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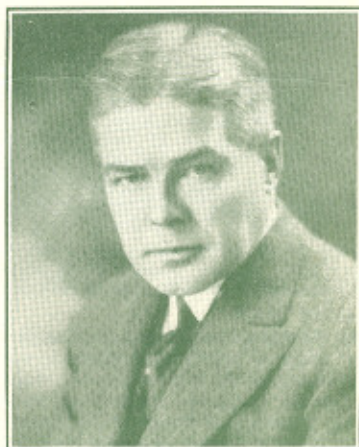
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From President Beatty's Broadcast—

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Mr. E. W. Beatty, K.C., L.L.D., President  
of the Canadian General Council of The  
Boy Scouts Association.

## Mr. Beatty Launches the Financial Campaign

**T**HE succession of Scout membership-expansion broadcasts following that of His Excellency the Governor-General, and which included addresses by the Lieutenant-Governors or other outstanding citizens of the provinces, was followed on the evening of February 18 by a memorable radio address by our President, Mr. E. W. Beatty, officially launching the national financial campaign necessary to meet the expense involved in the expansion effort and its five-year maintenance.

The address was broadcast from Montreal over a national hook-up, and thousands of the coast-to-coast audience were given a new realization of the importance of Scouting to Canada by the

words and the personality of the speaker, the head of the world's largest land-and-sea transport system.

### The Address

**I**N appealing to my hearers for support for the Boy Scout Movement at a time when an unending series of worthy social activities is calling for financial assistance, I must unquestionably give my special reasons.

At one time the Boy Scout Movement was alleged to be a disguised form of military training. A generation of experience has taught us that it is a method of training soldiers—but soldiers of peace, not of war.

It is based on the sound assumption that boys will be boys,—that the primal instinct of young humans is to group together in gangs for mutual support in noisy, healthy and active play. It takes into consideration the essential democracy of the young,—their refusal to believe that social distinctions are important.

It accepts the fact that boys place little value on distinctions of race or creed, and only accept extreme nationalism with its crop of hatred because their elders tell them to.

In a word, the Boy Scout Movement starts with faith that boys are merely men not yet made suspicious, over-cautious or narrow-minded by their experience of a world which is only too artificial.

On that basis it has built a system by which boys are given the maximum of freedom to play, to set free their abounding energy and to develop healthy contact with other boys. To this is added the minimum of formal discipline,—only enough to prove the worth of organized effort without stifling initiative.

The Movement covers the world, and brings the youth of nations into a great union directed by the single ideal of play made worthy because it has a purpose.

I can offer no more powerful argument for your active support of this movement than my honest faith that a country whose leaders in public and private affairs are trained in youth to hold the ideals of the Boy Scouts will be a country in which service will be placed before profit, and the community ahead of the individual.

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### TRAINING IS NECESSARY FOR SUCCESSFUL LEADERSHIP

**A**ND for acquiring sound, up-to-date camping knowledge no experience can take the place of the ten-day Gilwell Camp Course. Above—Scoutmaster "Patrol Leaders" making their reports after a critical morning inspection of each other's patrol sites, near the end of last year's Nova Scotia Course.



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## A Tribute to Practical Results

IT will not be overlooked that the country-wide expressions of approval accorded our 100,000 membership campaign by the press, by nationally-known public men direct and by radio, came out of a definite background; that such unanimous tributes are not paid any organization merely on the basis of professed principles or promises to do certain things for youth.

The chorus of public approval reflected observation of public service rendered by Boy Scouts over a number of years,—observation both of the service, and of this as a demonstration of the practical nature of the Scout training for "good citizenship."

Most leaders at one time or another have wondered whether it "was all worth while"; if their work after all "counted for much."

We have had the answer from every part of the Dominion. The work is declared genuinely real, important,—a proved practical training of youth for good, well-balanced, competent Canadian citizenship.

We will carry on with a new confidence and enthusiasm.

## 25th Birthday Congratulations to The Boy Scouts of America

SCOUTS throughout the Dominion joined in the congratulations and "many happy returns" extended our brother Scouts "to the South" upon achieving their 25th birthday, on February 8th. An expression of this sentiment, and all good wishes for continued growth and success, was conveyed by the Honorary Dominion Secretary, Mr. Gerald H. Brown to Dr. James E. West, Chief Executive of the Boy Scouts of America.

The birthday was marked by large Scout gatherings in all parts of the United States, and notably by a radio address by President Roosevelt, from Washington. Following the President, Dr. West, from New York, led the Scouts and Scouters of the nation in a renewal of their Scout Promise.

Sunday, February 10th, was celebrated as "Scout Sunday," with parades and other special services in churches of all denominations. In New York City some 2,000 Catholic Scouts started the birthday by attending a special morning mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

## Marking B.-P.'s Birthday

ALWAYS the occasion for many "annual" banquets celebrating the joint birthday of the Chief Scout and Chief Guide, the evening of February 22nd was marked by practically an unbroken chain of such gatherings of Scouts and Guides across the Dominion. On Sunday the 24th numerous Scout-Guide church services were held.

A notable function was the World Chief Scout's birthday banquet at Hart House, University of Toronto, at which His Excellency the Governor General, the Earl of Bessborough, Chief Scout for Canada, was special guest and speaker. The distinguished gathering included His Honour Mayor James Simpson of Toronto, Sir William Mulock, His Grace Archbishop D. T. Owen, Primate of the Anglican Church; Very Rev. J. S. Shortt, D.D., Moderator of the Presbyterian Church; Rabbi Eisendrath; Dr. L. J. Simpson, Minister of Education; Mr. W. J. Cairns, Provincial Commissioner; Mr. J. F. M. Stewart, Chairman of the Executive Board of the Canadian General Council; Mr. John A. Stiles, Executive Chief Commissioner, and many other men prominent in the public, professional and business life of Ontario. Mr. J. W. Mitchell, President of the Provincial Council, presided.



A CAMP idea for next summer: A corner of the Natural History Museum of a camp of the 6th Sherbrooke—rock fragments and tree-branch samples of wood growing in the vicinity.

## To Expand Lone Scouting

TO encourage the enrolment of Lone Scouts in Ontario, Provincial Headquarters is offering an "Organizer Award." To secure the award a Lone Scout must secure five new Lone Scout members for his own or a new patrol, and must see that they complete their Tenderfoot tests.

## B.-P. a Modern "Man Friday"

EMULATING Robinson Crusoe's "Man Friday," Lord Baden-Powell, while visiting Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, on his way to Australia, stepped in some clay. The footprint was baked in fire, and is being kept as a memento by the Scouts of Malaya.

## B.-P.'s Birthday Message Calls Old Scouts

THE message from Lord Baden-Powell broadcast from CRCT, Toronto, over the national chain of the Canadian Radio Commission on the evening of the Chief Scout's and Chief Guide's joint birthday, February 22nd:—

Today, 22nd February, is George Washington's birthday, so as I also was one of those who could not tell a lie (partly because I could not speak at all), I elected to get born on that day (some years after him). My wife, the Chief Guide, did the same.

I am now looking forward to getting the birthday present which they tell me the parents and patriots in Canada are preparing to give us on our arrival there.

It is to take the form of a whole lot more boys and girls as members of the Boy Scout and Girl Guide Movements. I could not wish for a better gift, especially as it will give more of the poorer youngsters the four H's of Happiness, Health, Handiness and Helpfulness. Moreover, I have just been getting visible proof of the good effects of Scouting and Guiding to the oncoming generation in Australia.

A valuable help can be given by "Old Scouts," that is, any men who have in their boyhood been Scouts. I would earnestly beg them to renew touch with their old troops, or with a troop in their neighbourhood, since without its making any great demands upon their time or purse, they can give valuable assistance in persuading others to come as Scoutmasters, Instructors or Subscribers. At the same time they will together form a reliable block of loyal men for the nation.—Baden-Powell.

## Shaping Character for Eternity—Scout Leadership

IN the course of one of the most discerning appraisals of Scouting offered during the recent outstanding series of radio addresses, Rt. Rev. Mgr. T. W. Morton, speaking from Winnipeg, had this to say of Scout leadership:

"When it is successful, Scout leadership is a noble work. It is the shaping of human characters which will endure for eternity. To amass wealth; to become a film star; 'the applause of listening senates to command'; all these ambitions are fleeting and evanescent; but to have made a good Scout is an everlasting achievement."

## The Late Bishop LeBlanc

THE February Scout Leader recorded the presentation of the Medal of Merit to the Rt. Rev. E. A. LeBlanc, D.D., Bishop of Saint John, in recognition of the important part played by him in promoting Scouting in his diocese, including the study of scoutmastership by student priests. It is the sad necessity this month to record the passing of Bishop LeBlanc to higher service. The establishment of Scouting among the Catholic youth of New Brunswick will stand as one of the permanent memorials to this discerning friend of boyhood and distinguished prelate and Canadian.



## The Lieutenant-Governors Talk Scouting

**T**HE attention given our membership expansion campaign by the press, in news items, editorials and pictures; by outstanding citizens in addresses at banquets and other occasions, and by a whole series of radio broadcasts, local and national,—all must have re-impressed Canadian Scouters with the importance of their leadership, in whatever branch of the Movement. Most impressive of all possibly was the series of broadcasts made by the Lieutenant Governors of various provinces, east and west, supporting the initial radio address of His Excellency the Governor General. No more comprehensive appraisals of Scouting have been offered; and they are here reproduced for the benefit of leaders generally.

By His Honour Lieut.-Governor W. L. Walsh of Alberta, from CJCA, Edmonton, at 9 P.M., January 18.

**H**IS Excellency the Governor General at a conference of the Provincial Commissioners and Presidents of the Boy Scouts Association held in Ottawa last September challenged the organization to celebrate the forthcoming visit of Lord Baden-Powell to Canada by putting on a campaign to increase its membership from 65,000 to 100,000 and to efficiently maintain this increased membership for the next five years.

This challenge was immediately accepted, and a campaign to raise the necessary funds to make good this acceptance is now on foot all over Canada. The amount needed is \$500,000 in all. Of this there has been allotted to Alberta the comparatively small sum of \$35,000, payment of which will be spread over five years. The people of Alberta are being now asked to pledge themselves to contribute to the Provincial Association for this purpose \$7,000 this year, and the same amount for each of the next succeeding four years.

The Association with its present membership is maintained at an annual cost of \$5,000, not a cent of which goes directly to the boys. With the payment of most moderate salaries to its salaried officers and with the greatest possible care exercised in travelling expenses and other unavoidable outlays, this is the very minimum amount upon which the work can

effectively be done on the basis of its present membership.

It is estimated that it will cost an additional \$2,000 a year to finance the increased membership which will follow the success of this campaign. There are 175 troops in Alberta, 40 of which are in Edmonton and Calgary, but there are many districts in the province containing many hundreds of boys which are at present uncovered. There are in southern Alberta alone 160 districts in which absolutely nothing is being done for the boys. Such places as these must be brought under Scout influence if this work is to be provincially the success it should be. To establish and maintain contact with the boys in districts such as these is the aim of those in charge of the movement but this cannot even be attempted unless funds to the amount mentioned are available for it.

The Association has no funds of its own. It of course can neither ask nor expect the boys to provide them. At present it depends for its existence entirely upon the voluntary contributions of its friends made in yearly canvasses of them. It is felt that to make it the effective instrument for good that it should be it must be placed upon a sound financial basis and the present hand-to-mouth system of looking after it abandoned. And so it comes to you for support in its campaign.

The question that each one has to ask himself and herself when approached as you will be for a contribution to this cause, is this, is it worth \$7,000 a year to this province to have thousands of our boys who may otherwise drift into paths of idleness or sin or disloyalty brought and kept under Scout influence, and led to take and to keep the pledge which every Scout must take and keep, to do their best to do their duty to God and the King and to help other people. You will answer that question for yourselves.

Need I say anything to convince you of the value of the Scout Movement? Surely every one knows and recognizes it. There is absolutely nothing militaristic about it. Its aim simply is to develop good character in boys before evil influences have got to work upon them, and thus train them for good citizenship in later years.

Alberta and her good neighbour, British Columbia, are both Scout conscious. They both rank very high in Scout membership in relation to their population. The energies of the Association are directed by a band of loyal citizens who have no purpose to serve other than the good of our country. Many of those who put their whole hearts and souls into the work of forwarding its interests have not sons of their own, and so they are impelled by no selfish interests in their advocacy of it but give unsparingly of their time and



His Honour Lieut.-Governor G. D. DeBlois of Prince Edward Island.

their energy and their money in its support because they know how splendid a thing it is for other people's boys and therefore for our country. May I ask every one who hears me to open his heart and his purse to this most worthy appeal?

Lord Baden-Powell, the Founder of this movement, will be with us in the Spring. Many of you must remember how 35 years ago we cheered him as the hero of Mafeking when he successfully resisted the long siege of that place in the Boer War. Let us give to this great national hero when he comes to us the news which I am sure will greatly delight him, that Alberta has done its bit in this campaign for the great scheme to which he has so unsparingly devoted so many years of his life.

By His Honour Lieut.-Governor G. D. DeBlois, of Prince Edward Island, from CFCY, Charlottetown, at 8 P.M., January 18.

**O**N Friday, January 11th, His Excellency the Earl of Bessborough, Chief Scout for Canada, addressed the people of Canada over a nation-wide hook-up in the interests of the Boy Scout organization, and in his admirable address he announced the launching of a campaign to provide the means necessary to increase the Canadian membership from 65,000 to 100,000, and to raise the sum of \$500,000 to carry on the work of the Boy Scouts in Canada during the next five years, and tonight it is my privilege to speak to you on behalf of this most worthy cause.

As Representative of His Majesty the King, it is fitting that I should take an active part in this great Movement, for His Majesty is the Patron of the Association, and the Prince of Wales is Chief Scout for Wales, the Duke of York is President for London and Yorkshire, Prince George is the Commodore of the Sea Scouts and His Excellency the Earl of Bessborough is the Chief Scout for Canada.

As you no doubt have heard, Lord Baden-Powell, the renowned Head and Chief of the Boy Scouts, recently sailed from England on a world tour of inspection, and I am sure that his trip will be the means of cementing more closely than ever



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the spirit of comradeship of the Boy Scouts the world over.

Accompanied by Lady Baden-Powell and their two daughters, they expect to arrive in Charlottetown on July 3rd, and will be with us for five days, leaving here on the 8th, and I ask for the co-operation, not only of the Scouts, but of all the people of the Province in helping to make their visit a memorable one. Lord Baden-Powell is a great man, and in organizing and fostering the work of the Boy Scouts he has made a contribution of service of tremendous value to the world at large. Let us honour him in a fitting manner.

I have always had a very warm place in my heart for the work of the Boy Scouts, because I believe that the splendid Scout Laws embedded into the boy's life cannot fail to be of great influence in the development of his character. For those not familiar with the Scout Laws, allow me to repeat them:

A Scout's honour is to be trusted.

A Scout is loyal to the King, his country, his officers, his parents, his employers, and to those under him.

A Scout's duty is to be useful and to help others.

A Scout is a friend to all, and a brother to every other Scout, no matter to what social class the other belongs.

A Scout is courteous.

A Scout is a friend to animals.

A Scout obeys orders of his parents, patrol leader or Scoutmaster, without question.

A Scout smiles and whistles under all difficulties.

A Scout is thrifty.

A Scout is clean in thought, word and deed.

My friends, I am sure you will realize the necessity of writing these laws on the heart of the boy, just at the age when his character is in the moulding stage, and at a time when he commences to ask questions about himself and about life in general.

Realizing the importance of this work, I appeal to you to respond to the clarion call sent out by His Excellency the Governor-General to the people of this Dominion to take an active part in this great Movement and to give to the utmost of our ability and means to save and develop the boys of our land by implanting in them reverence of God, loyalty to the King, self respect and confidence in themselves. Never was the need greater, or the opportunity more ripe for the extension and development of this work, because we know that with the unrest and idleness on every hand today the boy is apt to lose his faith and his independence and to drift carelessly with the wreckage brought about through man's selfishness and greed.

Some years ago a Canadian patriot and a great man said that he had given up investing money merely for income, other methods of using money proving more agreeable to him, and so he invested thousands of dollars in helping to educate the youth of our land, with the result that today, although this patriot has long since passed to his rest, his memory is held in grateful and affectionate remembrance by the people of this country.

May I say to you that we are living in an age of great opportunity and of great responsibility. In speaking from my heart to your heart, I say unhesitatingly that I believe the Boy Scout Movement offers an opportunity for us to make an invest-

ment that will be of incalculable value to our Nation and Empire, and I am reminded of the words of Archbishop Whately who said—"We are responsible, not only for doing, but also for leaving undone: else the servant who hid his lord's talent in the earth would have escaped condemnation."

Let us seize the opportunity while it is ours, tomorrow may be too late, then when the battle of life is over and our task here on earth is done we may pass on into that fuller life with the knowledge that we at least used a portion of the money entrusted to us to help to engender into the hearts of the boys of our land, honour and loyalty to God and the King, Peace and Goodwill and a spirit of friendliness among the boys of the countries of the world.

The far reaching effect of such an investment can easily be seen when we remember that the boys that we are investing in will be the ones who will carry on our work when we lay it down. And now, my friends, I bid you all "Good Night" and again I wish you Health, Happiness and Prosperity during 1935.



His Honour  
Lieut.-Governor W. H. Covert  
of Nova Scotia.

By His Honour Lieut.-Governor  
W. H. Covert, of Nova Scotia, from  
CHNS, Halifax, at 7:55 P.M., January  
18.

**H**IS Excellency the Governor-General and Chief Scout for Canada last Friday night appealed to all Canadians to assist in an effort to increase the number of Boy Scouts in this Dominion. His address was inspiring and impressive, and urged that great benefit must ensue from an enlarging Boy Scout influence and making Scouting available to hundreds of small communities which at present have no organized activities for their boys.

The Chief Scout of the World, Lord Baden-Powell, comes to Canada this year, and will visit all the provinces. It is fitting that this visit, perhaps his last to this country, should be celebrated by giving special attention to Boy Scouts, for he was the founder of this great organization, which now has been accepted throughout the world. It may well be regarded as the most valuable and wonderful Movement of modern times.

If you look around, you will see throughout the country boys who will be the men of Canada, striving as sturdy young pion-

neers leading the way toward a better and happier future, not only for themselves but for the whole community. Splendid results are being accomplished in every town and most of the districts of Nova Scotia, and this is being done through strenuous and encouraging efforts of a large number of volunteer workers, Scoutmasters and others, many of whom make great sacrifices in order to devote the necessary time and energy to their responsibilities.

Canada has 65,000 Scouts at the present, but it is not enough. There should be at least 100,000 in this country. May I say I have watched somewhat closely for a considerable period the work that is being done in many parts of Nova Scotia in connection with the Boy Scout Movement, and I am greatly impressed with its future. I do not know of any other that seems to be doing so much in a sane and efficient way to develop amongst boys of all classes, not only the instinct of unselfish service but the ability also to get out of life, morally not less than physically, the best that it has to offer. The Scout Movement interferes in no way with any other work for boys and I have no hesitation therefore, in commending to your active interest the campaign in question. It has been determined to attempt to increase the enrollment of Scouts in this province by 2,000 as soon as possible, and this will involve 150 more leaders and an organizing Field Secretary. Of course this means money, and over a period of time it is hoped and urged that the people of this province will subscribe and pay the sum of \$35,000 to finance the Movement for the next five years.

A country is made great by careful teaching of its young boys and girls. Get them early enough in life to see and fully realize that they succeed to the older generation and must take up the work, with its cares and its setbacks, its joys and its prizes; but at all times they should be willing to meet adversity with quiet determination, and if they take a toss, to pick themselves up and carry on with smiling faces. The self-reliance and self-discipline to seize an opportunity when one presents itself, must be impressed. To sum up, the Movement is producing happy and efficient citizens, endowed with a sense of duty to the community, and through this Brotherhood is strengthening the bond of the British Commonwealth, and promoting international goodwill.

By His Honour Lieut.-Governor H.  
E. Munroe of Saskatchewan, from  
CKCK, Regina, at 9 P.M., January 18.

**I** AM sure that all of us who are interested in the Scout Movement must have been thrilled last Friday evening at hearing the glowing terms in which His Excellency the Governor-General, who is Chief Scout for Canada, spoke about Scouting. There are some 65,000 members in the Scout organization in the Dominion today, and His Excellency says that he will not be satisfied until there are at least 100,000, and he hopes even more than that enrolled in the Movement before he leaves Canada at the end of this year.

As Chief Scout for Saskatchewan, I propose to do all I can to see that we in this province co-operate to the fullest extent in this campaign. We have now in Saskatchewan about 7,000 Scouts and Scouters. We



should have not less than 10,000. I need hardly tell you that I am only too well aware of the conditions which have confronted so many of our people during the last few years. It is these conditions which have prevented Scouting from reaching many of the boys who are eager to join the Movement, who want to be Scouts, and who would be Scouts if we could provide organization and trained leaders. But it takes money to provide this training and finance the organization.

Times, however, I think, are picking up a little, and I believe are going to be quite a bit better, so that I think we can hope that Saskatchewan will not fall behind the rest of the provinces in providing its share of any money necessary to increase the Scout Movement and improve its efficiency.

Next week a province-wide committee is to meet at Regina to lay the final plans for an appeal for funds from all the people in the province who can afford to give anything to aid in bringing Scouting to the boys who need it so badly. Local committees, I am told, are already at work. We want support for the Movement, not merely from those tried friends who have kept Scouting alive in the last few difficult years, but from all of those leaders in business and in our society who realize what Scouting has meant to the boys who have come under its benefits in the last quarter of a century.

The Boy Scout Movement is not yet 30 years old, but it already covers the earth, with a membership of over two and a quarter millions in 48 different countries. The secret of this wonderful growth is the spirit which animates the entire Movement, from the Chief Scout downwards. From the very start it has been entirely non-military, non-political, non-class and non-sectarian. It is open to all who can subscribe to the Scout promise, to do their duty to God, to their country and to their neighbours. Its aim is to bring about a healthier, happier, and more helpful citizenship throughout the world, and there is encouragement in the fact that every year an increasing number of boys are eager to join its ranks.

Lord Baden-Powell, its founder and guiding spirit, will be in Canada in April. It is partly as a tribute to him that the Governor-General has issued this challenge to the Scout organization to increase its numbers by approximately 50 percent.

By Mr. Justice J. B. M. Baxter of New Brunswick, from CHSJ, Saint John, at 6:45 P.M., January 21.

I HAVE been asked to say a few words tonight on the Boy Scout Movement. Our attention has been forcibly called to this great Movement by the recent address of Lord Bessborough, who sees the end of his term of five years as Governor-General approaching. He speaks of leaving this country with regret.

I think one of the most important things in his message is the way in which he says he was impressed by the spirit of Canada. He says that Canada as a country is vitally instinct with the Spirit of Youth. He has noticed everywhere that in Canada the leaders seem to keep Youth in their hearts longer than in most countries. Now, having surveyed the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific, having caught what might be called the spirit of the nation, he looks

upon the Boy Scout Movement as after all the most vital impulse to which he wishes the nation to turn its attention, and give its support.

He points out that we have now in Canada 65,000 enrolled Boy Scouts. Our population, you know, is about ten million. He asks us to raise that 65,000 to 100,000. On this basis, we should have an increase of about 1,000 Boy Scouts in New Brunswick. Now, is it worth while augmenting the numbers, not only in our province, but in all the Dominion?

In the spring, Lord Baden-Powell is coming, but with what reception will you greet him? A world figure, a national figure, a human figure, and one who in the great impetus he has given to this Movement has done a work for society and for the world, with which there is nothing comparable in the last hundred years.

Look at the boy from 12 to 18 years old, —his busy fingers. Will you have those fingers trained? Let him learn to make knots, to make and handle stretchers; let him know how to make and light fires, and



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how effectively to put them out. His mind is active; direct his mind with keen and wholesome plays, and at the same time inculcate some discipline. Teach him helpfulness. Have you done what the Boy Scout asks you to do,—have you done your Good Turn today? I hope you have.

The boy will naturally want to belong to some crowd or gang. What kind of a gang will it be? That's where he gets his suggestions. You can have a gang that will fit him for anything, or a gang that won't be worth while. Is it going to be the gang that leads the boy the way in life to praiseworthy things? or will it be the Tanyard Gang, with its dismal recollections in this country?

Now, in these days of unrest, surely it is worth while to train the boy along lines of loyalty. He learns that loyalty to his little gang, to his community, and to his country, of which we are a part. With all the unrest that is spreading about so many of our institutions, isn't it better that the boy should be trained along lines that will

lead him along sensible lines, practical lines, instead of along the lines of the Communist?

Let your boy get ideas of honour. Teach him to play the game, the hall-mark of the Briton throughout the world and throughout all ages. Let the parents give thought to these things, which after all are of the greatest importance.

In most cases, we cannot do as good training ourselves as by handing the boy over to those who have learned how to do it successfully,—the Scoutmaster, and those other leaders and Committeemen who are associated with the Movement.

We are asking you for nothing but your thought, your influence, and your regard for your boy. Mr. E. W. Beatty, President of the C.P.R., is chief organizer of the expansion of the Boy Scout Movement asked today by Lord Bessborough. I know the interest Mr. Beatty takes in the boys' institution at Shawbridge, P.Q. The boys come from homes and surroundings where there is little influence for good. The whole trick is in putting the boy on the straight path, and by careful guidance keeping him there.

Look at your own community. I remember, on the occasion of the last Saint John Scout church parade, standing near the Monument, watching the bright faces of the boys, and thinking of this Movement and how it brought boys of all kinds under a common influence.

We ask you to give thought to this. You are going to hear more of this, week after week; until the expansion of the Movement culminates. Don't only wish it Godspeed,—give it a thought, and help it toward splendid results.

*Note: For New Brunswick the date of the first Dominion-wide series of broadcasts fell between the conclusion of the term as Lieutenant Governor of the Hon. H. H. MacLean, and the appointment of the Hon. Murray MacLaren. In consequence the radio address was made by that old and honoured friend of Scouting, Mr. Justice Baxter.*

By His Honour Lieut.-Governor  
Herbert A. Bruce of Ontario, from  
CRCT, Toronto, at 7:25 P.M., January  
18.

IF YOU speak to a boy about camping you will see his eyes sparkle as if reflecting the bright gleam of camp fires. If you tell him a story of a backwoodsman, an explorer, a pioneer on some distant frontier or of some lonely pathfinder in the wilds of the world, he will sit silent, enrapt, looking at you and drinking in every word you say. Talk to any boy of mountains and valleys, great lakes, forests and waterfalls and with vivid, poetic imagination he will feel the wind of high places on his cheek; he will hear the stirring of leaves, he will see birds on the wing and catch glimpses of those furry, swift-footed creatures he has read about but has never seen.

Never are senses so keen, never are purposes so high, never are ideals so untarnished and never is an outlet so necessary for all these first, fresh youthful impulses as in boyhood.

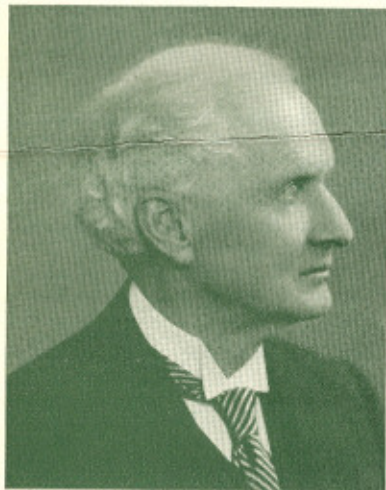
That is why I welcome this opportunity to speak of the finest organization for boys



that exists in the world today—the Boy Scouts. All the natural love of boys for the outdoors, all their longing for good comradeship, all their healthy desire for play and adventure finds completest expression in the Boy Scout organization. But even more important than these is the inculcation of all those qualities of heart and mind and body which make for good citizenship. A Boy Scout is self-reliant. He is loyal. He learns to be useful. Above all he learns to serve others by helping them.

Those listening to me this evening have only to read the splendid Scout code in order to recognize, better than through any words of mine, that, by inaugurating a campaign for the extension of the Boy Scouts Association in Canada and by issuing a challenge to the Boy Scouts to increase their numbers from 65,000 to not less than 100,000, His Excellency the Governor General is rendering a service of unparalleled importance to the youth of this Dominion.

Every normal boy wants to be a Boy Scout. And my own admiration for this great youth movement and the value of its training is such that I am convinced that the whole duty of a father to his son has not been discharged until that boy has been encouraged to join the Boy Scout organization. For that organization will make a true, loyal, honourable, useful man of any boy. It will make him in a word a good Scout—than which no higher tribute exists in Canada.



His Honour Lieut.-Governor Herbert A. Bruce of Ontario.

There are hundreds of communities even now where there are no Boy Scouts. The more you know about the aims and ideals of Boy Scouts the more keenly will you understand what a great loss that is to the boys of any community. But it is not, I feel sure, an irreparable loss. It is for the grown ups, the adults, the parents in every community to make good that loss. That can be done by enthusiastic co-operation in this campaign and by a serious effort to make available to all boys the opportunity to become Boy Scouts. And that means not least that money will be necessary ere growth is possible.

May I, therefore, urge all my listeners to do all that lies in their power to make the expansion of the Boy Scout movement a glorious reality. Then when Lord Baden-

Powell, the Chief Scout of the World, comes to Canada next spring he will find not 65,000 but many more Boy Scouts—representing the flower of our youth in every large and small community in every Province.

Mr. E. W. Beatty, the President of this great movement for the boys of Canada has himself told me with what enthusiasm, with what joy and with what a profound sense of our duty to, and responsibility for youth he has entered into this great campaign for our boys. And I know of no finer tribute that could be paid to the Governor General, just as I know that he himself in this year of his departure from Canada would wish to leave behind him no more fragrant and enduring memory than that of being remembered for generations to come as the inspirer and the inaugurator of this splendid campaign for the Youth of Canada—the country in which he has with such charm and vigor distinguished himself as representative of His Gracious Majesty the King.

By His Honour Lieut.-Governor W. J. Tupper, K.C., of Manitoba, from Winnipeg, January 18.

ONE of the most important matters which has occupied men's minds since the civilized world began, is the best training for the youth of a country in order that they may develop into the highest type of manhood.

In days of old, when Knighthood was in flower, the sons of nobles were taught to honour their King or Ruler, and to hold sacred their word of honour.

History tells us that a true Knight was bound by his oath to succour the weak and helpless.

In the days of chivalry the Knights were trained to endure hardships, and in addition to proficiency in arms, to excel in all manly sports.

No doubt Lord Baden-Powell pondered deeply with the problem of devising some means whereby our boys might develop that spirit which enthused the Knights of old, who were "sans peur et sans reproche."

The happy solution of the problem resulted in the formation of the Boy Scouts, which Movement combines the loyalty and honour of the Knights with the highest ethics of conduct, so that they may develop into good citizens. The system is devised so that by the rules of the game they will have the best training in the arts of peace and will become useful and loyal citizens and a credit to themselves and to Canada.

Is it not the duty of every citizen who has the welfare of his country at heart, to do everything in his power to advance this worthy cause?

His Excellency the Governor General the Earl of Bessborough, Chief Scout for Canada, has, in his radio address on the 11th. instant, appealed to the public of Canada to support him in his efforts to increase the number of Scouts in Canada from sixty-five thousand to at least one hundred thousand.

He appeals to all Canadians to share with him the glory of accomplishing a great and lasting achievement for Canada.

He relies upon our patriotism and desires to see our boys equipped for the battle of life, so that they may rank with the best citizens of the world and place DUTY, HONOUR and JUSTICE above every other consideration.

He awaits our response to his gracious invitation with confident hope.



His Honour Lieut.-Governor W. J. Tupper, K.C., of Manitoba.

#### MR. BEATTY

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nation and the world than to teach these principles?

The Boy Scout Movement, founded by Lord Baden-Powell nearly thirty years ago, has been a powerful influence in serving the Empire, while teaching its young members that there is a need for loyalty to humanity at large, which loyalty to the Empire can only strengthen.

It is an amazing fact that the Scout Movement the world over now numbers some two and a quarter million members.

The Movement comes very close to being self-supporting, chiefly owing to the fact that those responsible for its organization, and for the discipline of its members, give their services gratuitously.

There never before has been a country-wide appeal for financial support, such as now needed to meet the Governor General's challenge to increase the number of our Scouts. The coming campaign, which will start on the 22nd of this month, has already had the endorsement of a very eminent personage, who has had long experience in this field. His Excellency the Governor General has reminded you that this probably is his last year of service in Canada, and I am certain he looks forward to being able to report to His Majesty that a movement which has had every mark of interest and of favour from His Majesty and members of his family, has excited keen interest and received general support from the citizens of this Dominion.

Canvassers will commence a direct appeal to citizens in a few days, and I have no doubts or scruples in appealing to men and women of good-will for their fullest support of the Boy Scout Movement.



## Towards 100,000

IN addition to his Montreal broadcast, President E. W. Beatty spoke from CHSJ, Saint John, and addressed gatherings in that city and at Halifax.

The first public address of Dr. Murray MacLaren after his appointment as Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick was a radio broadcast on behalf of the Boy Scouts, from CFNB, Fredericton.

From Station CFAC, Calgary, ex-Mayor Fred E. Osborne and President Murray H. Lister of the Calgary Gyro Club spoke on the value of Scouting to the community.

One of the effective eastern radio addresses was that of Mr. J. O. Hyndman, President of the Scout Association of Prince Edward Island, from CFCY, Charlottetown, on the "Objects, Principles and Practices of Scouting."

Mr. J. W. McConnell of Montreal is honorary chairman of the Welcome Baden-Powell Campaign in that city. Jackson Dodds, O.B.E., General Manager of the Bank of Montreal, is honorary treasurer.

Dr. R. C. Wallace, Chancellor of the University of Alberta, addressed the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce on the importance of the Scout Movement in Canada's national life.

His Honour Mayor Lidstone of Summerside is a member of a committee of three heading the expansion campaign in that section of P.E.I.

It is hoped to increase Toronto's present 27 Rover Crews to 40 by the end of the year.

Reports continue to be received of new training courses. A Halifax Akela Course started with an enrollment of 20.

His Honour Mayor Kennedy, O.B.E., of Charlottetown, gave his support in an address February 1st from CFCY.

Rovers of the 1st Owen Sound Crew are developing a community Scout Group at Chatsworth, a village some twelve miles distant. They followed the sound-organization plan of first visiting the village and calling upon the clergymen and other prominent citizens, in order to secure the best possible Group Committee.

A new troop of 30 boys has been formed at Pilot Mound, Man., under Scoutmaster P. K. Wilton, a former Winnipeg Scout.

A Group Association which includes 37 associate members and a Parents' Association of 40 members promise strong backing for the new Spiritwood, Sask., Scout Group.

A second patrol of Lone Scouts has been formed at Tobermory, Ont.

14 Lone Scouts of Alliston, Ont., have organized as a Scout Troop, and are planning the formation of a Cub Pack.

Red Deer's enterprising Expansion Campaign Committee, under the chairmanship of Rev. D. Whyte Smith, plans to cover that part of Alberta east to Stettler and west to Rocky Mountain House.

By May 1st Galt, Ont., hopes to show a total of 500 Scouts (all ranks), which will be an increase of 300 in twelve months. A strong Community Group, with a large and enterprising Rover Crew, and several training courses, have made this possible. Three troops started last year are manned by Rovers.

The drive at Sydney Mines, C.B., was inaugurated with a "party for mothers and fathers and business men."

A new Scout group got away to a good start at Three Hills, Alta., when at a widely attended public meeting of the parents of all the boys of the town, a strong Group Committee was elected, and a Scoutmaster and assistant appointed to direct a troop of 22 boys, who had been training for about six weeks.

At Melville, Sask., two new troops are being formed under the sponsorship respectively of the Rotary Club and Canadian Legion.

*Is there a Weekly Scout News column in your local paper? If not, ask the Editor for one. Offer to supply regular material. Have your Court of Honour appoint a Scout Reporter. Advise Dominion Headquarters, and receive a bi-weekly, general-interest Scout News Service, to help fill up your space. It will help secure understanding and support for your work.*

## At the Ontario Conference

A HUGE "100,000" streamer across the top of the stage in the big auditorium of the Royal Connaught Hotel at Hamilton provided the keynote of the 1935 Ontario Scout Leaders' Conference, —of the session discussions and the addresses at the evening banquet.

Opening the latter, Provincial President J. W. Mitchell in an impressive address paid the tribute to Baden-Powell that "his name will live on when the names of generals and statesmen are forgotten." He read an extract from "The Glory of Britain" in which the writer, David Masters, expressed the belief that "wherever there is a measure of civilization, there you will find Scouts," and that "of all the forces which are working for peace in the future, I consider that Lord Baden-Powell is directing the most powerful force of all."

Similar tribute was paid by the guest speaker of the evening, Ex-Mayor Stewart of Toronto, who declared that there is a greater need for the Scout Movement today than ever before, as a result of the long period of business depression and idleness. The former mayor stressed the value of Scouting in developing the boy's respect for his seniors; that there were many wreckers today who would tear down what it has taken centuries to build; that youth properly guided would not swing to extreme radicalism.

Incidentally the speaker expressed the appreciation of himself and Mrs. Stewart

"for what Scouting is doing for our two sons."

In presenting his first Annual Report as Provincial Commissioner Mr. W. J. Cairns paid a gracious tribute to the ten years' leadership of his predecessor, Mr. H. A. Laurence, and expressed his diffidence in taking up the work. He hoped the province's high standard of Scouting would be maintained, and that it would go forward, "giving our boys a broader and clearer vision of their responsibilities as men-to-be." The report reflected healthy activity in every section of the Movement, and a membership increase at October 31st of 1,222, to a total of 25,975 all ranks.

Opening the morning conference session, Assistant Provincial Commissioner Irwin told of a splendid response in Ontario to His Excellency's increased-membership challenge, and announced that sixteen complete new Groups had been organized during December and January, and that others were in prospect. The point was stressed, however, "that we are not after a mere 100,000 membership; we must lay the foundation on which to erect a permanent structure, and for this more leaders must be found and trained." For the boy, it was emphasized that the programme must first attract, and then hold.

Immediately following the opening, the conference divided into Cub, Scout and Rover groups for morning and afternoon sessions under those heads.

An attractive handicrafts display in the corridors had been provided by Hamilton groups. Noticeable among the models were several ice yachts such as used on Hamilton Bay. A collection of watercolours and pen drawings by Scout Crookall of the 23rd Hamilton attracted considerable attention, as did also several miniature log huts and a log church with a high tower, the work of Scouts of the 40th Troop, and a comprehensive signalling-apparatus display,—flags, telegraph, short-wave radio, helio and lamp.

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## A School Principal's Tribute

THAT he could pick out in his class rooms the boys who were Scouts was the declaration of Principal J. L. Forster, of the Sandwich, Ont., High School, addressing a gathering of Border Cities Scouters.

"In one of my Third Form classes," the principal said, "I was so favourably impressed with the scholastic ability of the boys that I asked those who were Scouts to stand. All but two rose. One of the two was associated with the Boys' Brigade."

Principal Forster offered the Scouters some excellent advice in the handling of boys in the mercurial adolescent stage. He had found in cases where students were inclined to misbehave, by action or word, or in any of the many ways the adolescent mind can conceive to torment the teacher, that the best method of correction was a quiet talk. He did not scold a boy, but rather reasoned with him, as with another man. Under no conditions did he shame a pupil before others.

In conclusion Principal Forster assured the Border Cities Scouters that their work was "thoroughly appreciated by the teachers of Border Cities schools."





Twist  
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Lots  
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THE first provincial report on the 1935 Wallace Nesbitt Junior first aid contests records the winning of first place in Ontario by the team of the 6th Border Cities, with the excellent score of 320 points out of a possible 400. The 6th thus holds the provincial Globe Shield, and will compete with the winners of the Cadet contest for the provincial Leonard Shield. A composite team of the 6th and 27th Border Cities troops won the shield last year.

The I. O. D. E. Chapter of Wawanese, Man., presented the local Scout Group with a Union Jack and flag staff.

Instruction in singing and some physical training by a former "A.B." of the Canadian Navy are included in the general programme of the Evangeline Scout Group, of Edmunston, N.B.

#### Here's Balanced Crew Activities

A review of the second anniversary of the 1st Kamloops, B.C., Rovers shows a membership of ten and several Squires, and a den open for members at any time, with books, games, music, etc. For service, one is an A.S.M., two are A.C.M.'s, and others fill various places in churches, Sunday-schools and the library. Two hikes were held, and a "long-to-be-remembered week-end camp."

The Town Council of Mirror, Alta., following the example of the neighbouring town of Alix, has provided good quarters for the local Scout Group in the Town Hall.

#### Winter Wild Life Study for N.S. Scouts

Four Scouts of the 18th Halifax Troop spent a week in the troop's cabin at the Miller's Lake reforestation and wild-life reserve, and in the company of the ranger studied animal tracks. They followed deer and weasel, and discovered an otter slide. For some ice sport they tried sail-skating. Several Halifax Scout Troops own snug cabins in the area.

The 84th Winnipeg (Greenwood) Troop is carrying out a planned series of nature study and tracking hikes.

#### Again Proving Value of Scout First Aid

When Scout Alex Gordon of Saskatoon broke his arm, while hiking, Scout Kenneth Campbell set it in a temporary splint. The doctor later declared the setting the best example of amateur first aid he had ever seen.

A fancy dress ice carnival raised some needed funds for the 1st Stirling, Ont. Group. Gifts for prizes were contributed by several of the town's leading merchants.

#### A Fine Lonie Good Turn

Lone Scouts of an Ontario patrol learned of a needy farm family in which a nine year old boy had to remain home from school and do all the farm chores, including cutting wood, because of his father's illness. The Lonies and their Counsellor set their alarms for 6.30 one morning, and armed with axes and saws caught the stage coach at 7 for a four and a half mile trip to the settler's bush lot. When they swung axes and saws on their shoulders for the necessary hike back home, they left behind piles of wood cut and split sufficient to carry the family for several months. The oldest of the Lonies was 15.

Uniformed Scout ushers for the recent Zionist convention in Toronto were supplied by the 59th Toronto (Hebrew) Scout Troop.

Organization of a Scout leaders' club where leaders may fraternise and interchange ideas, is being planned for West Winnipeg.

#### The Ladies Provide a Sea Scout Hall

Funds for a hall for the Cadboro Bay, B.C., Sea Scouts, were raised by the Group's enterprising Women's Auxiliary through means of dances and bridges, a "Country Fair" and a Hallowe'en party. A "kitchen shower" equipped that part of the hall.

Wetaskiwin, Alta., Scouts were among those who collected used clothing this winter and turned it over to the Welfare League for distribution to the needy.

The value of the used clothing collected in the annual January one-day Welfare Campaign of Toronto Scouts was placed at \$40,000.

#### He is Living the 8th Law

A warm tribute to his living of the 8th Scout Law during frequent periods of illness was paid A.S.M. Earl Arthur of the Dunblane Group, Sask., when given his 8th year service star in his sick room at home. The presentation was made by his old C.M. The visit followed a meeting at which the pack received a totem pole, six Cubs were awarded first stars and two went up to the troop. The President of the Local Association presided, and Rev. J. E. Ambler addressed the gathering.

As for some years, selected King's Scouts again acted as ushers at the opening of the Ontario Provincial Parliament, February 20.

The presentation of 40 Scout Proficiency Badges by Ontario Provincial Commissioner W. J. Cairns marked the annual banquet of the 107th Toronto (Grace Church-on-the-Hill) Troop.

#### Dominion's Leading Athlete a Scouter

Harold Webster, adjudged by the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada to have been the Dominion's outstanding athlete in 1934, is Chairman of the 11th Hamilton Scout Group Committee, and has been an active member of the committee since 1928. His outstanding feat was the winning of the British Empire Games Marathon in England.

Fire lighting and cooking in the deep snow provided a real test for Scouts of the 8th Calgary.

#### They Must Have Good Programmes

Patrol Leader Malcolm Oxyby of the Wolf Patrol of the 5th Regina Troop lives three and a half miles from troop headquarters. To attend every troop meeting he hikes that entire distance, and return, and has not yet missed a meeting this winter, despite storms and cold weather.

#### Here's a Den!

Here's a Rover Den: Located in the City Hall, in a room provided by the City Trust; newly decorated in brown tints; furnished with a table made by two members of the crew, a set of wicker chairs, a radio, and books. And window curtains, cushions and a tablecloth presented by the local Guides! the lucky owners are the 1st Peterboros.

Some 700 persons sat down to the annual banquet of the Toronto Scout Association, and heard an address by ex-Mayor W. J. Stewart. Mr. W. H. J. Tisdale was elected President of the association for 1935.

A Hamilton Scoutmaster in an emergency call test had fifteen of his seventeen boys at headquarters within an hour. The call was sent out at supper time, and the boys were permitted to finish their meal and then report.

#### Scouts and Firemen to Supervise Bonfire

Plans for the celebration this year of the 150th anniversary of the selection of Fredericton as the capital of New Brunswick will include a huge bonfire to be supervised by firemen and the Boy Scouts.

Scouts of Revelstoke, B.C., carried out a house-to-house canvas for old magazines and books for the men of the unemployment camps in that district.

#### A Successful Ice Carnival

Scouts of Belleville, Ont., held their second annual ice carnival, and treated their audience to a varied entertainment—fancy skating by the Quinte Skating Club, barrel jumping, trick and clown skating, and other features. Publicity was put across in a big way, and the Belleville Ontario Intelligencer gave it the support of ten full columns of space.



A Mothers' Night was made a big event by the 118th Toronto (Eglinton United Church) Troop. The mothers were shown just what happens at a Scout meeting, and to such good effect that later a Mothers' Auxiliary was organized.

### Two Famous Flyers Old Scouts

It may not be generally known that two famous western fliers, C. H. ("Punch") Dickens and W. R. ("Wop") May, who were honored with the O.B.E. in the King's last New Year's list, were former Boy Scouts. Both were members of the old 1st Edmonton Troop.

The Boy Scouts of Portugal have awarded the Cross of Merit to Mr. Hubert Martin, C.V.O., C.B.E., Director of the Boy Scouts' International Bureau, London, in recognition of his services to Portuguese Scouts, especially the Scouts of Madeira.

### For the World Rover Moot

The first application to attend the World Rover Scout Moot to be held at Stockholm, Sweden, in August next, has been received at Dominion Scout Headquarters from Allan F. Hiron of the 6th Edmonton Rover Crew. Rover Hiron attended the last international Rover gathering at Kanderstag, Switzerland, in 1931.

Fijian Boy Scouts at the recent Australian Jamboree presented Lord Baden-Powell with a whale's tooth. Scouts from Malaya gave him a blow-pipe and a water buffalo horn.

### A Church Sitting for Cubs and Scouts

The Cubs and Scouts of the 74th Toronto Group (Chalmers Presbyterian) have been allotted a section of the church gallery, and are encouraged to attend services in a body, under their Cubmaster and Scoutmaster. Attendance "points" are credited in the pack and troop competitions.

A waste paper project of Fort Erie, Ont., Scout troops is aimed to raise funds for next summer's camp and to secure a small cabin within cycling distance, where various outdoor hike and camp tests can be passed at any time during the summer or autumn.

### Humane Society Class for Scouts

Are Scouts interested in animals? Six Scouts attended the first of a series of classes in the care of animals conducted by the Edmonton Humane Society. By the fourth meeting the attendance had grown to 70.

Two miles of "hot dogs" were stowed away by the Scouts attending the Australian Jamboree. To fill in odd corners they also disposed of 5,000 pounds of potatoes, 7,500 pounds of meat, 9,000 pounds of bread, 200,000 eggs. To wash it all down they tossed off each day some 1,000 gallons of milk! Real Scouts, eh?

### Kingsford-Smith an Old Scout

Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith, the famous airman, credits early Boy Scout training with contributing to his success as a long distance flyer. Addressing a Scout Troop in Melbourne, he is quoted as saying, "Twenty-three years ago I was a Boy Scout, and I can say that the training I received in the Scout Law, in observation and practical work has stood me in good stead, and has never been forgotten, even on long distance flights."

### Different Countries at Aussie Jamboree

The 11,000 Scouts who participated in the Australian Jamboree comprised boys from twenty-three different countries or parts of the British Empire. Europe was represented by contingents from England, Scotland, Ireland, Belgium, France and Hungary. The East sent Scouts from India, Ceylon, Malaya, Dutch East Indies and Japan. The West was represented by Scouts from Canada and the United States.

In the Museum of the Bank of Montreal at Montreal is a book published in 1705, "New Voyages to North America," containing a dictionary of the Algonquin language, which reveals that the Algonquin word for fire was "scoute." To strike fire with a stone was "scouticke."

### The King's Message to the Australian Jamboree

DURING the opening ceremonies of the recent Australian Jamboree the Governor-General, Sir Isaac Isaacs, read a message from His Majesty the King sending affectionate greetings and expressing his keen interest in the growth of the Scout and Guide Movements throughout the Empire, and their contribution to world peace.

The message read:

I send you Boy Scouts of Australia my warm thanks for your loyal and affectionate greetings on the occasion of the first Australian Jamboree. I watch with interest and pleasure the uninterrupted growth of the Boy Scout and Girl Guide Movement in all the overseas Dominions, Colonies, and Protectorates, and I trust that the spirit of brotherhood which it spreads among you will continue to unite you and the members of our great Commonwealth in the years to come. By keeping up this comradeship you will be making a real contribution to the well-being of the Empire and the peace and prosperity of the world.

Press despatches described the gathering as a scoutcraft Jamboree, with ample opportunity for international fraternization.

### 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.

Contingents made their camps as representative as possible of camping in their home countries. The New Zealanders lived in the replica of a Maori "pa", complete with palisades, a watch-tower, and totems carved and painted in Maori designs.

Each Australian State Governor, who also is Chief Scout of his state, took the march-past salute on one of the Jamboree days. Lord Somers, a former Governor and Chief Scout of Victoria, sent a message of greeting.

On New Year's eve, French, East Indian, New Zealand and Western Australian Scouts broadcast greetings on short-wave to the accompaniment of the Indian tom-toms and French and Maori songs.

The All India contingent included boys of North-West Frontier Province, the United Provinces, Dhenkand and Assam. Although of many different religions, the boys ate together and shared the same meals. Before the boys became Scouts "caste" would have made this comradeship impossible.

### From the Annual Meeting of the Imperial Council

THE following notes come from the Annual General Meeting of the Council of The Boy Scouts Association held at Imperial Headquarters, London, January 25:-

The total number of Scouts (at the close of the Scout year 1934) existing in the 48 countries outside the Empire recognised by the International Committee was reported as 2,350,000, an increase of 29,544 over the world total for the previous year (1933).

Scouts in the British Empire were given as numbering 905,172; an increase of 34,147.

The British Isles were reported for the first time since the War as having decreased, with a total of 459,980. Scouts in other parts of the British Empire numbered 445,192, an increase of 57,140.

Of the totals for Great Britain and Ireland, Scouts in England numbered 378,946, Scotland 56,505, Wales 15,611, Ulster 6,949 and the Irish Free State 1,969.

Of the above United Kingdom totals, Wolf Cubs accounted for 151,141, Rover Scouts 34,887, Sea Scouts 5,585, and Rover Sea Scouts 922. The Deep Sea Scouts numbered 1,051. Boy Scouts numbered 205,610.

The number of Scouters is 25,205 as against 24,993, giving one Scouter to 8.38 Scouts as against 8.73 last year.

The number of First Class Scouts has decreased from 7,454 to 7,348, but the percentage has increased from 3.3 to 3.48.

There were 69,746 warranted Scout workers in actual work with Scout Groups, an increase of 3,922.

The number of Commissioners of all ranks had increased by 176 to 3,980, and the number of Local Association officials by 1,158 to 25,695.



## Rovering at the Ontario Conference

A LARGE attendance and keen discussion marked the Rovering sessions of the Ontario Conference, at Hamilton, February 9. The programme covered questions suggested in advance by prospective delegates.

### Discussions

**More Scout and Rover Contacts?** Field observation in the province indicated that generally there was insufficient contact between Rovers and Scouts, and that this was one reason why more Scouts were not coming up into the crews. The Rover increase had not kept pace with the increase of Scouts.

Debating reasons, the attitude of Scoutmasters in some cases was declared a factor. Some, it was said, made no effort to interest their Scouts in Rovering; a few were definitely opposed. One crew declared it could get no recruits at all from its troop. Another had offered to take Squires from troops lacking a crew, but the S.M.'s were not interested.

On the other side,—in one large district there was no such problem. On a show of hands, six R.L.'s present were satisfied with the number of Scouts coming up, three were not satisfied.

From the angle of the Scouts themselves, a city troop with 16 older Scouts invited Rovers down to a feed, "but this did not result in the Scouts becoming interested in Rovering."

"That hesitancy toward Rovering is not necessarily a bad thing" was one leader's opinion. "It is a challenge to Rovers to vindicate themselves and Rovering. Perhaps we are not Rovers!"

Numbers of ideas were offered for securing closer contact with troops. One was the running by fully qualified Rovers of a week-end camp at which Scouts might pass certain Second and First Class woodcraft tests. This camp and activity association should, it was felt, interest the Scouts.

Illustrating a Scout-Rover hike contact: A Border Cities Scoutmaster was unable at the last moment to accompany his Scouts on a Saturday morning hike. He asked for several Rovers, to take his place. They responded, and set off with the troop,—in fine weather. By 11 o'clock a heavy rain had set in. All got soaked, and saw it through together. Next week the Rovers had seven applications from the Scouts to join the crew. "Apparently because they had got soaked together."

Certain crews have made a practice of inviting older Scouts and P.L.'s to meet with them once or twice a year.

Summing up, it was suggested that "the crew must sell itself to the troop"; that one of the most effective ways was "going out with Scouts more."

**Forming a New Crew** Debate of this subject brought out experiences with non-Scout crews, crews of active Scouters, and older-Scout crews. Regarding the first, Rover Commissioner Bishop reported that of several organized some years ago all had died. New crews which resulted from a move made by older Scouts had lived.

In one district two attempts to establish a crew composed chiefly of S.M.'s and A.S.M.'s had failed. Crew activities had been too much for them, added to their work with troops. The third attempt, a

crew all of older Scouts, 17 to 21 years, only one being an A.S.M., had been a success. They were running the annual Christmas Toy Shop, Scout Apple Day, and maintaining the Scout News column in the local paper.

With respect to non-Scout Rovers and Rover service in troop or pack, and other contacts with Scouts, it was stated that the non-Scout Rover is handicapped, in that he "does not know the troop language." It was to be noted, however, that several non-Scout Rovers had become outstanding leaders.

**Squire's Uniform** This chiefly concerned the non-Scout Squire. It was pointed out that he must first become a Scout, which entitles him to wear the Scout uniform, with the Squire's shoulder knot.

Incidentally the importance or otherwise of wearing Rover uniform for all meetings was debated. For many meetings Rovers of certain crews had not the time to go home and change their clothes. Most of the crews represented held one meeting each month for which uniform was required.

### A CAMP PROBLEM SOLVED—

*A WIGWAM made by S. M. Snider and Scouts of the 1st Waterloo, Ont. In cold weather a small fire inside made it comfortable for singing, reading, etc. (Handbook, p. 328.)*



**Rover Reading** An example-case was offered to illustrate the possibility of interesting Rovers in worthwhile reading. A crew of well-to-do and less-well-to-do boys was found by a District Commissioner to be reading only mediocre books. The D.C. began contributing several good books each month to the crew's den. In a few months there was an obvious change of interest, to the better reading. Supporting this experience was the borrowing in succession by six Rovers of another crew of a recent book, "Marks of an Educated Man."

It was agreed that the taste for good reading must be encouraged in some specific way; that the Den Library is of real value; that ownership of books—their lying around in the den—are factors; that mere recommendation of certain books usually is insufficient, since boys will not bother to go to a public library and select the better books.

As a source of books: Request them from people who buy the new worthwhile books regularly. A ready response may be expected, when the purpose is understood.

The unanimous feeling was that crew libraries should be encouraged.

**Music** Of somewhat similar nature was the discussion under the topic, "Songs, a Feature of Every Meeting?" It was agreed that Rover taste in music was capable of much improvement. One R.L. had placed a radio in his crew's den on the explicit understanding that they listen only to good music. There had been a marked development of appreciation of the best music, and he had yet to hear jazz when dropping in at the den.

The development of a crew quartette was strongly recommended as a fine avenue both of entertainment and service,—where four suitable voices were available. If not procurable in one crew, certain voices might be secured from different crews. Competent training and leadership of course should be secured.

The only problem might prove to be the number of calls for the quartette's services. Reference was made to the Willowdale Rover Quartette, which received so many demands that it was necessary to curtail its engagements.

The development of a quartette, it was noted, usually originates with one man—the R.L.

The possibility of developing a Canadian Rover song book was brought up, and a committee representing several centres was appointed to begin assembling songs for such possible use.

**Problem of the Older Rovers** This was one of the prolonged debates, and brought out the inherent difficulty involved in the diverse interests and outlook of the young Rovers of 17 or 18 and those of 21 and 25. In crew discussions the older Rovers were prone to monopolize the floor, and the younger Rovers did not understand the older viewpoint in certain things. Around 25 the older Rover probably was getting started in business or professional life; possibly was considering marriage,—the problems of neither of which ventures could he discuss with Rovers of 17.

There are now few S.M.'s in Rover Crews; it was stated; "they do not mix, as to age."

More Rovers were calling at Rover leaders' homes than ever before, and those of different ages would not talk out their problems at the same time.

A Rover Alumni Association as a means of holding older Rovers was debated pro and con. The alumni might be given an older leader. As to numbers, would there be enough to make a Group? Would development of such a section not over-emphasize the social features of Rovering at the expense of service?



In some of the crews represented the older men became honorary members, dropping in on the crew occasionally.

With respect to crew life in general, more thought for comradeship was offered as an answer to the problem of diverse ages; that without regard to differing viewpoints, older and younger Rovers can always be good comrades,—can do many things together.

The whole question was referred to Provincial Headquarters for consideration.

(In connection with the above the following paragraph from Sec. 73, Rover Scouts, P. O. & R., may be noted: "Rover Scouting covers the period during which the young man is 'finding himself,' i.e., further developing his character and abilities, and generally endeavouring to put into practice in a wider world the principles of the Scout Law."—ED.)

**Individual Service** The necessity sometimes of stressing individual service was illustrated by the Rover Commissioner. Visiting a certain crew he had asked how many were doing individual service outside of the crew. The answer was, none. He requested that during the next 24 hours they look for opportunities of service. Reporting, half of them had found opportunities, half had not. A later visit found that all had discovered avenues of personal service.

It was suggested that "all go back to your crews and encourage individual service."

Members of a number of crews had volunteered as teachers of Sunday-school classes of boys.

Considerable individual service had been found in connection with a free camp for underprivileged boys conducted for two summers by Galt and Preston Rovers. Medical needs were taken care of by a member of the crew studying medicine. The success of the camp had secured generous public support; last summer a number of early inquiries were received from citizens who then offered money contributions.

For several summers Kincardine Rovers have maintained bathing guards at nearby beaches, unknown to the public. Two Rovers in swimming suits stroll up and down the shore. When a drowning occurred at the beach of a neighbouring town, two Rovers went there to patrol in the same unostentatious manner.

It was indicated to be the rule of many R.L.'s not to inquire regarding specific acts of individual service; they were taken for granted.

The operation by a small town crew of a monoxide gas lethal chamber for the painless killing of old, sick and injured pets, with the approval of the local Humane Society and police, was debated at some length. While the humane value of the service in smaller places was recognized, the general appropriateness of the work with respect to the principles and atmosphere of Scouting was a question.

**Graded Tests** Discussion of the feasibility and advisability of Second Class and First Class Rover tests was debated in a purely tentative spirit. Similar discussions were going on in Scotland and England, it was said. The general idea was that certain things might be done during the first year of Rovering, and certain things in the second, third, fourth and fifth years, all under guidance of the R.L.

This would provide an answer to crews who have difficulty in finding "programme."

## The Q.M.'s Chat

Brother Scouters:

*In my last letter to you I promised the release of the 1935 Catalogue, and I am hoping that you have received your copy and found it to be—up to your expectations.*

*Judging from the very numerous applications for extra copies the new list must certainly have created a deal of interest. In fact we are smothered with requests, and are doing our very best to send them on to anxious and waiting members. As I pen these lines three very busy shippers are wrapping up Catalogues destined for all parts of Canada. These shippers are all Good Scouts, working overtime in order to give you service.*

*To those who haven't so far applied for extra copies, I would urge you to do so at once. The demand for Equipment in general is far in excess of several years past, so we are most anxious to clean up on the new list in record time. We want every member from Cub to Commissioner to receive the new Catalogue, so please send in your application if you haven't done so already.*

*Several Scouters have been kind enough to send me their congrats. on the new list. The pages that feature "How to Wear the Uniform Correctly" have apparently made a decided impression, and I am hoping that when the Chief Scout arrives he will be mighty pleased with our general smart effect.*

*By the way, during my 14 years as Quartermaster I have had the pleasure of meeting a large number of Scouters, many of whom, however, I know by name only. Some whom I have never met must wonder just what the Q.M. looks like. Is he fat, —old— or, nuff sed. Anyway, it's none other than myself who posed for the picture on page 7 of the Catalogue, so to all of you,—Good Luck and Good Scouting.*

Sincerely yours,



Dominion Quartermaster.

It might be an optional programme to be placed before crews by the R.L.

It was recommended that Provincial Headquarters consider the question of a series of Rover tests covering a five years' programme, on a yearly basis; that an outline be supplied Rover Leaders, with a request that they discuss and report back.

**Meetings of Group Scouters** As a means of ensuring understanding and co-operation between the crew and other sections of the Group a bi-monthly meeting of all Group Scouters, with a committeeman as chairman, was strongly recommended. Such get-togethers were not being held as frequently as formerly. Rover Leaders were urged to return home and arrange for such meetings.

## Scouting Books for Public Libraries

FROM time to time local public library boards, largely on their own initiative, inquire regarding books of interest to Scouts and their leaders, and order a few volumes for their loan or reference shelves. Doubtless an increased number of such books would be made available if Scouters requested it; and the availability of a good list of books, especially in smaller centres, could be a boon to new leaders, and to others unable to invest in all the Scouting books desired.

The increased public attention attracted to Scouting in connection with our 100,000 membership campaign suggests this as a suitable time for requesting local libraries to add additional books. Scouters should consider the matter. The following titles may help in compiling a suggested list:—

### Books on Cubbing

First Jungle Book, Kipling, \$2.00.  
Second Jungle Book, Kipling, \$2.00.

### Books on Scouting

Patrol System and Letters, Philipps, 85¢.  
Training in Tracking, 50¢.  
Book of Woodcraft, Thompson Seton, \$1.25.  
Piper of Pax, Baden-Powell, \$1.25.  
Scouting Sketches, Hampton, \$1.25.  
Campfire Book, Dymmock, 85¢.

### Books on Rovering

Rovering to Success, Baden-Powell, 85¢.  
Life's Snags, Baden-Powell, 85¢.

### Fiction for Scouts and Cubs

Adventurers All, Wilson, \$2.00.  
An Old Wolf's Favourites, Baden-Powell, 75¢.  
Campfire Stories for Scouts, Reynolds, \$1.00.  
Danny the Detective, Barclay, 50¢.  
Peter the Cub, Beach, 75¢.  
Peter and Veronica, Beach, 75¢.  
Potted Stories, selected, 85¢.  
Stories to Tell Scouts and Guides, Reynolds, \$1.00.  
Stories for Wolf Cubs, Reynolds, \$1.00.  
The Adventures of a Spy, Baden-Powell, 75¢.  
The Mysterious Tramp, Barclay, 75¢.

### The Railroad Scouts Series:—

The Lost Train, 50¢.  
The Runaway Train, 50¢.  
The Haunted Station, 50¢.  
The Race for Yellow Creek, 50¢.



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

## THE DUFFEL BAG

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

### Boy Scouts

#### Will Collect Your Discarded Clothing Saturday

A city-wide campaign to collect clothing for distribution among the needy, by the agencies of the Federation for Community Service, will be staged tomorrow by the Boy Scouts. They will welcome the co-operation of Toronto citizens in this important task.

### A Balanced Annual Entertainment

THIS excellent example of a well-diversified Annual Entertainment programme, and one that parents and friends always regard as ensuring a worthwhile evening, was secured from the 1st Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Que. The three plays were original, as always, and of three- to five-minutes' duration. A unique entertainment policy of the troop, and one which certain others might follow, is to date their yearly show "when the plays are ready for production" and not before.

#### The Flag

Overture . . . Troop Mouth Organ Band  
Scoutmaster's Report

Play . . . A Useful Scout Knot  
Lantern Slides of Year's Activities

Play . . . A Scout Likes Bear Meat  
Fencing and Boxing

Play . . . The Value of Physical Culture

Play . . . The Organ Grinder and His Monkey

Badge and Trophy Presentation  
by

Mr. T. H. Wardleworth, Provincial Commissioner

Remarks by President of Scout Council  
God Save the King

### Scout-Guide Arrangement of A Toast to B.-P.

FOR singing at joint Scout and Guide rallies to welcome the Chief Scout and Chief Guide, the following rearrangement of the words of "A Toast to B.-P.," published in the February Scout Leader, has been made by the author, Scouter Leslie Sara of Calgary:

Our Founder's name is pledged to-night  
By every Guide and Scout;  
Around the world a loving chain  
Toasts him with joyous shout:

(Chorus)

The worth of his far dream for Youth  
Is seen on every side  
As citizens apply the truths  
They learned as Scout and Guide.

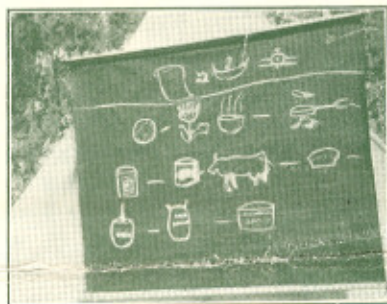
### Fifth Fridays

IN each calendar year there usually are four of the twelve months which have five Fridays; for example, 1934 had four—March, June, August and November. And since our outfit meets on Fridays we've set aside those fifth Fridays for the business of eating. Of course, we don't permit this feature to curtail or interfere in any way with the regular programme. The boys do all the preparing, serving and cleaning up after the close of the meeting. Occurring as infrequently as they do, they are real treats, and appreciated far more than if they came closer together.

These feasts are always "pound parties," and hence, occasion no strain on the Troop exchequer. Each Scout fetches a pound of something, cocoa, cake, cookies, candies, fruit, nuts, sugar, milk—even sandwiches. They are told what to provide, and this foresight more or less guarantees variety and a rounded menu in the resultant collection.

Fifth Fridays are tradition with our gang.

—Ray Garabrandt, in SCOUTING.



A BREAKFAST ration announcement at a Manitoba Gilwell. Such Troop Meeting notices in Indian and Scout trail signs should be used more often.

### A Fathom Line vs. a Scout Stave

AN impromptu debate on the question, "Resolved, that a fathom line is of greater use than the Scout stave" proved the feature of a social evening of the 1st Niagara-on-the-Lake Troop, held in historic Navy Hall. Six Sea Scouts argued, and the "fathom line" won by a point.

### Weekly Scout Guests at Sherbrooke Rotary Club

TO show their interest in Scouting, the Sherbrooke, Que., Rotary Club has inaugurated the original plan of inviting two Scouts to be its guests at each weekly luncheon. To be eligible for the invitation Scouts must be progressing in their test and badge work, and have a perfect Scout-meeting attendance record.

### The Big Gray Wolf

(Tune, John Peel)

THE big gray wolf with his teeth so white,  
He does his hunting in the night,  
When he creeps along in the bright moon-light,  
As he hunts for his food in the jungle.

#### CHORUS

And the wolf cubs must wait for the  
old wolf to come,  
And to get a good meal that he'll  
bring home.

Akela's here, and he killed a deer,  
And we cubs in the lair will eat him.

The old wolf creeps through the wood with  
care,

His thoughts on the wee cubs in the lair,  
When he gets the scent of a nice big deer,  
As he hunts for his food in the jungle.

#### CHORUS

He crouches low and he makes no sound  
As he swiftly glides along on the ground.  
Then suddenly leaps the deer with a bound,  
As he hunts for his food in the jungle.

—J. N. STEPHENSON,

Ste. Anne de Bellevue Pack, Que.

### All Special Jobs for the Banner Six

HONOURS for the winners of the bi-monthly Six competition of the 17th Ottawa Pack include not only the carrying of the colours and totem pole on church or other parades, but all other special jobs. When the pack presented crutches to the invalid boy of a needy family in an outside suburb, the Six was given the duty of visiting the family, measuring the boy, and presenting the crutches.



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TURN DAILY

6th KITCHENER BOY SCOUT GROUP

### Wolf Cubs Paper Round-Up

## Help!

—To keep your basement free from old papers.  
—To give the boys two weeks of fresh air at camp.

Please call at my home for newspapers which I will save for you every month.

Name .....

Address .....

Collections will be made every 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month.