a much more difficult undertaking than starting with a single Patrol.

The Rover Sea Scout Crew

Here again we have a different angle altogether, as we are dealing with the young man whose outlook on life has changed with his growth. A great many people contend that Sea Scouting is a game for the older boy or young man. While that is not actually the case, we find

But Start Right!

MORE Scoutmasters should consider the addition of a Sea Scout Patrol to their Troop, especially in localities on or near lakes, rivers, or small streams suitable for boating or canoeing. The variation of activities offered is likely to appeal to numbers of boys; lads who have dropped out through loss of interest may be brought back by the prospect of something different.

The step should not be taken, however, without study and discussion by the Group Committee and Troop Court of Honour. Most details to be considered are obvious. A point which may be overlooked is the importance of so launching the new unit that the atmosphere of the Troop does not suffer,—that is, ensuring that the creation of a patrol in different uniform and of somewhat different activities does not affect troop harmony; particularly that no opportunity be given the Sea Scout unit to develop the "senior service" superiority complex, with its disregard of the word and spirit of the 4th Scout Law. There is no reason why this should be so: it depends upon the leader.

it has, however, a definite appeal to the older fellow. This is very desirable, as the problem of older boys dropping out has always been a serious matter in Scouting. Sea Scouting can help greatly to stem this tide, and thereby retain them as Rovers and adult leaders. All the high aims and ideals of Rover Scout Service can and should be carried out, whether as Sea Rovers or otherwise.

Leadership

Leadership in Sea Scouting, as in all Scouting, is one of the most important factors making for success. The first qualification one must possess is the love of boy life. The man with Scouting experience has a decided advantage over one

without such training. It is not necessary for him to have at the beginning a knowledge of water lore or boats, provided he is willing to study to make himself as proficient as possible in the realm of watermanship. This study can be made while actually at work with the boys, through the proper reading and putting into practice of the theories found in the books on Sea Scouting, a list of which appears at the end of this bulletin.

Although in no sense is a Scout Troop to be considered a naval training unit, nevertheless, it must be borne in mind that discipline is most essential, and that safety is a prime factor in Sea Scouting.

Group Committee

Because Sea Scouting most frequently originates as a Patrol within a Troop, it is necessary for the Scoutmaster to present the subject to his Group Committee for approval. Occasionally it is helpful, although not essential, to add an additional member to this committee, presumably a man who is especially interested in boats, ships and sailing. If organizing a new Troop, a sponsoring Committee is necessary and must be formed before operating as a Sea Scout unit. The duties of a Group Committee can be found in P. O. and R. for Canada, Section 15.

In places where no Local Association exists it is the duty of the Group Committee to adopt special by-laws for Sea Scouting. In places where there is, it is its duty to make the by-laws. In either case these by-laws must be presented for approval to Provincial Headquarters.

By-Laws for Sea Scouts

The following by-laws have been found to be quite adequate in governing a Sea Scout Group and are presented here as a suggestion. The Sea Scout Committee may deem it advisable to add to or alter them to suit local conditions:—

The Sea Scout Committee shall appoint some competent person to examine all boats before use by any Sea Scouts under their control and no Sea Scout will use any boats unless a "Boat Certificate" has been issued by said Committee.

No boats shall be used by Sea Scouts unless person in charge holds a "Charge Certificate." Examiners for Charge Certificates shall be nominated by Sea Scout Committee and approved by District Commissioner and Local Association.

No Sea Scout shall form part of a boat's crew unless he can swim fifty (50) yards in shirt, shorts and stockings and undress in the water.

No boats shall proceed out of area laid down by Committee. In the case of Scouts or Rovers wishing to go on long cruises—overnight or otherwise—they must first obtain permission of Sea Scout Committee. Application must state nature and duration of cruise.

No boat shall be under way after dark unless proper lights are carried by said boat.

No rig other than that stated in the certificate shall be used and no increase shall be made in authorized sail area.

The maximum number certified for any boat shall be taken to mean the maximum number she may carry under oars for short distances only. The maximum and minimum number she is to carry under sail shall be defined by the examiner.

All boats under oars shall carry at least one spare oar and boat hook.

All boats should carry a bailer and be fitted with a painter and proper means of anchorage.

When boating in open water a life belt must be carried for each occupant of boat.

All boats provided by Local Association for use by Sea Scouts shall be inspected by Sea Scout Committee to see proper care is being taken of said boats.

All boys wishing to be Sea Scouts must present written permission of their parents.

Charge and Boat Certificates

The Boat Certificate referred to in the By-Laws is a certificate of Sea worthiness issued by Provincial Headquarters on the advice of the local Sea Scout Committee or its appointed examiner and is to be renewed annually.

The Charge Certificate is issued to a person in command of any craft used by Sea Scouts to show that he is capable of taking charge of same under any conditions.

No Group of Sea Scouts should be permitted to operate without the use of these certificates.

Presenting Sea Scouting to the Boy

Having proceeded thus far in our organization of Sea Scouts, it is now necessary to present to the boy himself a proper vision of Sea Scouting and the opportunities it affords. This necessitates the Sea Scoutmaster himself having an adequate perspective of Sea Scouting. As a rule the boys themselves are very interested, particularly anticipating the water activities. In such instances the Sea Scoutmaster must help them appreciate the value of Scouting in this somewhat different means of training for citizenship.

The first few meetings should be occupied in explaining the Sea Scout programme, and, in the case of a new Troop, in setting forth the principles of Scouting as laid down by our Chief Scout. In training the boy for Sea Scouting, recourse must, of necessity, be had to well-known headquarters publications on Sea Scouting which permit of a wide latitude of interpretation of the requirements, and in every instance it is possible and profitable to make these more complete and more specific, and, as a consequence, more thorough than these books outline them. It is essential to follow the spirit of the requirements rather than the minimum demand.

Sea Scout Activities

Assuming that the Sea Scout Troop has been organized, a few more suggestions regarding the programme are in order. All meetings should begin with a formal opening, followed by periods of instruction, recreation and other general Troop activities.

In addition to regular Scout instruction, special stress should be placed on the study of rope work (knotting, splicing, etc.), advanced compass work, elementary navigation, signalling, model boat building and any other activity that particularly concerns Sea Scouting.

In the recreation periods there are many games that can be used to good advantage in the study of the above subjects. The singing of Sea Shanties should be particularly encouraged.

Summer water activity is the ultimate goal of this programme of training for the Sea Scouts. Water activity in Sea Scout-

ing is an absolute and prime necessity and a definite schedule of boat work, swimming, life saving, cruises—short and long—should be well planned and executed. The nature of these activities will depend entirely on the water facilities available. The Patrol or Troop situated near a river or small body of water is able to do equally as good Sea Scouting as the Patrol or Troop situated on the Sea Coast or on large lakes, and it seems to make little difference in the spirit and success of the programme whether these water activities are carried out in rowboats or canoes on shallow streams or in more pretentious craft along the bigger waterfronts.

Equipment

Past experience has shown that no two Troops think alike in the matter of equipment. Other than recommending that the ultimate goal of each Sea Scout Troop should be individual Patrol boats, we leave the matter of craft to the discretion of the Sea Scouter in charge of the Group. It is most advisable, however, to have a proper headquarters or boat house at the waterfront in order that a more complete programme may be conducted.

In Conclusion

Let it ever be remembered that we are not making sailors of our boys, but Scouts; and the leader should keep in mind that the success of a Sea Scout Patrol or Troop centres in the vision of the programme that he, as leader, presents to his boys that it may qualify them for the three great requirements of the Scout Promise.

NOTE—For books on Sea Scouting see current Dominion Headquarters Stores Dep't Catalogue.

Duke of Connaught's Shield

FORMS have been received announcing the conditions of H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught's Challenge Shield Competition for 1935. Conditions and entry forms may be secured from Provincial Headquarters.



SMALL boats and canoes as used by these young Voyageurs of the 1st Hudson, Ont.,



are quite suitable for inland "Sea Scouting." Yachts or costly boats are not necessary.

Holy Land's Ancient Hatreds Overcome by Scout Friendliness

THAT the youth of Palestine—Jewish, Moslem and Christian—are forgetting the age-old antagonisms and hatreds of their elders and accepting and living the brotherhood code of the rapidly growing Boy Scout movement, was the statement of Stephen A. Haboush, world traveler, and formerly a Galilean shepherd, a recent visitor to Ottawa.

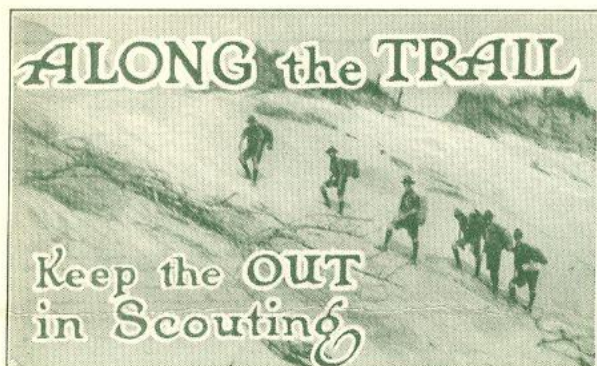
"The Boy Scout movement in Palestine is breaking down the religious and racial barriers that have existed throughout the centuries, and already has eliminated many bitter prejudices and misunderstandings between Moslem, Christian and Jewish boys," the visitor from Palestine declared.

"When I was a youth, Moslem and Christian boys never thought of greeting one another with a friendly word. We were enemies, by virtue of ancestry and religious beliefs, and when we met it usually was to fight.

"Today, thanks to the Boy Scout movement, boys from Moslem, Jewish and Christian homes are meeting on a basis of mutual brotherhood and understanding. Through their association in Scouting, and instruction in the world brotherhood principles of the Boy Scouts' code, the boys are learning to play the game of life together, and to forget the differences of race and creed."

This was true not only in Palestine, according to Mr. Haboush, but equally amongst the youth of Transjordan, Syria and Iraq, and promised to play a possibly important part in the ultimate solution of the racial and religious problems of the Near East.

The schools, colleges and universities established by missionaries and missionary societies were credited by Mr. Haboush with fostering the development of the various Boy Scout troops. St. George's Cathedral and School at Jerusalem and the American University at Beirut were mentioned as notably active sponsors of the movement.



Border Cities Rovers on a mid-winter Alpine hike — over the Lake Huron sand dunes!

SMARTLY uniformed Wolf Cubs of St. Anne's Pack served the banquet in St. Anne's Parish Hall which preceded Fredericton's Annual Meeting.

Christmas greetings and a request for "a piece of flint from Saskatchewan such as the Indians use in lighting fires" were received at Regina H. Q. from a Scout troop at Cheam, Surrey, England.

That Necessary Rover Den

Indicating an appreciation of one of the equipment essentials, "Prospective Rovers" of the 3rd Woodstock, Ont., (All Saints) Group are renovating an old barn as a "prospective Rover den."

The Court of Honour of the 1st Hartney Troop, Man., decided that first aid and signalling be taken up at each meeting for two months.

Prof. Badge Work on Troop H. Q.

On Saturday morning members of the troop met at headquarters to do a plastering job on the walls, before applying a new coat of kalsomine. All the work was done by the Scouts, and will assist them in qualifying for their Mason's Proficiency Badge.—1st Bear River Troop, N.S.

Coleman, Alta., Scouts held a "Scout Apple Day" on Saturday, Dec. 15, to raise funds for providing Christmas hampers for the needy.

New Brunswick P.L.'s Meet

Forty-two junior leaders representing six local church groups and troops at Sackville, Hopewell, Highfield and Fredericton, attended a Patrol Leaders' Conference in Central United Church, Moncton, under the guidance of D. S. M. Rogers and Scouter Alan Hopper of Sackville. Discussion topics included "Scouting Signs" and "Patrol Hiking."

Boys of the 2nd Nelson, B.C., Troop hiked to the Jewel Hope mine, where they were shown through the workings and given a talk on mining and prospecting.

Rover-Fostered Ambulance Course

Thirteen candidates successfully completed the Senior St. John Ambulance Course staged under the auspices of the 4th Toronto Crew. This is the second year the crew has arranged such a course, and they are now considering making it an annual event, for Rovers and older Scouts.

Winnipeg's semi-annual Cub competition for the Hesketh First Aid Flag was won by the 10th (St. Phillip's) Pack, with the 16th (St. Luke's) and 23rd (Home Street United) runners up. Ten teams competed.

Scout Year Landmarks

"Apple Day, Egg Day (Easter), Scout Camp and the Christmas Toy Shop are becoming traditional landmarks of the Scouting year, and these were increased in 1934 by a May collection of used garments for the Welfare Bureau."—D. C. Alvah Good at District Annual Meeting, Fredericton, N.B.

A Charlottetown Rover Squire is noted in the local Scout news column as carrying on correspondence with Rovers in Trinidad, St. Helena and Australia—some 15 letters.

"Garner's Scout Park"

Regina's 60-acre permanent Scout camp training ground and Jamboree site on Boggy Creek, formally opened last fall upon completion of the camp Lodge, is to be known as "Garner's Scout Park." The name honours Col. A. G. Garner, chief mover in the launching and development of the project.

A District Badge Board

Along with its substantial increase in Scout membership, Owen Sound has established a District Badge Board for the standardizing and generally more effective handling of badge tests.

Suggesting More Winter Hiking?

Scouts of the 1st Bear River Troop, N.S., presented their leader with a thermometer mounted on a stag's foot. According to the printer, the boys were then treated to a "marshmal wolocialshGtC cmfwy cmfcmm and each presented with a Scout Diary." Apparently a good time was had by all.

The 2nd Cobourg Troop, Ont., visited the 6th Peterborough, and as an item of the evening's programme participated in a spirited debate on the question, "Resolved, that the radio affords more pleasure than the automobile." It was declared a tie.

"Ushering" Opportunities

Again illustrating usher-service possibilities, four uniformed Scouts of the 2nd North Battleford, Sask., acted in this capacity at a concert, and four as guards of honour at an ice carnival.

The Scouts and Guides of Chester, N.S., combined to put on a successful "Clam Chowder Evening." The proceeds went towards improvements on the Scout Hall.

Eleven Scouts of the 6th Vancouver (St. Paul's) Troop are corresponding with eleven Scouts of the 1st Cley Troop, of Norfolk, England.

"Found by a Scout"

"Boy Scouts assisting in the tag day for the blind on Saturday found a sum of money on the street. The same has been left with Treasurer McLeod of the Bank of Nova Scotia and can be obtained upon identification."

—St. Catharines Standard.

Sharing Turkey with the Cubs

A Scout turkey supper to which the Cubs were invited, followed by an evening of games, stunts, songs and folk dancing shared by the parents of both, was an enjoyable event of the 1st Notre Dame de Grace, Montreal.

Under auspices of the District Scout Association, Prof. G. V. Douglas of Dalhousie University gave an illustrated lecture in the New Glasgow, N.S., High School on Sir Ernest Shackleton's last expedition to the South Pole.

An Investiture Set for a New Crew

A white satin investiture set, embroidered with Rover insignia, was presented the 1st Rockyford, Alta., Rovers by District Commissioner Hugh of the Bow Valley district, during a visit of the 4th Calgary (Elks' Own) Crew and A.D.C.'s H. A. Harvey and W. J. Steel. The 4th acted as sponsors at the investiture last year of the then new Rockyford Crew.

Practically every member of the 1st Banff Group, including Cubs, is a skier. The Group holds several junior championships won in the ski competitions of the annual Banff Winter Carnival.

"Rovers Sink Fangs in Moose"

The caption "Rovers to Sink Fangs Into Big Moose Steaks" was the toothsome press announcement of a reunion moose-meat dinner of the 6th Edmonton Rovers. It can safely be assumed that none were absent.

The 1st High River Troop, Alta., was given a course of instruction in safe handling of firearms.

Calgary Rover "Instructor Service"

Calgary Rovers at their last quarterly get-together organized a corps of instructors and lecturers whose services will be available to Scout troops throughout the district.

A 24-Year-Old Good Turn

An Austrian Scout leader is endeavouring, through London Scout headquarters, to locate two English Boy Scouts who came to his assistance in 1911 when, as a small boy who could speak no English, he was wheeling through the heavy traffic of the Strand, and broke his bicycle chain.

During recent heavy floods at Allahabad, Indian Boy Scout patrols were organized by the police to assist distressed families.

Justice Baxter Addresses N. B. Rovers

Mr. Justice J. B. M. Baxter was guest speaker at the mid-December meeting of the District Rover Council of Saint John, N. B. Some forty Rovers and members of the provincial and district councils enjoyed the address, "The British Empire." Judge Baxter is an invested Scout.

Toy Shop Echoes

At going to press the 1934 Toy Shop Chain stood at 159, once more banding the Dominion from the Sydneys, on the Atlantic, to Victoria and Prince Rupert on the Pacific. A number of points still are to be heard from. A conservative estimate of the number of children of needy families remembered by the Scout and Guide Santa Claus again places them at 80,000—in city, town, country, and on scattered prairie homesteads.

One of the first after-Christmas reports recorded the providing of gifts for 1,292 children by the toy shop at St. Johns, Que.—a new high record. Much of the success of the shop is credited by District Commissioner Roy Wilson to A.S.M. William MacFarlane.

Regina's distribution included gifts for an Orphanage at Indian Head. 1,500 toys were sent out through the mails to lists provided by Soldiers' Settlement Board.

The 7th annual effort of Prince Rupert Scouts and Guides provided for 85 children in 28 local families. Help in repairing was given by Toc H. Fire Chief Morrison assisted in the collection of toys and the Capitol Theatre gave a show.

The **Country Guide Magazine** of Winnipeg sent a special writer to secure an article on the Rosetown toy making shop as a "Scout achievement" story.

The representative of a wholesale toy concern estimated that the toys turned out by the Calgary shop "could not be replaced for \$5,000." The gifts took happiness to nearly 2,500 children in Calgary and vicinity. More than 400 visitors signed the shop Visitors' Book. Mayor Davison described the annual project as "One of the most outstanding pieces of public service in the city."

North Sydney, N.S., Scouts helped Santa visit upwards of 50 homes in their district.

Toronto "Hyland" Division shop produced 2,316 toys, repaired by Scouts and Cubs, and North Toronto 5,162. Local distribution was made through the Order of the Eastern Star, I.O.D.E., Lions Club, Salvation Army, Veterans' organizations and a list of churches of different denominations.

A four-column composite picture of Toronto toy shop activities included a snapshot of P.C. George Wigglesworth, of the motorcycle division of the Toronto police force, director of the North Toronto shop, bearing a crib of doll "quintuplets."

Learning of a shortage of dolls at the New Glasgow toy shop a number of ladies' bridge clubs were turned into doll-dressing "bridges," and fifty especially attractive dolls were contributed.

Lachute, Que., was one of those not forgetting to thank all those who helped. A neatly typed letter expressed this, and made an accounting of toys, old and new, received, and their distribution—families, and children; local, nearby, and Saskatchewan. (Candies and oranges are noted.) This was scouty; such appreciation also ensures future support and co-operation.

Edmonton Scouts successfully tried out the new idea of moulding and painting small lead toys—over 500.

Illustrating both the Scouting and Toy Shop habit,—Mr. J. A. Bouvrette, A.S.M. of the 31st Ottawa Troop, went north to become principal of the Noranda school. In the fall he organized a Scout Troop. In November he launched a Scout Toy Shop, packed 600 children in the Catholic church basement for Noranda's first Toy Shop Show; with his boys sent gifts to La Tuque Orphanage, and made a Santa Claus tour of 35 miles into the Lonely River bush with toys for the kiddies of isolated French-Canadian back-to-the-land settlers.

Fredericton made the fine new record of providing for the kiddies of 338 families—locally, at Devon, Marysville, and other near-by points, and nine families in the West. A Scout "Santa Claus" attracted considerable attention to the Toy Shop, and helped to secure postage for the out-of-town parcels. A number of appreciative letters were received from western recipients after New Year's.

Each of the 207 children remembered by the Granby, Que., Scouts, Cubs and Rovers received, in addition to toys, an orange and a generous bag of candy and

"Finance." Each main heading was subdivided into several points. Patrols discussed these points in "corners" and then rallied for a general discussion and summing up.

Banquet and Fire Wind-Up During the day patrols were warned to be ready at dinner with a patrol yell and at the camp fire with a stunt.

The Saturday evening dinner programme usually has more enthusiasm and pep than that of the previous night. The boys know one another better, are freer and more enthusiastic, singing is better, and generally a wonderful spirit prevails. The Patrol Competition points are announced,—the winning Patrol is lined up and each member presented with some "valuable prize" of a humorous nature. Then, so the tail-enders won't feel too badly, that patrol also is called up and each member presented with a souvenir.

Following the usual dinner programme, adjournment is made to the indoor council-fire, where a programme of songs, stunts, and fellowship is carried out. The conference is brought to a conclusion with a challenge for better Scouting.

Important Speakers at Dinner Sessions The conferences were most fortunate in the speak-



Fredericton's realistic Toy Shop Santa Claus "went over big" with the kiddies, and interested adults to contribute postage for mailing parcels to the West.

nuts. Sixty new wooden toys—sleds, rocking horses, carts, etc.—were turned out, with the help of a local plant which cut out the shapes.

"Scout Barrels" placed by Montreal Rovers in over 200 chain stores, in their second annual Christmas Hamper project, produced substantial Christmas cheer for 292 families. The chains co-operating were Dominion, Thrift, Stop and Shop, A. & P. and Steinberg. Scouts or Cubs stood beside the barrels during certain hours, to thank contributors. The retail value of the food received was \$577.22.

So effective a job was made by Calgary Rovers in handling the huge crowd of youngsters attending the Capitol Theatre Toy Matinee that Manager Egan offered two of them a position on his permanent staff of ushers, and the names of others were taken for future vacancies.

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HOLDING P.L. CONFERENCES

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pertaining to: "The Patrol in the Troop," "The Court of Honour," "Camping and Hiking," "Maintaining Interest," and

ers secured for the dinner sessions. Included in the list were the following well-known men: "Uncle" Jack Miner, Kingsville; D. W. F. Nichols, Windsor; Prof. A. E. Prince, Queen's University; Chas. E. Russell, District Commissioner for Ottawa; Magistrate S. B. Arnold, Chatham; Gordon Gauld, Boys' Secretary, London Y. M. C. A.; A. S. Rennie, M.P., Tillsonburg; Harry Sheppard, Dominion Department of Agriculture; Louis L. Lang, Commissioner for Waterloo County; W. J. Cairns, Provincial Commissioner for Ontario; Bishop A. R. Beverley, Toronto Diocese; Dr. James S. Shortt, Moderator of The Presbyterian Church in Canada; Dr. G. Murray Fraser, President of the Peterborough Local Association.

Special Display An interesting feature of the conferences was a Display showing ideas for keeping fellows in the patrol busy; suggestions for handicrafts and hobbies; a suggested year-round out-of-door programme; patrol records and charts and how to keep them; Scout Badges and the proper way to wear them and suggested books for the Junior Leader.

Scouts and Ice Accidents

FEBRUARY is not too early to give thought to possible ice accidents, and some preparatory talks and demonstrations of rescue methods. Each winter, particularly the winter-end, brings its toll of drownings—also a number of rescues by Scouts, and even by Cubs. Let us do our best to make sure that no ice fatalities occur this winter, or spring, where Scouts are within reach.

Needless to say, the first caution is that Cubs, Scouts or Rovers set no example of carelessness on doubtfully safe ice.

Unsafe Ice

Ice less than two inches thick is not absolutely safe. If full of air bubbles, in an eddy near the foot of a falls or rapids, six inch ice may be unsafe; accidents have resulted from the breaking of ice over a foot in thickness, and apparently firm, but full of bubbles.

The danger of "air holes" or "breathers" is known to most boys. These are especially dangerous when the ice is covered with snow. Frequently they are then indicated only by small circular humps, or by a raised icy snow-crust, resulting from water rising through the opening.

Precautionary Measures

Have your troop make sure that all danger spots on the local skating places are plainly marked with danger signs.

Assign certain Scouts, in turn, to act as safety patrols each afternoon or evening, at least two to every pond or stretch of lake or river ice, where there is skating.

Have all Scouts owning lariats habitually carry these, coiled round their waist (under the sweater or coat if desired) when skating. If not lariats, other suitable rope.

Or have them carry hockey sticks, or their Scout staves, with a small but strong life-line secured to the middle, then wound around the stick.

A Rescue Talk

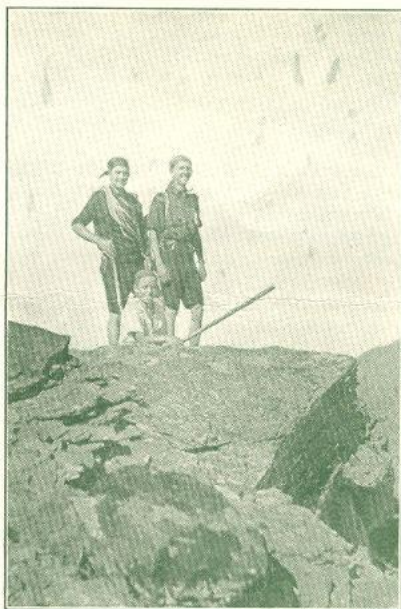
"If one of you boys should break through the ice: In the first place, **keep your head**. If the ice is thin, do not try to climb back upon it, but spread your arms out over the surface and wait for assistance. Remember, it takes very little to support a person in the water if the person keeps cool. Give the same advice to another boy who has gone through.

"If you are the rescuer: When compelled to cross dangerous ice to reach the person who has broken through, secure and push a ladder or plank ahead of you. If such things are not at hand, crawl flat, holding a pole, or your Scout staff. Should you go through, these will assist you to keep above the surface, and to climb out. If using a plank or ladder, push it across the break in the ice, and if necessary crawl along it until you can grasp and help the person upon it.

Lariat and Hockey Stick

"If you have a lariat, of course you will throw the loop over or within reach of the person in the water.

"If you are carrying a hockey or other stick with a life line rolled about it, unroll the line, and from a safe distance shoot the stick across the ice. Direct the person in the water to place the stick across the ice in front of them, rest their elbows upon it, and raise themselves as you pull. If the ice breaks, have them repeat the operation until the ice holds.



1ST Raymond, Alta., Rovers at the summit of Mount Alderson. They decline to acknowledge that the spots on the negative were perspiration.

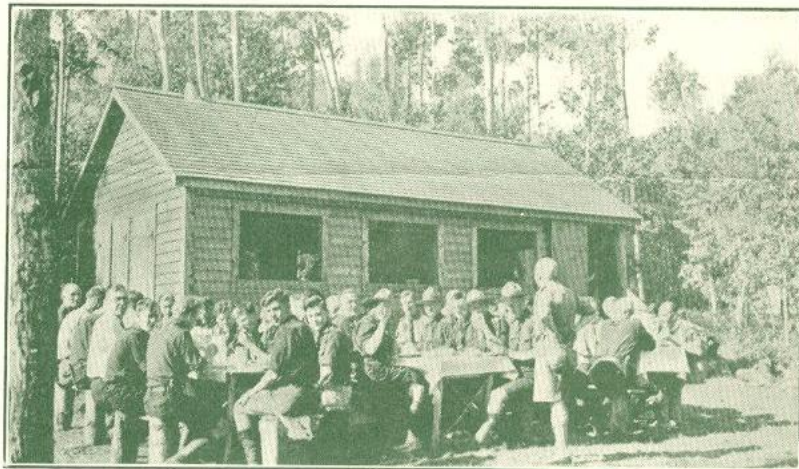
Ordinary Rope

"If you have only a rope, tie it about your body, have someone hold the end, then crawl flat over the ice, distributing your weight as much as possible, until able to grasp the hand of the person in the water. Hold firmly, ask the person on the other end of the line to pull, and direct the person in the water if possible to roll out sideways upon the ice.

The Human Chain

"If neither rope, planks nor sticks are at hand, use the 'human chain'—each boy grasping one ankle of the boy ahead, and all shifting forward cautiously, until the leader is able to reach the hand of the unfortunate.

"In practically all cases the proper way to get out of a hole in the ice, whether being helped or not, is to break the ice away until solid ice is reached; rest the arms and elbows upon it, flat; get one foot out, then carefully raise and roll out full length sideways. Remember those points."



ONE of the important incidents recorded by the camera at Alberta's first Rover Moot last summer. It was the concluding scene of a chicken barbecue staged by the Calgary contingent. There were 26 chickens to begin with. (Count the trenchermen and divide by 2.)

Ice Rescue Practice

After the above outlined talk, put on an ice-rescue demonstration. This may be made a competition, each patrol being given a "problem" which they must begin acting out immediately.

For example: "A young lady has gone through the ice, down there by the door. The ice is thin, and breaks as fast as she attempts to climb out upon it. She is panic-stricken. You have your lariat about your waist. There is an old board fence over there on the other side of the river (other side of room). Go ahead."

And so on. Without warning, while the third or fourth victim is being "drawn from the water," add: "The person is unconscious from shock and cold."

Unconscious Cases

In unconscious cases the victim would of course be treated for apparent drowning and shock. Where the rescued person is able to walk he would be taken ashore quickly and kept running until he reaches some place where his clothes can be removed; he would be put to bed, given hot drinks, hot water bottles applied, etc.

The details above mentioned or indicated might be left out of the preliminary discussion, in order to test the boys' grasp of the needs of the situation, and also to provide points for criticism in judging the merits of respective patrol demonstrations. Criticisms would be made and points awarded at the conclusion of the last demonstration.

The Australian Jamboree

ANOTHER joyous example of world youth friendliness, the Australian Jamboree, wound up on January 13th, after two weeks of living, playing and laughing together by 11,000 Scouts, under the inspiring leadership of the great originator of it all, Lord Baden-Powell.

The various countries and sections of the British Empire represented included England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, France, Belgium, Hungary, Canada, United States, India, Ceylon, Malaya, Japan, Dutch East Indies, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, and each of the Australian states.

Some 18,000 spectators were present for the opening, and large throngs visited the Jamboree at Frankstown, on the outskirts of Melbourne, each succeeding day.

Some Thoughts on Games

IF Scouting really is a great game—and of course it is just that, when properly played—everybody concerned must enjoy it, including the Scouters. They should not merely endure, sometimes in a fed-up way, what the Scouts are enjoying immensely.

Their enjoyment also is necessary because it is impossible to teach and properly lead a game that one does not himself enter into with zest. Lack of interest, and lack of discipline, follow just as surely as keenness in a troop quickly reflects keen leadership.

The Scouter should keep games in his own hands. Not that he must necessarily run every game, teach every new game, and referee or score,—nor even always watch a game. He should have general charge of games, and be in close touch with the "games life" of the troop.

Revealing Character This for various reasons. Among others, because character is revealed in games as in few other features of troop life. Whether leading, playing or watching a game, a good Scouter instinctively observes every one of his Scouts, and sees that hermit-crab-like creature, the boy, break out of his shell for once. How many a P.L. owes his stripes to the way he played games? How many an insipient bully has been spotted, a timid hanger-back encouraged, a self-pusher curbed, because games helped his elder brother, the Scouter, to see what was the matter with him! How many an A.S.M.'s indecision, lack of firmness in discipline, lack of imagination, resource or preparation, have been revealed to his Scoutmaster by the way he ran games! And once you know exactly what makes a man fail, you can help him get right, instead of saying, "That lad's a wash-out; I shan't recommend him for a warrant."

Forming Character If games reveal character, they also form it. There is a very great difference between a group of boys who have had some years of games playing, and boys who have not. The latter show not only physical clumsiness and lack of endurance, but the same sort of faults mentally and spiritually, so it is simply not fair to the Scout that a Scouter should let his own fed-upness with old games lead to games taking a less important place in the troop's programme, —a less important place than they did in the days when, in your original pair of shorts and very first necker, you got as excited as anyone and put your whole heart into the business. Saturday afternoons in one's palmy days—how different they were! And what life there was in the troop!

The Value Physically The various arguments for games as against formal P.T. have often been put forward. To mention just three,—there is the enormous variety of movements, the keenness and energy with which they are performed, the fact that the rate and frequency of their performance are individual.

Games Test Discipline Games are not only the finest test of a troop's discipline, but also the best way of helping it to acquire discipline of the innermost, essential sort. A troop that

The Q.M.'s Chat

Brother Scouters:

I am hoping that within a few days after the issue of this copy of "The Scout Leader" I'll be sending you your copy of the new 1935 Catalogue.

As you know, a Quartermaster, and especially a Boy Scout edition, should not at any time appear boastful. In fact during my Army days it usually paid for the Q.M. to keep very much in the background; and I suppose I should follow suit, but as Editor of the Catalogue I do feel that as soon as you have had a chance to browse through the new list, your first urge will be to pen me your congrats, or otherwise. Of course I hope for the best.

What I am really concerned with at the moment is that each and every member of the Association, from Cub to Commissioner, receive a copy of the new catalogue. This can only be made possible by your kind co-operation in applying for extra copies for distribution to your boys.

When your copy arrives, you'll find enclosed an application form which should be filled in with the information desired and returned to the Stores Department immediately. I can assure you that the extra copies required will be sent promptly and without charge.

This is going to be the best year that Scouting has ever enjoyed—more enthusiasm — more members — and most important of all, the visit of the Chief Scout, Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell. You'll find in the Catalogue the Chief Scout's itinerary, which commences at Victoria, B.C., next April and ends at Charlottetown, P.E.I., in July.

These red letter months in Scouting will very soon be at hand. But in the meantime, please send for those extra lists—right away!—and remember we want every boy to receive a copy.

Yours for better Scouting,

George Lequart
P.M.

can play games with perfect discipline (rare) will behave perfectly on formal occasions or in emergencies. A troop in which Patrol Leaders are allowed to lead games pretty often will not behave like a flock of sheep if its Scoutmaster happens to catch mumps just before the rally or district field day.

I can forgive a boy who plays the fool at drill, or says funny things during a badge class, or forgets to put on his garter tabs, or rolls on the floor in death grips with another Scout long after I have said "Fall in!" but I have no use for a boy who fools about during a game. He will be the undoing of the troop, unless it is a real games-playing troop, in which case the troop indignation may cure him.

Based on an article in SCOUTING IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

TOY SHOP ECHOES

(Continued from page 69)

1934 Toy Shop Chain

As reported at January 15th:—

P. E. I.—Charlottetown, Summerside.—2.

Nova Scotia—Dartmouth, Halifax, Imperial, Kentville, New Glasgow, North Sydney, Sydney, Truro, Westville.—9.

New Brunswick—Dalhousie, Edmundston, Fredericton, Moncton, Perth, Saint John, Woodstock.—7.

Quebec—Granby, Lachute, Lennoxville, Montreal, Noranda, Quebec, Riverbend, St. Johns, St. Lambert, Sherbrooke, Stanstead, Three Rivers.—12.

Ontario—Alliston, Almonte (Guides), Barrie, Brantford, Brockville, Cannington, Chesterville, Comber (Guides), Cornwall, Dundas, Fenelon Falls, Fort Frances, Fort William, Galt, Georgetown, Goderich, Guelph, Hamilton, Hamilton Beach, Hanover, Hespeler, Hudson, Iroquois Falls, Kincardine, Kirkland Lake, Lindsay, London, Lucknow (Guides), Mille Roches, Napanee, Niagara-on-the-Lake, New Toronto, Oshawa, Ottawa, Owen Sound, Paris, Parry Sound, Pembroke, Perth, Peterboro, Port Arthur, Preston, Ridgetown, St. Catharines, St. Thomas, Sarnia, Smith's Falls, South Porcupine, Stratford, Sudbury, Tilbury, Timmins, Toronto, Unionville, Waterford, Waterloo, Watford, Wallaceburg, Welland, Weston, Windsor.—61.

Manitoba—Brandon, Carman, Minnedosa, Portage la Prairie, Stonewall, The Pas, Virden, Winnipeg.—8.

Saskatchewan—Bengough, Bulyea, Central Butte, Heward, Humboldt, Kelvington, Melfort, Morse, Moose Jaw, Osage, Paynton, Prince Albert, Radville, Regina, Robsart, Rosetown, Rosthern, Saskatoon, Unity, Watrous, Wilkie, Wolseley, Wynyard, Yorkton, Grenfell, North Battleford.—26.

Alberta—Banff, Calgary, Camrose, Drumheller, Edmonton, Gleichen, High River, Jasper, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Provost, Red Deer, Standard, Turner Valley, Westlock, Alix, Tofield.—17.

British Columbia—Anyox, Burnaby, Duncan, Kamloops, Mission, Nanaimo, Nelson, New Westminster, North Vancouver, Prince George, Prince Rupert, Sidney, Trail, Vancouver, Vernon, Victoria, Kelowna.—17.

Total.—159.

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.

WORDS by F. Leslie Sara.

A Toast to B.-P.

MUSIC by Sydney H. Nicholson

Our Founder's name is pledged tonight By every loyal Scout; Around the World a
The worth of his far dream for youth, The world no longer doubts As every Scout be-
loving chain Toasts him with boyish Shout The Chief! The Chief! Beloved Chief! A
comes a man and still remains a Scout.
toast to him we raise! May happiness and health be his For many sunny days!

SCOUT choristers of the 1st Calgary (Pro-Cathedral) Group had the honour recently of singing the "Toast" to an accompaniment by its distinguished composer, former organist of Westminster Cathedral, and Scout Commissioner for Music of Imperial Headquarters. The music was written by Dr. Nicholson during his visit to Canada in 1927, with the Westminster Abbey Scout Choir. Leslie Sara was then Scoutmaster of the 10th Calgary Troop.

A Camp-Model Competition

IN competition, patrols of the 2nd North Battleford Troop, Sask., have been making a model of their 1934 summer camp at Cochen. As a novel feature, the models will be on display at an open evening, and will be judged by the audience. The models are being made according to instructions given in the 1935 Canadian Scout Diary.

Correspondence to Encourage

AN interesting example of international Scout correspondence comes in the copy of a letter received by a Vancouver Scout from a Scout at Osaka, Japan. The writer, Tetsuo Nakayama, describing himself as a "middle school boy" of 16, tells in highly creditable English of last September's typhoon, and mentions including in his letter a number of Japanese newspaper clippings. He concludes: "I hope we can live with good will in our Scout life."

"Race Across Canada"

THIS map-mileage patrol competition scoring system is thus reported on by the 1st Drumheller: The contest was started in November, and all patrols, despite interruption of the Toy Shop, have done splendidly. The Wolf Patrol has covered 68 miles, the Eagles 52, the Buffaloes 54, the Beavers 50, the Lynx 49 and the Badgers 41. No doubt each patrol will make great strides during the new year in order to win the prize at the destination.

A "Tradition" Story for Cubs

THE tradition that Scouts, or Cubs, always keep their heads and "do something" in case of need was admirably lived up to by 8-year-old Cub Arthur McBride of the 14th Calgary, when another small boy recently broke through the ice on the Elbow river. Hearing the cry for help, Cub McBride immediately skated to the spot, lay down, and grasped and prevented the other boy from being drawn beneath the ice until others arrived to help him.

FOR this "B.-P. Year" every Group in Canada should plan some event to celebrate the World Chief Scout's Birthday, February 22nd—to honour B.-P. and at the same time to secure local attention to the Movement's 100,000 Expansion Programme, and the incidental Welcome-to-Baden-Powell Financial Campaign.

Many Groups, as an established practice, will hold a B.-P. banquet, and on the nearest Sunday—February 24—a special church parade. It is hoped that many more Groups will this year mark the date in the same way.

Suggestions

The following suggestions are offered for activities during the period February 22nd—March 4th, the period of the Financial Campaign:

Group Banquet.

Open or Parents' Night.

Church parade, if possible, combined with Girl Guides. In the case of Community Groups boys attend service at their own church.

Arrange for sermons on Scouting. (Suggestions and material can be secured from Dominion H.Q.)

Scouting window displays—camping and hiking equipment, camping scenes, miniature camp models, handicrafts, literature, etc.

Addresses and brief Scouting demonstrations before service clubs.

For all public service good turns, —used clothing collection, ushering, providing guards at outdoor skating places, —have Scouts in full uniform.

Secure suitable newspaper mention of above activities.

Scout Ambassadors of Commerce

THE State Council of Ceylon granted 3,000 rupees to the contingent of Ceylon Boy Scouts attending the recent Australian Scout Jamboree, the money to be used for the purchase of Sinhalese goods for exhibition at the international gathering.

Old Clothes Hangers

THE Scouts are about to make a canvass of the town for wire clothes hangers. They trust the public generally will receive them well and bestow upon them all the wire (black) coat hangers they can spare,"—quoting the Kentville, N.S., Advertiser and Chronicle. The hangers were re-sold to laundries and cleaners, and the proceeds added to troop funds.

A New Service for Church Troops?

THE 17th Ottawa Troop apparently has discovered a new and valuable annual good turn to its parent institution, Southminster United Church. This is a house-to-house distribution and collection of the annual church election ballots. The first experiment resulted in securing a 60 per cent. vote, the highest in the church's history. The ballots were collected in sealed boxes.

Compass and Knot Game

A COMBINATION compass and knot game for two or more patrols. Draw a large compass on the floor or ground with chalk, and mark compass points with articles which may be picked up—books, sticks, stones, etc. Line patrols on opposite sides of compass circle. At "go" first boy of one patrol runs to first boy of second patrol, hands him a rope, and names a knot. The receiving boy replies with a compass point, as "East North-East," and then endeavours to tie the knot before the other boy reaches the compass "point" named and brings it back.

—SCOUTING.