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Scouting One of the Forces Which Make for the Unification of Canada

BY organising Scout Troops in the remoter places it seems to me we are doing one more fruitful service for the Dominion. We are one of the forces which make for the unification of Canada,—which, as much as any other organization, contributes to the growth of national spirit. It is clear, I think, that we are moving at a real pace toward that 100,000 membership. I quite realise that the last thousand will be the hardest. We will have bigger wastage. But we have some 7,000 capable leaders, and I haven't a doubt that we shall reach the 100,000 membership before I leave.

—His Excellency the Governor-General,
Chief Scout for Canada.



AGAIN OUR PRESIDENT

Sir Edward Beatty, G.B.E., K.C., LL.D., re-elected President of the Canadian General Council of The Boy Scouts Association at the Annual Meeting, April 24.

1936, Another Big Year

BOTH His Excellency the Governor-General, the Lord Tweedsmuir, Chief Scout for Canada, and Sir Edward Beatty, President of the Council, were present at the Annual Meeting, held in Ottawa, April 24. His Excellency presided.

The gathering of members of the Council was one of the largest of recent years, and included representatives of La Federation des Scouts Catholiques de Quebec and the Life Saving Scouts of the Salvation Army.

The Annual Report, presented by Mr. J. F. M. Stewart, Chairman of the Executive Board, was received as most satisfactory and encouraging (Details

are summarized elsewhere in this magazine.)

After voicing his gratification with the report in general, Lord Tweedsmuir referred to the substantial growth of membership shown, and expressed confidence that the 100,000 objective set by his predecessor, the Earl of Bessborough, would be achieved. He realised, he said, "that the last thousand will be the hardest," and that with increased numbers there would be increasing wastage to make up. "But we have some 7,000 capable leaders, and I haven't a doubt that we shall reach the 100,000 membership before I leave."

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Our Coronation Celebration

REPORTS from all over the Dominion tell of Scout plans for the Coronation celebration going forward with the greatest enthusiasm. It is possible that the spectacular success of our Silver Jubilee Beacon Chain may be surpassed.

Light Beacons at Dusk!

It did not prove possible, as hoped, to arrange for a lighting signal by King George himself, because of the demands upon him of the ceremonial features of the Coronation.

Dusk, or the fall of darkness, therefore, has been decided upon as the signal for the lighting of our beacons. This will result in a chain of fires flaming across the country, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, with the fall of night.

What is Being Planned

The following reported Beacon and other programme plans may contain suggestions worth studying. Particular attention is drawn to Leamington's alternative rainy-day programme and St. Catharines' presentation of Coronation King's Scout certificates.

Summerside, P.E.I.—Scouts to take part in parade to High School for patriotic programme and medal presentation.

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A Coronation King's Scout Certificate for King's Scout Buckland (Buckie) Graham, 14th Ottawa (St. Andrews), on his back in a cast at the Royal Ottawa Sanatorium for over a year. It was presented by Assistant Provincial Commissioner Frank C. Irwin.

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Thought for the Month

*In religion, not to do as thou sayest is to
unsay thy religion in thy deeds, and to
undo thyself by doing.*

—VENNING

Our Coronation Contingent

CANADIAN Scouting will be represented at the Coronation by a contingent of 14 Scouters, Rovers and Scouts. The list includes a number already in England, as noted: Leader, Mr. J. A. B. Briggs, Montreal; H. G. Amos, North Bay, Ont.; W. C. Carter, Sydney, N. S.; Tom Crump, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire; Canon W. D. Hasell, London; George Norris, Swift Current, Sask.; K. C. Rivers, London; T. P. Stark, Hinchley, Eng.; Herbert Tobin, London; George Whalley, Oxford, Eng.; Arthur Cottrell, Toronto; Peter Sutcliffe, Toronto; Ian MacIntosh, Halifax, N.S.; Robert W. Pugh, Fredericton, N.B.

Closing Date for Washington Registration May 25!

INDICATIONS are that the registration of numbers of Scouts planning to attend the Washington Jamboree are being held until "the last moment," or that certain leaders, notwithstanding repeated statement in *The Scout Leader*, are entertaining the impression that they can go and take a number of Scouts without advance registration at Ottawa.

For the latter it is repeated that camp accommodation will be available at the Jamboree only to members of the official Canadian contingent, made up of individuals registered in advance, with payment of the \$10 camp fee, at Dominion Headquarters.

Another angle of delayed registration concerns the plans of a list of 18 Scouters who have applied for places on the contingent, decision as to the number of places for whom cannot be made until the full contingent enrollment is known.]

To date but 33 Scouts have registered. The list will be closed finally on May 25. Again, and in accordance with official

Washington Jamboree instructions,—

No Jamboree Camp accommodation will be available to Scouts and Scouters who are not registered members of contingents; and

No Scouts or Scouters who are not members of official contingents will be permitted to wear Scout uniform in the Jamboree Camp or in Washington during the period of the Jamboree.

The Coronation Programmes

SUBSEQUENT to the issue of the Scout Coronation Programme circular inserted in the April *Scout Leader* advice was received from London permitting the selling of the Coronation Programme by Scouts on and after April 23rd. Other stipulations stand, i.e., that Scouts will not "compete with the trade," or the bookstores, but give their attention to making the programme available to people who might not otherwise be reached by booksellers.



Again reminding of the Scout camping system of "everything out in the sun."

A Coronation Fireworks Price Correction

IN the list of special Scout Coronation fireworks and prices given in the April *Scout Leader* those quoted as express prepaid to any point in Canada should not have included the "Miscellaneous Collection" at \$25. This and higher-priced collections are priced only f.o.b. plant.

All the other prices stand prepaid:—
Royal Salute of 21 "Empire" rockets, \$5.00; Royal Salute of 21 "Coronation" Rockets, \$10.00; Coronation Flares, each \$5.00; Coronation Torches (giant sparklers), per dozen packages, 5 torches in a package, \$3.00.

Address: T. W. Hand Fireworks Co., Ltd., 2401 Bloor St. W., Toronto.

Hurry Your Coronation Equipment and Badge Orders!

IT is urged that Scouters and others requiring badges, items of equipment and uniform in time for Coronation Day get their orders in to Provincial or Dominion Headquarters as early as possible. "Last Minute" orders often are hard to fill, and cause worry at both ends.



The Cub Book in French

A CANADIAN edition of the Wolf Cub Book in French, "*Le Carnet du Louveteau*," is now available. The translation was the work of Prof. Robert Pugh of the University of New Brunswick, one of our most experienced and successful Akela Leaders, in addition to his recognized standing as a French scholar. It was Prof. Pugh who last year organized and headed our first French Gilwell Wood Badge Course at Lac Unique, N.B., and with notable success. Copies of the new book may be had at 20 cents, postpaid. Address, Office Secretary, Boy Scouts Association, 306 Metcalfe St., Ottawa.

1937 Gilwell Dates

THE following Summer Cub, Scout and Rover Gilwell camp dates have been announced:—

British Columbia—Cub and Scout, August.

Alberta—Scout, Camp Woods, Aug. 1-10. Cub, Aug. 10-15.

Manitoba—Cub, Gimli, July 17-22; Scout, Gimli, July 24-Aug. 1.

Ontario—Cub, Ebor Park, July 3-10; Loon Lake (near Fort William), July 13-23; Highland Creek (Toronto), week-ends from June 19. Scout, Blue Springs, July 19-30; Davis Lake (near Matheson), July 3-14; Highland Creek (Toronto), week-ends from May 22. Rover Leaders, Bald Lake (near Peterborough), Aug. 2-7.

Maritime—Scout, Lake William, near Bridgewater, July 7-17; Cub, July 21-26.

Ontario's Backwoods Moot

EMPHASIZING the attractive remoteness of Bald Lake, the scene of Ontario's 1937 summer Moot of July 31-Aug. 2, the latest bulletin from the Rovers of Peterborough (the jumping off point), who are quartermastering the job, invites suggestions for additions to the grub-stake listed. Added is a query whether fresh meat is desired.

This question presumably is addressed to those *courriers de bois* of the brotherhood who are figuring on venison and bear steak, or the Izaak Waltons who are all set for trout, bass and salmon.

Of the registration fee of 50 cents, 25 is payable with registration, the balance on arrival. Registrations should be at Provincial H.Q., 330 Bay Street, Toronto, by July 1st. It is hoped the enrolment will include a good number of brothers of the trail from the other provinces.



1. The ants and the flies had little chance of reaching the Wolves' high-hung grub box. The D.C.C. is making sure, however, while the P.L. waits in anxious suspense. Perhaps the morning's flag depends on it! 2. The Protestant Sunday morning Scouts' Own, at the Sussex Scout Cabin, high up on the hill, overlooking a rare sunlit panorama of forests, farms and streams. 3. The Foxes at some mysterious gadget work; beyond, the stream whose channel they sought to divert. 4. The Owls' nook nest. From the bank you could catch trout.

YOU'LL WANT TO DO THIS!

Brother Scouter:

You know you are doing something very important in the life of every boy you bring into Scouting. You know you do something of yet greater importance when you bring into the Movement another leader,—who in turn will touch the lives of many boys.

We all want to do something extra this year, as the Coronation Year. Hundreds of Scouts are working away to make their individual contribution by becoming Coronation King's Scouts.

Here's a simple thing that every Scouter of a troop of at least five years' existence may do:

Look up your early troop records, make a list of former Scouts still in your community, and not active; hand the list to your District Commissioner, suggest that he look them up and invite them to come back into the game,—to give back to the present generation of boys something of what they got out of Scouting, and as well for their own personal good, and enjoyment, and as a contribution of national service to the King in the Coronation Year.

Call it your Coronation List. See how many Coronation Year Scouters you can be the means of bringing into the Movement.

If you know of former Scouts who have moved elsewhere, give their names and addresses to your District Commissioner for forwarding to Provincial Headquarters, for passing to the District Commissioner of the former Scout's present community.

AND YOU, MR. COMMISSIONER!

Here is a real opportunity for you to "dig up" those additional leaders that you need. Also an opportunity for you to make your own personal contribution to our Scout Coronation Year in Canada.

Invite and remind the Scoutmasters and Rover Leaders of your district to give you the lists suggested above.

Let us see which of our Districts, and which of our Provinces, by October 31st next can add to their present number the greatest percentage of Coronation Year Scouters!

SIDNEY B. McMICHAEL,

Dominion Commissioner for Training.

BE A CAMPING CUB FOR A WEEK--IDEAL TRAINING--IDEAL VACATION!

The Part II Akela Camp Course

means a week of living and playing indoor and outdoor Cubbing. It will give you a new insight into a Cub's viewpoint, many new games, new ideas on Cub hiking, how to run a Cub camp.

ALSO A JOLLY GOOD TIME. PLAN TO GO!



The '36 Maritime Gilwell

A FULL 32-man Course, representative of all three eastern provinces, and equally so of the church, professions, business, trades and colleges, characterized the 1936 Maritime Gilwell, held within the curve of the crystal trout stream and the majestic tree-covered bluff of the Scout camp site at Sussex, N.B. The enrolment comprised 13 Scouters from Prince Edward Island, 8 from Nova Scotia and 11 from New Brunswick, well mixed and equally divided as "Wolves," "Foxes," "Owls" and "Crows."

A Gilwell rarity was a father-and-son team from Halifax—District Commissioner J. R. Murphy and Scoutmaster Alvin Murphy. Naturally they were placed in different patrols, and promptly became lively boosters respectively of the virtues and abilities of the Crows and Wolves.

As distinction for their crowd, the Foxes boasted a gadget-making clergyman who sang Welsh songs, and the Owls a United padre who supplied trout for breakfast. A young Catholic seminarian, who came wondering what it was all about, was promptly made at home among the Crows as "Red" (he had that tint of hair); and subsequently, as so often happens, took the Investiture, and was one of the keenest adventurers during the memorable night of the Journey.

The Wolves started off at top speed under a dashing N.B. haberdasher in a piratical jersey, and a tall young Spud Islander "up from Cubs," and soon were placing the morning inspection flags in a row. However, they didn't take them all, notwithstanding exceptional enterprise.

The Owls took honours for ingenious use of their patrol emblem, notably their carving of a stump on the nearby slope into a realistic representation of a great horned owl. Early in the camp they

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One of World's Busiest Men

In nominating Sir Edward Beatty for re-election as President His Excellency congratulated Canadian Scouting on having had as its active head "one of the foremost citizens of Canada," and added, "Sir Edward undoubtedly is one of the busiest men in the world, and so is able to take on additional service,—as is not possible for an idle man."

His Excellency also nominated as Vice President Mr. J. F. M. Stewart, and in doing so referred to the time and valuable service Mr. Stewart had for some years given the Movement as Chairman of the Executive Board.

1939 World Moot Invited to Canada

An important announcement made at the meeting of the Executive Committee, which preceded the Annual Meeting, was word of the sending to the International Bureau at London of an invitation for the holding of the next World Rover Moot in Canada, in 1939. The last Moot, the second such world gathering, was held near Stockholm, Sweden, and attended by some 3,000 Rovers from twenty-four countries. It is understood that Poland also is making a strong bid for the 1939 gathering.

The Presidents and Commissioners

As a preliminary to the Annual Meeting, Presidents and Commissioners from all the provinces gathered for an all-day conference on Friday, April 23. It was commented that most of the problems discussed were common to all sections of the Dominion, and that solutions were evolving or were being found.

Considerable attention was given the organization of larger districts, and the set-up developed in Winnipeg (four districts headed by District Commissioners, with Assistants for each Scouting section—Cub, Scout and Rover) was described as a notably successful example.

Recognition of Group Committeemen.—Recognition of Group Committeemen that would convey realization of their active membership in the Movement was discussed at length. A standard practice had not yet been evolved. In British Columbia as troops are registered, or re-registered, a membership card is sent each member of committees. In Toronto District all Group Committee members are recognized as members of the Local Association, and as such are invited to annual meetings. "As one result these meetings are attended by from 600 to 800 persons, and those attending return to their sections of the community more than ever sold to Scouting."

One suggestion was that names of new

Group Committees or new Committeemen should be reported to Provincial Commissioners, who would then send each a letter of thanks for his interest in Scouting, and good wishes for the success of the Group. This would ensure a feeling of "direct association with the Movement."

During the discussion, reference was made to certain outstanding leaders whose first contact with Scouting had been made as Committeemen.

Group Registration and Discipline.—Compulsory re-registration of Groups, withholding of badges being used as the disciplinary pressure, found considerable support. In one province this was now an accepted practice, and had shown excellent tidying-up results. "A certain amount of discipline adds to the respect for any organization," it was argued, and the rule of compulsory annual Group re-registration was a simple and reasonable requirement.



A good turn for our sisters the Guides. A camp bridge approach built by a Calgary Troop.

Scouts and Aviation.—The question of laying more emphasis upon aviation in its several departments for Canadian Scouts was introduced in addresses by a delegation consisting of Mr. J. A. Wilson, Director of the Department of Civil Aviation; Mr. G. M. Ross, Secretary of the Canadian Flying Clubs Association, and Mr. E. S. Booth, Secretary of the Model Aircraft League.

It was suggested that aviation was of natural, keen interest to every normal Canadian boy, and that Scouts might find ultimate employment, not necessarily as fliers, but as aviation mechanics, ground men, meteorologists; and ultimately, if ambitious, could complete studies at college to qualify as aeronautical engineers.

First Aid Competitions.—Another welcome visitor was Col. Arthur E. Snell, Director of Ambulance, of the St. John Ambulance Association, who dealt with a number of questions regarding apparent variation of practice in Wallace Nesbitt Junior competition instruction and exami-

nation in the different provinces. As a result it is hoped that there will be an increase of interest in these competitions on the part of Scout first aid teams.

The Closing Banquet

The Saturday evening banquet at the Chateau Laurier fittingly capped the Conference and the business of the Annual Meeting, when a large gathering of Scouters of all ranks and sections, Presidents, Commissioners, Committeemen and eminent friends of the Movement sat at tables under a ceiling of flags of all nations, enjoyed a programme provided by Ottawa Scouts and Cubs, and listened to memorable addresses.

Presumably the great majority of leaders throughout Canada heard the broadcast of Sir Edward Beatty. It was as practically appraising and soundly encouraging as always are Sir Edward's public utterances. It was published in full in many of the Dominion's leading dailies of Monday, April 26.

A penetratingly thoughtful presentation also was that of Provincial Commissioner Jean-Marie Bureau of La Federation.

Sir Edward was introduced by the new Vice-President, Mr. J. F. M. Stewart, and the thanks of the gathering, seen and unseen, was expressed by Provincial Commissioner J. S. Woodward of Saskatchewan. Col. G. W. Peacock, acting head of the Salvation Army in Canada, spoke briefly for Life Saving Scouts. Mr. Leslie R. Thomson of Montreal presided, and grace was said by the Most Rev. J. C. Roper, D.D., Metropolitan of Ontario.

A greatly appreciated feature of the entertainment programme was the singing of the boys' choir of the 38th Ottawa French-Canadian Scout Troop, under Scoutmaster Beaulieu. Cub skipping stunts and games were put on by a composite pack, and a cedar lean-to patrol camp was erected by a group of Patrol Leaders while others did rope-spinning and made friction fire.

From Sir Edward's Address

THE following characteristic paragraphs from Sir Edward Beatty's address are given for the benefit of Scouters who may have missed the broadcast or were unable to secure a newspaper carrying the speech:

Ordered Liberty

In British countries we long ago arrived at a theory of ordered liberty which is more complete than it ever has been in any other community. The symbolism of the Crown, based on the profound faith of our people that their allegiance to its wearer is not only compatible with the existence of true liberty, but is a part of that, is again being reasserted, and from that fact we should be able to draw lessons of great value to Scouts.

Leadership Must be Worthy

There is the lesson of the need of leadership. This need is today being stressed in some countries to the point where the youth of those countries is being taught that willingness to follow is all that the citizen need contribute to the government of his country. We do not believe that. We believe that leadership as a principle in the life of a nation can only be justified on the faith that the leader will be worthy.

Duty, Not Power

Bringing that down into less lofty realms of life, leadership has come to carry with it in our minds less of the thought of power and more of the thought of duty. Be it the ministers of the Crown, the officers of the army, those who hold positions of authority in business life, or the leaders who are charged with responsibility for the instruction and discipline of a group of Boy Scouts—in all these cases we have established very firmly the belief that the responsibility of a leader is a far more important thing than his power.

In this spirit I believe that the mild and voluntary discipline to which Boy Scouts submit themselves is a training of essential value. I believe that it must be profoundly important in their future lives



Plan some camp gadgets that instruct. The above group, of the 10th Calgary, include a wind gauge, a sundial with style at angle of lat. 51, and one with style at 96, for checking with one another to show daily variation of sun's circle.

that these boys learn early that success of the group must depend on wise leadership backed by intelligent obedience.

Liberty is important, but liberty can barely exist unless it takes the form of organized liberty of a group, of a community or of a nation. That organized liberty can only exist where it has its origin in support of properly constituted authority.

Scouting's Democracy

In addition to leadership the Boy Scouts learn democracy. They learn, early in life, that inherited wealth or position cannot make one boy better than another. The millions of a father will not teach a boy the arts of Scouting. Those can only be learned as a result of the individual skill of the boy himself, plus a willingness to learn and to practice. Democracy, in its best sense, is not vitally concerned with systems of society, or systems of govern-

ment. It is merely the practice of the theory that every man deserves a chance, and Scouting teaches boys to take each other as they find each other, and not to attach undue weight to the accidents of birth or fortune.

Reversion-to-barbarism Antidote

Finally, and most important, the Scout Movement instills into boys the desire to aid others—the only motive which can possibly prevent modern society from reverting to a barbarous struggle for existence. We sometimes forget this. We sometimes believe that modern progress is manifested only in the improvements of mechanical devices, and increased production of wealth. It is obviously possible for a society to become a society of barbarians with motor cars and radio. It is not the possession of these tools that makes men civilized. The distinction between civilization and barbarism is purely an ethical one, and the Scout Movement, by its constant stressing of unselfish efforts to aid others is helping men to retain civilization.

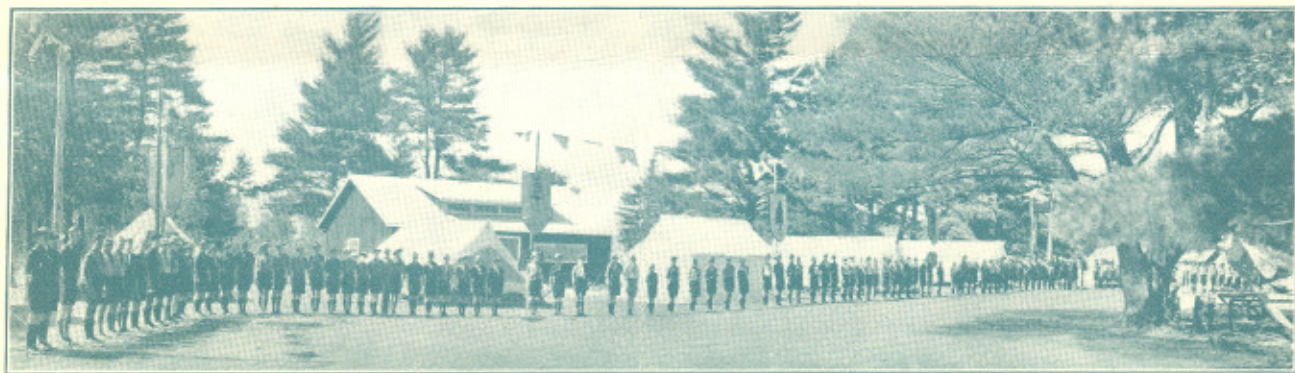
These boys who are Scouts today are the citizens, the voters, the men of tomorrow. The training of youth is the very foundation of the future of the nation and of the race.

Appreciation of Scouters

It is with sincere pride that I remember the existence of the great army of older and younger men who devote so much of their time and energy to this task, and it is my convinced opinion that nothing that we as citizens are doing can be of more real certain and lasting benefit than that which we accomplish in the direction of encouraging and fostering the Scout Movement.

The King's Example

His Majesty the King has long set us a personal example in his devoted interest in all those activities which are intended to make boys better men. In this year of his coronation we should find a genuine inspiration for further efforts in the cause which we are pledged to further.



An event looked forward to annually by many Ontario P. L.'s and other older Scouts is the well organized Empire Day Week-end Scout Reforestation Camp on the 30 acre "Scout Forest" site at Angus, near Lake Simcoe, under the direction of Mr. A. H. Richardson, of the Provincial Department of Lands and Forests. Last year 70,000 young trees were planted. Close to a half million trees in all have been planted, and some 700 boys have participated. Since 1933 it has been necessary for boys to pay a camp fee, but this has in no way affected the applications to attend. The camp is being repeated this year.

Jean-Marie Bureau

THAT youth today made up one half of Canada's population; that guidance in helping our young prepare for the heavy responsibilities they must face after we are gone is our most solemn obligation; that in spite of this, many of us still are keeping our eyes fixed on material gain, which we must leave behind in a few years,—these were some of the serious thoughts offered by Provincial Commissioner Jean-Marie Bureau, of La Federation des Scouts Catholiques de Quebec. Quoting in part:

This Generation May Not Find the Solution

Today the world is troubled and perplexed, and we are vainly seeking a solution of the problems of the day. Might I venture to say that we shall not find that solution. Certainly we shall not find it in ourselves. We are broken to the harness of habit, we shrink from change and new ideas,—in a word we are more interested in preserving than in creating.

But do we think that the solution of our problem is none the less in our hands? The formation of youth—the movement to which we are devoted—that constitutes the only humanly complete answer to humanity's ills.

Youth—One Half the Population

When we talk about youth, we should not forget we refer to one-half of our country's population. One-half of the population whose resources are not yet exhausted; not even yet realized or utilized.

Youth—what does it mean in abundant energy, in the reserves of life-force! Exuberance manifesting itself in free and untrammelled activity—preference for singing rather than talking—running instead of walking.

This growing, vital, active force must spend itself,—it must give itself. In its wholehearted way, with all youth's enthusiasm and chivalrous faith, it gives us the impression of an ever-renewed force that is able to accomplish anything.

They Want to be Up and Doing

With all the vigor and exuberance of their young strength, with all their fondness for the 'long chance'; ready for anything new, and willing to answer the challenge—they stand and wait. Perhaps they are uncertain how or what they want to do, but they seek action. They want to be 'up and doing.'

But while it is true that the 'thoughts of youth are long, long thoughts,' they also need some objective which is not too remote, and upon which they can fix their aim. They are impatient of too many obstacles, and what they seek is something immediate, something tangible to which they can give the full ardor of their youth.

Leadership That Will Counter Charlatans

I would ask you to remember that Scouting is not an organization, but a movement. Or, better still, a method of life which we do not follow merely for itself, but to secure the best possible response from youth. Let us continue to live with the young; let us give them Scouting, and youth will not give heed to the charlatans, the exploiters, the demagogues, or others of that breed, but will give itself, proud, confident and free, to God, to King and Canada.

Col. G. W. Peacock

COL. G. W. PEACOCK, Acting Commissioner of the Salvation Army in Canada, prefaced his brief remarks by a reference to the "marriage just constituted" in the signing of an agreement by Commissioner John McMillan for the Salvation Army and Sir Edward Beatty for the Boy Scouts Association, by which the Life Saving Scouts and the Boy Scouts became closely associated but autonomous bodies "uniting in the office of the Chief Scout for Canada, in the Canadian General

Council, and elsewhere by ties of goodwill and co-operation." The reference was roundly applauded, and Col. Peacock went on to express his appreciation of "the courtesies extended and the brotherly feeling we have sensed."

He paid a special tribute to His Excellency the Governor-General and Sir Edward Beatty for their interest and encouragement.

Like the previous speakers, Col. Peacock then referred to the baffling problems of the day,—"this day of bewilderment, when men do not know which way to turn."

The obvious need was "a call to all organizations interested in betterment to co-operate. There must be a fusing of interest, a forgetting of differences, for a Canada we should all be proud of."

"Material things do not make a nation. We will be truly Scouting only as we build better men. And the only thing from which we can make a man, is a boy."

"The Salvation Army is at your disposal," he concluded. "Count on us, even at the cost of loneliness, of sacrifice and hard work."

A Glance Through the Report

Some Membership Details

THE membership of the various sections of the Movement was shown as follows: Wolf Cubs, 31,120; Boy Scouts, 44,491; Lone Scouts, 577; Sea Scouts, 319; Rover Sea Scouts, 211; Rover Scouts, 2,693. Leaders of all ranks, 6,980. Total membership, 85,946, an increase of 5,345 over that of 1935.

Individual Scouting units were shown to number: Wolf Cub Packs, 1,374; Scout Troops, 1,998; Rover Crews, 268; Sea Scout Troops, 15; Rover Sea Scout Units, 6.

As in previous years Ontario reported the highest provincial membership, with a total of 31,585. Quebec was next with 8,736, and Saskatchewan reported 8,626, Alberta 8,032, British Columbia 6,881, Nova Scotia 4,795, New Brunswick 3,865, Prince Edward Island, 575.

A Big Year in Training

A splendid increase of interest in training by leaders of all branches was reflected in the issue of 1,446 certificates for various courses, an improvement over the previous year of 53.5 per cent. The figures cover 58 District Preliminary Courses, summer Akela courses in British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes, and Gilwell Wood Badge camps in the Maritimes and in each of the other provinces. The Part II's included our first French course, given in northern New Brunswick by Honorary Field Worker Robert Pugh of Fredericton. During the year 482 leaders started Correspondence courses.

Toy Shops and Apple Days

Regarding the Christmas Toy Shop work, the report shows shops operated in 161 towns and cities across the Dominion, and approximately 100,000 children remembered by the Scout Santa.

Scout Apple Days were reported as held in over 150 towns and cities, and many thousands of bushels disposed of, to the mutual benefit of apple growers and local Scouting funds. It is noted that, "In practically all cases the results were highly satisfactory both for local Scouting funds and Canadian apple growers. An increasing number of Local Associations are finding Apple Day a dependable, and to the public acceptable, means of annual financing."

World Friendship Badge

For the first time the World Friendship Proficiency Badge comes in for special mention, as a means of encouraging goodwill and understanding among the Scouts of the world. During the year 25 Scouts carried on the necessary exchange of letters with Scouts in other countries to qualify for the badge.

First Aid Competition

In first aid competitions during 1936 the team of the 84th Winnipeg Troop was noted as runner-up for the junior Dominion first aid championship represented by the Wallace Nesbitt Junior trophy of the St. John Ambulance Association, and the 2nd Edmonton Rover ambulance team second and the 4th Calgary third in the competition for the Gaunt Dominion intermediate first aid trophy.

SOME REPORT PARAGRAPHS

La Fédération des Scouts Catholiques.—The Committee wishes to congratulate Monseigneur Laflamme, Chaplain General; Commissioner Jean-Marie Bureau, President V. A. Curmi and the other officers of La Fédération des Scouts Catholiques de la Province de Québec, upon the increase in one year of more than fifty per cent. in their membership. They observed also with satisfaction that the number of boys per leader is still less than twelve.

The movement apparently is in the hands of capable and far-seeing citizens, as was evident at the Annual Banquet of their Provincial Council, January 16th, 1937, at the Cercle Universitaire, Montreal, when more than five hundred people were present, including His Grace Archbishop Georges Gauthier of Montreal, the Provincial Premier, Hon. Maurice Duplessis, the Mayors of Montreal and Verdun, and other distinguished civil and religious leaders.

The Salvation Army Life-Saving Scouts.—It is with pleasure that your Committee records an increase of fifteen per cent. in the membership of the Life-Saving Scouts. The tentative agreement between the Canadian General Council and the Salvation Army seems to be entirely satisfactory to both parties and the most cordial relations exist between the two organizations.

Scouts and Trees.—Your Committee points with pleasure and satisfaction to the increasing interest which our members are taking in the preservation of Canadian forests. From South Vancouver Island, B.C., they learn of Scouts assisting in the summer patrol of some three thousand square miles of timber land. In Manitoba they observe that Scouts are engaged in planting trees in certain communities, and in Nova Scotia Scout reforestation work continues on two or three large areas assigned the Association by the Provincial Government.

In Ontario there is a Boy Scout Forest at Angus, Ontario. Over the week-end of May 24th Scouts from twenty-two centres came together and planted seventy thousand trees, bringing the total since 1929 to four hundred and fifty thousand. Mr. A. H. Richardson, Director of Reforestation for the Ontario Government, was the originator of the project and the Camp Director. The boys paid their own way.

Handicapped Scouts.—Groups of Handicapped Scouts are in operation in the following institutions, where they serve a very useful purpose in giving their members something to do which in a measure takes their attention from their suffering and acts as an added incentive towards recovery:—

Queen Alexander Solarium, Cobble Hill, Vancouver Island; St. Christophers School, North Vancouver; Junior Red Cross Hospital, Calgary; University Hospital, Edmonton; Provincial Training School, Red Deer; School for the Deaf, Saskatoon; Shriners' Childrens' Hospital, Winnipeg; Sick Childrens' Hospital, Thistletown; I.O.D.E. Preventorium, Toronto; Home for Incurable Children, Toronto; Byron Sanatorium, London; Essex County Sanatorium, Windsor; Mackay Institute for Deaf and Dumb, Montreal.

The Year's Story of Training

Mr. S. B. McMichael, Commissioner for Training, reports as follows:

Early in the year the Department decided to concentrate its efforts to a greater extent upon the promotion of the Correspondence and District Preliminary Courses, believing that in this way a larger number of Scouters might become interested in the general subject of training,

which ultimately would lead to an increased attendance at the more important Practical Part II Scout and Akela Courses.

In detail the results of the year's work were as follows:—

482 Correspondence Courses were issued and 586 studies read. 58 District Preliminary Courses were held, being an increase of 27, and 409 more Certificates were issued than in 1935.

Practical Part II Akela Wood Badge Courses were held at Camp Byng in British Columbia; at Camp Gimli in Manitoba; at Ebor Park, Ontario; at Montreal, P.Q. (indoors) and a combined Maritime Camp at DeRoma, P.E.I. Eighty persons received Certificates as compared with sixty-three in 1935.

Practical Part II Scout Wood Badge Courses were held at Sidney on Vancouver Island; at Camp Woods, Alberta; at Lebre, Saskatchewan; at Gimli, Manitoba; at Ebor Park, Ontario, and also on the

FOR 1937, SLEEVES UP!

YOUR Committee wishes to refer again to the suggestion of that good friend of Canadian Scouting, the Earl of Bessborough, that every reasonable effort be made to bring the total membership in the Dominion up to 100,000. This challenge was made in 1934, when the census of all ranks, was 65,828. At the end of 1936 the membership had increased by 30 per cent., to almost 86,000.

To some it might seem to be but a logical and natural thing that within the next three or four years the required objective would be reached almost automatically. The Executive Committee, however, does not share this view; also it would point out that as the number of Groups increase, the office and field work become heavier, whereas the staffs at Provincial Headquarters cannot be increased within present budgets. Thus it will be seen that climbing the remaining part of the hill towards the 100,000 mark will not be easy.

But there is a method by which it can be accelerated, without a very great increase in expenditure. If our leaders, who now number 6,996, will roll up their sleeves in an effort to help, the objective will soon be reached.

An investigation by our Executive Board revealed that the average boy remains in the Movement from three to five years, two to three years as a Wolf Cub and two to three years as a Scout. This means, according to the last census, that there is a normal yearly loss approximating twenty-five thousand boys which must be covered before a gain over the preceding period can be achieved. Figures received from England would seem to indicate that a Scout in that country remains in the game of Scouting a full year longer than in Canada. It is evident, therefore, that we must make a greater effort to keep our boys in Scouting. Even an increase of six months in the length of time they are held would quickly bring the total membership to more than the desired figure.

It is suggested, therefore, that the motto for 1937 be "SLEEVES UP!"

On behalf of the Executive Committee,

E. W. BEATTY,
President.

Toronto district camp grounds; at Tamaracouta, P.Q.; a combined Maritime Camp at Sussex, N.B., and a French Course at Lac Unique, N.B. One hundred and seventy-six Certificates were issued, an increase of thirty-five. The Course at Lac Unique was the first Practical Wood Badge Course to be given in French in Canada. For it and the Maritime Akela Course we are indebted to the self-sacrificing work of Professor R. W. Pugh, of the University of New Brunswick, who acted as Camp Chief and Akela Leader.

A total of 1,446 Training Certificates for all Courses were issued, the increase over the previous year being 53.5 percent.

In April, Camp Chief John S. Wilson of Imperial Gilwell spent a week in Canada, during which he had several conferences with the Commissioner for Training and his Assistants.

During a visit to England your Commissioner was privileged to attend a Reunion at Gilwell Park of some seven hundred Wood Badge holders.

The Training Department at Dominion Headquarters is greatly indebted to Imperial Gilwell, from whence come regularly the lecture notes and other very valuable help.

At the beginning of 1936, with the assistance of the Provincial Offices, all the Training Records at Ottawa were revised and brought up-to-date. This enabled the Department to give better service.

During December the Commissioner for Training visited the Canadian West, stopping at Fort William, Winnipeg, Regina, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria. In each city he had conferences with Commissioners and Executive Committee members. He also attended meetings of Scouters, to whom he spoke on training.

The different methods of Patrol Leaders' Training have been studied, and the Department is working on a Course which will be made available to individual Scoutmasters, groups of Leaders or Districts for the training of Patrol Leaders.

The success apparent in the work of training leaders during the period under review has been due in great measure to the splendid co-operation of the Scout Leaders generally, and particularly to the enthusiasm of the national team of Deputy Camp Chiefs and Akela Leaders. To all of these your Commissioner wishes to express his heartfelt thanks.

B.-P. Honour Standard.—As part of the 100,000 membership campaign, the B.-P. Honour Standard was kept before our leaders through the medium of *The Scout Leader*. During the year 16 of these large and attractive flags were awarded as recognition of the organization of 16 new Scout Groups, which had carried

on successfully for the required six months' proving period. The Groups comprised 8 Packs and 15 Troops, of approximately 500 boys and 75 Committeemen.

The new Groups were located by provinces as follows: Ontario, 6 Groups, comprising 6 Troops and 6 Packs. British Columbia, 5 Groups, comprising 4 Troops and 3 Packs. Manitoba, 3 Groups, comprising 3 Troops and 2 Packs. Nova Scotia, 1 Group and 1 Troop.

Since the B.-P. Honour Standard was first launched, in connection with the Lord Baden-Powell's visit in 1935, a total of 33 Standards have been awarded, the new Groups comprising, as at the time of award (a number have since added to themselves other units) a total of 16 Packs, 31 Troops and 1 Rover Crew. The initiative in organizing new Groups was taken by 21 Troops, 9 Rover Crews, and a 1 Crew-Troop and 1 Troop-Pack combination.

The 33 new units represent an approxi-

mate membership of 700 Scouts, some 50 Scouters and 125 Committeemen.

A number of Groups and Units still are working on prospects or assisting in establishing new Groups. In one case a whole district, the Maitland District of Western Ontario, has adopted the slogan "Every Group in the District to organize a new Group and qualify for a B.-P. Honour Standard."

Imperial Headquarters.—The service received from Imperial Headquarters has in every respect been of the best. Letters are answered promptly, orders from the Scout Shop are quickly filled and new books and pamphlets as they leave the press are immediately drawn to the attention of Dominion Headquarters.

The Committee, therefore, desire to express their sincere thanks to the Commissioner for Overseas, Mr. Harold Legat, and, through him, to his Secretary, Mr. C. H. Butterworth, and the Quartermaster, Captain A. Ridley.

(Continued in June)



The altar camp kitchen fire has been adopted by a considerable number of our camping troops.

Flat stones and clay or sand make a safe hearth.

Our Coronation Celebration

(Continued from first page)

Halifax—Scouts will take part in torchlight procession to Citadel Hill.

Saint John—Beacons will burn at Fort Howe, Martello Hill and Anthony's Cove, and Royal rocket salutes will be fired.

Campbellton, N.B.—Scouts and Cubs will make a section of a big torchlight parade headed by the Mayor.

Fredericton, N.B.—Chain of beacons planned, with rocket salute.

Montreal—Afternoon parade of King's Scouts on Fletcher's Field. Beacons, including one on Mount Royal, with rockets.

Ottawa—Sixty-five foot beacon on highest point overlooking the Capital.

Forest, Ont.—Scouts to participate in parade and sports programme under the auspices of Town Council and Legion. Beacon. On Sunday attend church parade in Strathroy, Group Committee providing transportation.

North Bay and Callander—Beacons and rocket salutes in both places "will be witnessed by each other from a distance of

12 miles."

Thorndale, Ont.—Beacon on local fair grounds. Perhaps second beacon on Cobble Hill, 3½ miles east, which should be seen from Ingersoll.

St. Thomas, Ont.—Scout and Guide parade from armouries to Pinafore Park, for patriotic programme in front of grandstand.

Picton, Ont.—Scout and Guide parade followed by open-air service. Scouts will plant tree in Memorial Park in morning.

Kingston—Morning parade to stadium; act as ushers. Afternoon parade to MacDonald Park. City fireworks; Scouts fire Royal rocket salute. During day have Safety Men along waterfront.

Kitchener—Take part in civic parade and programme in morning. In afternoon number of troops having Scouts working for their King's Scout badge will spend afternoon in special effort to pass tests. In evening large beacon fire, rocket salute on Baden Hill, about 12 miles from Kitchener; highest spot in this part of country; should be seen from Galt and

Stratford.

Smooth Rock Falls—9.45 a.m. Flag raising and singing of National Anthem, prayers for the King, etc.

10.00 Parade of Scouts, Cubs, Rovers and all school children to Community Club.

10.30 Presentation of medals and speeches by town officials.

12.00 Parade to Scout H.Q.

1.30 Rovers and Senior Scouts take charge of free movie show.

3.00 Ditto.

8.00 Beacon, fireworks and community singing. Mayor R. Northey lights beacon.

Queenston—Planning a mammoth outdoor Coronation-Mother's Day colours dedication ceremony on May 9, Sunday, at the Monument, jointly with St. David's and Queenston.

Aylmer, Ont.—Before Coronation Day Scouts will canvass the town "and in a nice way request every citizen to decorate his or her home and place of business in some suitable way. The Scouts will have flags for sale, for the convenience of those who may wish to buy them."

Fort Erie, Ont.—Taking part in local parade. In evening taking Scouts to their week-end campsite, for a flag-raising ceremony, a short talk on what the day has meant, the planting of a Coronation oak tree, the lighting of the beacon and a sing-song.

Alliston, Ont.—A beacon, with fireworks provided by the town.

Thessalon, Ont.—Beacon programme given the support of the Mayor and group of prominent citizens.

Strathroy, Ont.—In morning, taking part in community parade and church service; afternoon, a civic parade and children's sports at the park. In evening torchlight procession to beacon. Fire to be lighted by the Mayor, with a torch ignited by friction fire. Rocket salute.

Timmins—Sharing local celebration; beacon and rockets.

South Porcupine—Planning an active part in local celebrations; a beacon and rocket salute.

Fergus—Beacon; have support of Town Council orally but not financially. Council has asked Scouts to lead a parade of school children in the afternoon, to end at Town Hall for ceremony.

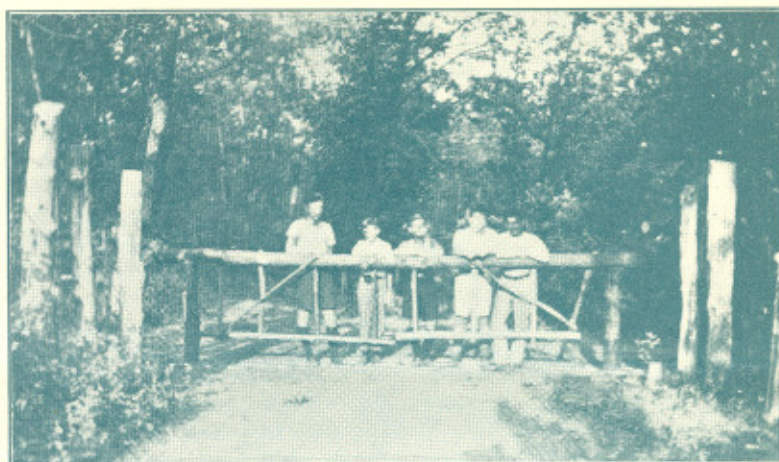
Thessalon—Town not celebrating, but troop is going to help decorate town. Beacon on lake shore. Have guaranteed to dispose of 50 Coronation Programmes.

Walkerton—Beacon and ceremony at fair grounds in evening.

Cobalt—Take part in parade arranged by Mayor. Beacon.

Ridgeway—Beacon on lake shore; Royal rocket salute.

Napanee—Cubs and Scouts attend church service Sunday; participate in parade on 12th.



The rustic swing gate made by London Scouts for their camp site at Beach o' Pines. Roots left on the two top logs provided the necessary balance weights.

Clinton—Inter-troop hike with Gode-rich during day. Beacon.

Leamington—9.45 a.m. meet at Memorial Park and take part in civic parade. In event of rain have made provisions for rally of all Scouts and Cubs in gym. of Baptist church; programme there to consist of camp fire ceremony, brief address by some town dignitary, patriotic songs. Each Group is preparing two or three of their own song numbers.

Tillsonburg—Scouts and Guides take part in parade and join with schools in special services to hook in with King's broadcast. Have invited Scouts of Delhi, Port Burwell and Rhine Valley to join us. Supper to be served, and in evening march to fair grounds with a band, provided by town, and perhaps have torchlight procession. Then beacon and rocket salute.

Delhi—Brownies and Cubs are invited out to a farm 2 miles distant, where they will have separate smaller beacon and programme. To go in afternoon and have supper there.

Blenheim—Co-operating with business men to make gala day. After lunch, Cubs, Scouts, Guides and Lodges parade to local park for sports (under Rotary Club, our sponsors), Scouts to help with races and handling of crowd. Beacon in evening, with old time community sing song at Memorial Park.

Maitland District—All units of Maitland District combine for Coronation church parade at Mount Forest, Sunday, May 9th; service as outlined by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Each Group to hold local beacon and take part in civic programme.

Mount Forest—In addition to participation in combined programme of Maitland District, participate in civic dedication service at Town Hall Tuesday, followed by torchlight procession.

Chatham—Take part in big civic celebration, with floats. In evening beacon on High School grounds, Scouts and Cubs marching in flare-light procession from

Memorial Park. Town Committee supplying Scouts with 12 dozen flares.

Guelph—Scouts and Guides in morning civic parade to Exhibition Park. In evening torchlight procession and beacon.

London—Torchlight procession and four beacons in different sections of the city. Hope to secure old railway ties for this purpose. Royal salute at each beacon. Citizens' Committee providing \$60 toward costs of rockets and flares.

St. Catharines—Not parading, as not desired by City Committee, and we feel boys should themselves see the "Pageant of History" procession. Are providing a float, "The Boyhood of Raleigh." Maintaining first-aid tent. Having public presentation of certificates to Coronation King's Scouts. District will sell 200 Coronation Programmes.

Portage La Prairie, Man.—Beacon, preceded by torchlight parade; fireworks.

Weyburn, Sask.—Scouts and Guides participate in parade, which will include floats, to Exhibition Grounds, for civic programme.

Meota, Sask.—Scouts placed in charge of fireworks display.

Saskatoon, Sask.—Tree planting at Scout campsite at Beaver Creek, to establish nursery plot from which trees can be transplanted to different sections of campsite.

Edmonton—A beacon here will form part of the Alberta chain from Edmonton to the international border.

Lethbridge—Scouts take part in local celebration; beacon.

Powell River and Westview, B.C.—Will take part in local celebrations.

Quamichan, B.C.—Quamichan and Duncan Scouts will again burn the "last" beacon on the mountain overlooking Duncan.

Correspondents Desired

By 3 Scottish Scouts aged 13.

By an English Rover.

By an English Rover Leader.

SCOUTING DIGEST

"Lilliput 1937"

SCOUTERS of districts which from time to time put on the larger types of Scout displays will be interested in the following notes on the new idea in Scout shows, "Lilliput 1937" put on by the Scouts of Sheffield, England, and outlined in advance in the March *Scout Leader*. A feature not mentioned in the summary story was the formal "opening" of the show each day by some person of note, beginning on the first day with the Lord Mayor, Mistress Cutler, who had as her chairman Mr. W. W. Boulton, M.P.

"Lilliput 1937"

Lilliput City has been torn down and its inhabitants dispersed and nothing is left but memories of a very successful four days' exhibition.

To an on-looker the thing which more than any other impressed itself was the co-operation and good feeling between all those who were working in the city. Every one went about his or her business, whether it was serving on a stall or running a side-show or simply guarding exhibits, without any fuss or grumbling.

Throughout the whole Exhibition the Committee responsible received not one complaint nor refusal of any sort on the part of those helping, and a non-scout visitor said "That the brotherly feeling and cheerfulness of everybody concerned was an example to all." "If," he said, "the big city of Sheffield could be run on such co-operative lines as Lilliput what a happy city it would be." The keen rivalry so often seen in these Exhibitions to make one's particular stall or show the most paying or the most important was entirely absent. The stallholders helped one another, supplying goods to the Cafe or the Side Shows as they were required and worked entirely for the good of the show.

This of course is a tribute to the Scout spirit, and the little Scout who just stood and guarded an exhibit contributed as much to the success as the most important official at the show.

One of the outstanding features was the enormous amount of help and work put into the Exhibition by people who were not members of the Scout Movement. It would be invidious to mention them individually, but the Association is more than grateful to them for placing their expert advice and in some cases hours of hard work at the disposal of the Scouts. We hope that they have made new friends in the Scout world and that they do not

look back upon the time and trouble they have had with anything but pleasure.

The collection of models was very comprehensive. Here again it would be invidious to pick out any, and to name them all would take up too much space, but we can truthfully say that there was no exhibit shown that was not the very best of its kind and of really great interest.

The Theatre, Cinema and Model Railway were packed, and our only regret is that they were not bigger and capable of holding more people.

There is only one criticism or perhaps two. One is that so many Scouts and I fear many Scouters came to the Exhibition not in uniform. I am quite aware that some of the older Scouters have to be careful for health reasons, about turning out in such inclement weather in uniform, but it does not apply to a large number. It seems such a pity when there is an occasion for showing publicly your faith in the movement and your membership in that movement that uniform is not worn.



A CAMP DRUM

The "Indian Drum" of the 1st Delhi Troop, Ont. One hesitates to disclose that such a work of art was originally a nail keg with its wooden bottom intact. The top was covered with chamois skin stretched on wet, after soaking three days. When dry, given several coats of banana oil. Decorations in bright colours. Drum stick covered with leather. A laced leather carrying strap. It was made by A.S.M. Fred Merriott of the Ebor Park Crows of '35, hence the Crow signature.

The second was that the displays in the theatre which were performed under very difficult circumstances owing to the noise in the hall, etc., did not come up to, with very few exceptions the high standard we expect from the Scouts. There seemed in some cases to be a lack of that finish which is brought about by good production and rehearsal.

Here again this is simply passed on in the hope that those who have undoubted talent in the group will make the best use of it, by proper rehearsals.

Financially, Lilliput was spoilt by the weather, especially the blizzard on Thursday. In spite of this the committee hope to be able to hand to the Association between £100 and £150 net profit. £100 is assured, how much more depends upon the results of the ticket selling.

—Sheffield Woodsmoke.

A Successful Jumble Sale

THE organization plan of a Jumble Sale successfully used for four years, as a means of raising Troop funds, was thus outlined by Scoutmaster H. H. Gauntlett in *The Scouter*:

The success of these small efforts has depended entirely upon the sound economic basis of their organisation. To link up Supply with Demand is the prime function of all traders, and upon this fact we base our plan of action.

Our first task is to get in touch with the supply. This is done by the issue of 2,000 circulars asking for permission to call upon the inhabitants during the week prior to the sale for any goods for which they have no further use. A list of articles is appended for the guidance of the inexperienced.

A note may be added to the effect that no goods are ever refused, however useless, for this is one of the basic principles of our sale. By collecting anything from needles to mangles, the Troop

performs a social service. People find it amazingly difficult to dispose of old mangles, bedsteads and fireplaces, and will gratefully save up all their old clothes for a Troop which relieved them of these nuisances the previous year.

Our second task is to link up with the Demand. We issue about 500 circulars of an entirely different nature, whose function is to invite the right people to our sale without giving offence. It therefore contains just the bare announcement of the sale, and is distributed in the poorer streets in the neighbourhood. Both batches of circulars should be distributed about ten days before the sale. A few window bills and posters are also a great attraction.

The third and most tiring job is the collection of the goods. On the Monday prior to the sale (which is usually held on a Saturday) the Troop sets out with two

trek-carts and calls at every house to which a circular has been delivered. The request for goods is never pressed. Refusals are taken with a cheery smile. It is a point of honour with the Troop that any promise made in connection with the sale is never overlooked, and no house to which a circular has been delivered is ever missed.

The fourth task is the preparation of the goods for sale. This is done by parents and friends on the Friday night. Every article must have a separate ticket. A good rule to remember when pricing is that clothing, particularly men's, is the most popular, while mangles, bedsteads and other heavy articles should be marked proportionately cheaper. In fact, any reasonable offer for furniture should never be refused.

When the sale is over, a friendly rag and bone man is called in and told that he can have all the goods that remain for five shillings, provided he takes everything.

Thus we see that by careful forethought our Jumble Sale can provide a substantial part of our annual income, and become a real social service.

Badge Boards

THAT Badge Boards can go very much further than merely supplying Badge Examiners has been demonstrated by the London Badge Board. Here are a few additional aids to the Scoutmaster which it has developed:—

Conducted a course in the Fireman's Badge, securing for the purpose Mr. Bishop from the Fire Marshal's Department.

Conducted a Saturday afternoon course in the special subjects of the First Class Tests.

Secured the help of the London Historical Society to conduct a Saturday afternoon hike to the historical spots in London. (Cars were secured in order to cover the ground in the limited time available.)

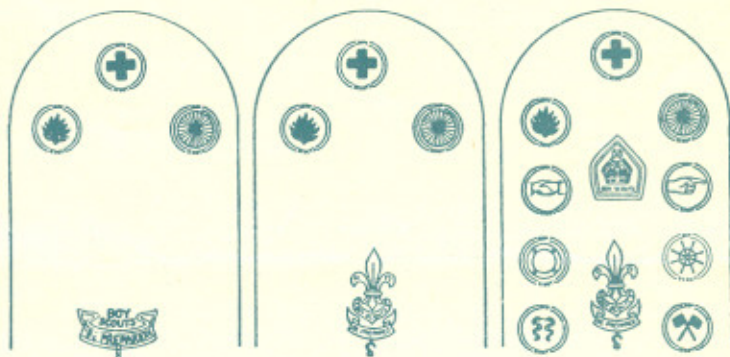
Arranged with a number of Rovers to specialize in certain subjects. The services of these Rovers will be available to Troops for a limited time on application to the Badge Board.

Prepared a three-page mimeograph circular which is given to the Scout when he receives his Second Class Badge. This circular explains clearly to the Scout what steps to take to acquire his First Class Badge. Each test is commented upon, and a clear idea given as to the standard of efficiency required.

Arranged with the St. John's Ambulance Brigade to provide instructors for Troops, and also to secure the examination at a minimum cost.

—*Western Ont. Scout News.*

Make Sure Your Coronation King's Scouts Have Their Badges Correctly Placed on the Left Arm



SECOND CLASS SCOUT - FIRST CLASS SCOUT - KING'S SCOUT

Soap Carving for Scouts

U.S. Scouting

GET some local artist or sculptor to help your A.S.M. or Senior P.L. handle this.

This can be lots of fun and an opening wedge for twig carving—wood carving—totem poles.

The great thing to watch out for is that a large size cake of ivory soap doesn't dwindle to an inch high miniature. The Scouts may get more cakes of soap from home if they will save the soap whittlings; make their mothers a soap basket out of wire or a perforated tin can and see that Mother gets the soap chips for use in the kitchen or wash tubs.

A Scout knife or sharpened hack-saw blade or linoleum chisel or sharpened umbrella rib chisel are about all the tools needed. A grainer made by notching an 8-penny wire nail that has been beaten out flat will give rough texture where needed. Remember there are two kinds of soap carving:—(1) The smooth, which resembles polished marble, and (2) the rough wood carving kind that clearly shows the knife marks, like Northwestern Indian carvings.

Have the Scouts bring to the meeting designs already drawn to fit a cake of soap. Both front and side views. Scrape one side of cake level. Use carbon paper to transfer the design to the soap. Cut straight through, much like starting a model balsa-wood airplane. Round off where necessary afterwards. Keep the planes large and simple at first. Detail only towards the end.

Let them carve their Patrol Totems. Have the Group Committee offer a Scout knife for the best carving that removes the least soap. Exhibit the carvings in a store window. (One Scout is getting 27 cents for each carving he takes to a certain book shop. His soap costs 10 cents. Profit 17 cents. Time about ¾ hour or less.)

Warning—If they carve animals, don't get the legs or tails too thin. Soap is soap and not wood.

The Small Boat

THE main thing is not the kind or type of boat so much as it is the inherent love of boats and water that lures most of us on.

The small boat has many advantages over the large "whale boats", "life boats" and large motor boats, for inland waters especially.

(1) The small boat is mobile; can be taken out of the water and with a small truck or trailer can be moved from place to place.

(2) It can be handled by a small crew.

(3) It can be used on smaller bodies of water.

(4) It costs less and it is easier to build.

(5) It costs less to keep it up.

(6) Two or more "boats" of one "class" furnish a real test of skill when handling them together.

A Sea Scout Ship should give full consideration to all the responsibilities involved in owning, using and caring for boats. There is no use to "kid" yourselves. It takes plenty of work to properly care for a boat—even a small one—and every real boatman takes a pride in keeping his craft clean, neat and seaworthy—"Ship-shape and Bristol Fashion" is the way the old Skippers put it.

—from "Region Five Skipper."

The Scout Bronze Cross, given for gallantry at serious personal risk, was awarded to a Jamaican Scout, Martin Watkis, aged 13, of the 15th St. Ann (Mount Zion) Group. Scout Watkis entered a burning house and rescued a crippled woman 90 years of age, whose presence in the building had been overlooked until the house was aflame from floor to roof.

Seventy-four Proficiency Badge Booths

MONTREAL'S quadrennial Proficiency Badge Display—this year, "The Coronation Jamboree," April 1-3,—once again demonstrated the interest-creating possibilities of such a show, for the Scouts and Cubs concerned, for supporters of the Movement, and for the general public. The exhibition was located on an open floor of the Sun Life building, whose city block of space, with windows on all sides, permitted an ideal arrangement of booths and streets, arenas for the demonstration of Cub and Scout games, a theatre and a railed-off "tea-room."

Explaining for Visitors

For the benefit of visitors the printed programme handed out at the turnstile explained:

Booths will be seen from which Scouts display the activities required for the gaining of Proficiency Badges. These badges are available to Scouts who have attained the grade of Second Class. They represent technical subjects in which the Scouts are encouraged to "brouse."

The purpose of the system is to open up lines of new interest to boys. Some of these badges, like Electrician, Engineer, Miner, and Radio Man, may lead to the development of interests which will determine a boy's trade or profession. Others cover subjects which may develop into hobbies, such as Bird Warden, Gardener, Photographer and Naturalist. Still others comprise advanced work in training already taken in an elementary way in the early stages of Scout life, such as Signaller, Ambulance Man, Knotter, etc.

Instruction in the subjects covered by Proficiency Badges is secured independently by the Scouts or by the troops. Central examinations are given, and if sufficient ability is exhibited, the badge is awarded to be worn on the sleeve of the uniform.

The same principle holds true with the Proficiency Badges open to Wolf Cubs and Rover Sea Scouts. The Cub Badges deal with activities of interest to a small boy. For the Rover Sea Scouts, advanced work in nautical subjects is required for the gaining of the badges.

The exhibition was opened by Jackson Dodds, member of the Canadian General Council and Vice-President of the District Association, and a party of other prominent Scout leaders and citizens, including Alderman R. J. Quinn, representing Mayor Raynault. An interesting observation by Alderman Quinn in the course of his remarks on behalf of the Mayor, was that the last time he had attended such a Scout

exhibition he was present as a Scout himself.

The Cub Show

The possibilities of the **Collector** Badge booth were well developed, and attracted the close attention of visitors. In addition to the usual card collections—flags, baseball and hockey players; match-book covers and the like—there were allies, spools of many kinds and sizes, tree leaves and cotton dress goods samples. One up-to-date Cub had brought a scrap-book of Coronation newspaper clippings.

A wall decoration showed the head of the Old Wolf and two Cubs, made of sliced cork.

The stamp collections were numerous. Extra interest had been added by a stamp concern's gift of 70,000 stamps. Numbers of boys were engaged in sorting them and placing them in their albums.



Full of Scout radio "Hams", buzzing, blinking and clicking, when the Editor looked in.

There were two attractive displays of flowers and shrubs in illustration of the **Gardener** Badge, one provided and arranged by a commercial firm, the other by the Ville St. Pierre Pack. In the latter something new was a Cub-made plant forcing frame covered with cellophane instead of glass. A number of Cubs were engaged in planting bulbs in pots.

The **Observer** booth featured picture collections of birds and animals, and as a background a number of stuffed wild animals loaned by the C. P. R.—a beaver, wolf, badger, otter and owl. Small fish of various kinds, labelled, and water plants were shown in eleven glass aquariums. House Orderlies, First-aiders and Toy Makers carried on in other booths.

Scout Booths

Space would not permit a detailed description of the 62 Scout booths. One of the first to attract the attention of

visitors was **World Friendship**, appropriately in charge of the Troop of the Church of All Nations. Of particular interest were collections of envelopes, mounted on large cards, received by boys of the troop in correspondence with Scouts in other countries. Decorations included the Fourth Scout Law in Polish, Hungarian, Roumanian, German, Ukrainian, Serbian, French and Czechoslovakian.

Sewing and other actual work was in progress in the **Bookbinding** booth operated by Scouts of the Aquinas Troop. They offered to bind sets of *The Scout Leader* brought to them during the show.

The native artistry of Greek Scouts found its opportunity in the **Woodworker** and **Artist** booths, where some exceptional fretwork was shown, and a four-foot model bridge. An interesting example of Bratik work—a Scout subject painted on silk, visible from either side—also was the production of a member of the "Socrates" Troop.

Here they specialized in laundering neckerchiefs and pressing Scout Hats.



Troop and patrol snapshot albums in the **Photographer's** booth reminded of the interesting souvenir value of such collections. In most cases the covers were made of thin sheets of wood appropriately decorated.

One of the arresting displays was that of the combined **Poultryman-Farmer** booth prepared by St. Matthias' Troop. This was a miniature farm, some 12 feet by six, "complete in all details." There was a three-storey red brick farmhouse, with several old people seated in chairs on the front verandah; a woodshed and woodpile; poultry houses, pig-pens, an implement shed, a large barn; fenced in stockyards; cattle, horses and fowl. In an open-front milk shed three cows were being milked by three milk maids. At the kitchen door a milk cart with cans of milk was about to leave, presumably for the creamery. Behind the barn stood a windmill. The green fields were divided by fencing and lanes. From the woodland

in one corner emerged a team of stout horses pulling a load of logs.

The house and smaller buildings had been contributed by boys of the troop owning miniature railroad sets; the cattle, horses, fowl and human figures came from the same source. The large white barn was made of a box shingled with "old Scout show tickets," the sides clapboarded with narrow folds of paper towels, the whole painted.

The **Laundrymen** of the University Settlement Troop ironed Scout neckerchiefs and pressed Scout hat brims on order. A wash tub and a wash board plus plain elbow grease from time to time demonstrated ability at the homely task of "washing."

Archery and Basket Making combined effectively with "Indians" in gorgeous head dresses and a tom-tom drumming inside an Indian tepee. All the head dresses shown were made by their owners; it was explained that boys were not allowed to wear these unless made by themselves. A realistic picture was presented by a tall young Indian brave busy scraping at an ash bow, in its final shaping.

Camping was convincingly presented by the Storer Troop, with a full size balsam lean-to and a display of much-used but clean and tidily arranged hiking and camping kit. The troop's Tamaracouta Camp of last summer was reproduced in a five-foot-square scale model, complete in all details.

An appetizing aroma attracted attention to a companion booth where two **Camp Cook** Scouts of Notre Dame de Grace cooked and flipped real pancakes over realistic campfires (in the centre of which were electric plates).

Another working booth was that of the **Bird Warden**, where Scouts of La Salle and MacKay Institute (deaf and dumb) worked skilfully at making bird boxes—a task they had been carrying on steadily from the opening of the show. The booth furnishings included winter feeding boxes and a collection of old birds' nests.

In other booths **Masons** built walls and took them down all day, **Handymen** fixed old locks and puttied glass into a window frame, **Metal Workers** worked at a woodcraft knife, and **Knotters**, attired in gypsy costumes by way of colour, volunteered to tie any knot called for by passers-by.

The possibility of developing a "traditional" troop hobby was illustrated by the **Prospector** booth of St. Aiden's Troop. The large number of rock specimens shown, and the well used prospecting tools, told of many hikes over a number of years.

An excellent new idea shown in the **Safety Man's** booth of St. Raphael's Troop was a scrapbook of "Accidents That Could Have Been Prevented."



Some outdoor Proficiency Badge work in B. C. 1. A bridge built in two days at their Kootenay Lake camp by the Scouts of Nelson. District Commissioner Dronsfield trying it out. 2. Securing the winter wood supply for the Nelson Scout Hall.

This is one of the test requirements in the Montreal District, with explanations as to how the accidents could have been avoided.

A busy and enterprising staff of Rover Scout Club reporters and editors demonstrated the **Journalist** badge by the publication several times a day of *The Jamboree Buzz*. The paper, run off on a mimeograph, printed on both sides of one sheet, was distributed free. From time to time reporters circulated through the aisles picking up news items at various booths and buttonholing visitors for comments on the show.

An eminently practical method of familiarizing embryo Scout astronomers with the more important constellations was shown in the **Starman** booth of St. Andrew's Troop. This was a series of black cloth wall frames, points of light from hidden lamps showing different constellations. Another interesting feature was a home-made planetarium.

Doubtless suggested by the opening of the exhibition on April 1st,—was a covered box bearing an invitation to look

inside to see "all the principal stars,"—which, on opening, proved to be movie stars. A second box alleged to contain the most important star, disclosed *The Montreal Star*. Possibly this was a bit of advertising return for the annual Christmas Toy Shop cartoon annually contributed by the well known cartoonist, A. C. Racey, of that paper.

The various badges associated with Rover Sea Scouting were grouped in several booths—**Shantyman**, **Watchman** and **Weatherman**; **Knotter**, **Rigger**, **Marline Spike Seaman**, etc. A mast was in readiness for running up weather signals; wall charts showed different types of buoys and signal lights. There were several excellent ship, yacht and boat models, including one of the "James Caird," and a collection of excellent models of bell buoys, spar, conical and gas buoys made by Quebec City Sea Scouts. In the **Boat Builder** section was an old dinghy bottom up, minus several planks awaiting replacement. Moving pictures showed various Sea Scout activities.

Some Camp Preliminaries

DISCUSS with your Court of Honour and your Group Committee. Make full use of the latter. Suggest that each member be given something specific to look after.—

Arrangements for use of camp site, if necessary.

Finances.

Provisions, and delivery at camp.

Tents, if to be purchased, borrowed or rented.

Transportation.

If a New Camp Site

Look it over well ahead of time, checking on the following points:—

Accessible but secluded.

Ground that will drain readily.

Protection on the summer-storm side.

Suitability for general woodcraft activities.

Pure water.

Pure milk supply.

Wood supply.

Safe swimming.

Resident doctor within reach.

Visit the Old Camp

Check up on:—

All arrangements with respect to use of site, rental, wood supply, price, etc.

Milk, butter, eggs, vegetables and meat supply and prices.

Make sure of the doctor's availability.

With last year's experiences in mind, improve on tent location if possible.

Inspect the swimming places for broken bottles, cans, snags, etc., which may have been deposited during the intervening months.

Don't assume anything to be understood because it was understood last year!

Rovers and Mother's Day

(Sunday, May 9)

A WESTERN Rover thus tells of a Mother's Day programme of his Crew: On Mother's Day last year each Rover took his own Mother to church. We met beforehand and attended service in a body. Also we supplied flowers for the Altar. After the service we adjourned to a private home for a short sing-song and refreshments. Before breaking up each Rover presented his Mother with a bouquet of flowers. The affair was a great success, and we intend to make it an annual event.

A Crew Record in Producing Leaders?

THIS is the remarkable record in producing leaders offered by the 3rd Fredericton (St. Anne's) Rovers:—

Present S.M. and R.L. of 3rd Fredericton; C.M. of St. Anne's Cubs; S.M. of St. Andrew's Troop (Presbyterian); S.M. Wilmot (United) Troop; S.M. George St. Baptist Troop; C.M. Wilmot (United) Cubs; S.M. Devon Community Troop; S.M. Nashwaaksis Troop; S.M. McAdam Community Troop; C.M. Moncton Pack; Group Committeeman. Seven others assist different troops and packs in various ways. Six have the Rambler's Badge.

The Crew is now taking St. John Ambulance work under an R.C.M.P. instructor.

Here's a New Handicapped Scout Quest

THE carrying of Scouting to physically handicapped boys in scattered homes throughout the province is the interesting project recently launched by the Scout Association of Prince Edward Island, under the inspiration of Provincial President L. D. Murray. The announcement was made in a letter to President J. M. Murley of the Charlottetown Rotary Club, inviting the Rotarians to assist in advancing the scheme, as a project related to the club's established work for crippled children.

According to the announcement, the P.E.I. Scout Association has sanctioned the formation of patrols and troops to provide properly supervised Scout training "to all handicapped and lone boys."

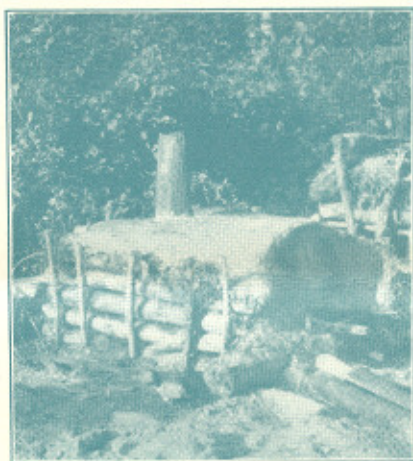
Regarding the specific value of Scouting to handicapped boys, the letter quotes a famous English orthopedic surgeon, Dr. W. E. Henderson, County Medical Officer of Health for Westmoreland, as saying that the "two most dangerous reefs" for the handicapped boy are segregation and invalidism, and that through Scouting the disabled child gets what to him is most valuable contact with other

boys in the big world outside his bedroom or hospital ward.

"To the handicapped boy it is wonderfully heartening and an effective antidote to invalidism and self-pity, to say, 'I too am a Scout,—a member of a brotherhood that stretches round the world.'"

Efforts have been reported from British Columbia and Ontario to develop a scheme of follow-up Scouting attention for young members of hospital Post Scout troops after their return home. The plan to seek out crippled boys in isolated places, and give them Scouting in co-operation with the established crippled children work of Rotary clubs, is a new and promising phase of a peculiarly appropriate form of Scout helpfulness "for other people."

Rovers especially might well study the possibilities of the plan, as a Crew or personal "Quest."



The improvised oven that cooked various things, and pies, at last year's Manitoba Gilwell. Not that the husky Manitobans needed pies, or demanded pies. Just to show that Gilwellians could make a stove that would make pies. Of course they weren't wasted.

THE '36 MARITIME GILWELL

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lined up with the tops of their natural wood staves carved into owl heads, and later appeared at the council fire with a stuffed barred owl, mysteriously acquired, which they challengingly planted out in front of their patrol log. On the same occasion, being duty patrol, they presented the Camp Chief with a fire programme elaborately done in the form of a large owl of birch bark.

An effort to divert the stream to stop erosion of the bank, for the benefit of future users of their camp site, won service commendation for the Foxes. The attempt involved early-daylight work with spade and shovel in the heavy gravel of the stream bed. With the same object of saving the bank, a ladder was made and placed against its face, for the use of water carriers.

The handicap of a site having several problem features, including heavy gravel and the lack of natural screening, gave the Crows an opportunity of demonstrating a Scouting spirit which could not be discouraged, and which won a special flag souvenir at the end of the camp.

Patrol calls were used effectively, and were often heard as challenging notes between sessions.

The council fire circle was notably picturesque, as a result of a supply of Indian-type blankets of many bright colours loaned by the Saint John District. The programmes of certain evenings were almost of professional quality; two exceptional tenors, of radio broadcasting experience, added a finish to a well balanced male chorus. Nightly visiting neighbours and motor parties from Sussex increased rapidly, until the later fires were surrounded by a packed audience. The visitors were always invited to join in certain songs, and the result, with the addition of many ladies' voices, was most pleasing and enjoyable.

There appeared no doubt but that the welcomed attendance of these visitors made a very favourable impression upon the district for many miles around.

A sad note was the death during the camp of Scoutmaster L. W. Smith, of the neighbouring Sussex Corners Troop. Representatives of the Course attended the funeral, and joined the fine, smartly uniformed group of 25 boys as honorary pallbearers, to accompany the cortege to the little country cemetery. At that night's council fire a tribute was paid by Quartermaster George Scott to the late leader, and the splendid service he had rendered the boys of his community. "The End of a Boy Scout Day" was sung, followed by a tribute of silence.

A plentiful supply of birch gave plenty of scope in the making of gadgets, including a Camp Chief's chair of throne-like proportions. This was ceremoniously carried to the fire circle each evening by the duty patrol, and mysteriously returned to its place before the Chief's tent in the darkness of the night.

The eastern tip of the high bluff some 600 feet above the camp permitted an opportunity of demonstrating the interest of distant flag signalling, in both Semaphore and Morse. The signallers were Scout Brown of Minto and a member of the camp staff.

Much appreciated lecture contributions were made by District Commissioner Arthur T. Woolley, in charge of first-aid work at the Minto mines, N.B., with a talk on camp accidents; by Assistant District Commissioner F. Arthur Willet

of Toronto, on the organization of Proficiency Badge work, and by Major K. S. Kennedy, of Hampton, on New Brunswick bird life. The staff lecturers included Assistant Provincial Commissioner Eli Boyaner, District Commissioner George Scott and Provincial Secretary Joseph Guss of Saint John, Field Secretary Herbert Greenaway of Nova Scotia, and F. E. L. Coombs, Ottawa.

A notable visitor was Chief Justice J. B. M. Baxter of Saint John, Provincial President of the Scout Association of New Brunswick. One group of callers consisted of staff officers from the provincial military camp at Sussex, who were much interested in the camp gadget display and the excellence of the sanitary arrangements.

A sweeping stretch of country, of wooded hills and winding roads and a

number of old and deserted farmhouses, provided an ideal terrain for the First Class Journey. Two patrols spent most of the night prowling around the tumble down house and outbuildings of a "haunted" farm, seeking a clue to the location of certain hidden treasure. A mystery patrol of Sussex Rovers added perplexing complications.

The reports presented at the Journey camp fire comprised the customary humorous recriminations and explanations; the surrendering of items of equipment mysteriously lost by other patrols; tales of adventure with suspicious farmers and equally suspicious dogs; the alibi of the patrol which always gets lost—all the innumerable happenings which make the Gilwell Journey something to be talked of wherever Gilwellians meet for years to come.

The Q.M.'s Chat

Brother Scouters:

I want first of all to express my very sincere thanks for the many letters sent me in appreciation of the new Catalogue. These tokens of goodwill have been so numerous that I have found it impossible to answer all individually. Their receipt has repaid me fully for the added work involved in compiling this year's list, so again I repeat, thank you.

I also want to express my appreciation for the prompt manner in which "Applications for Copies" were sent in, which enabled us to make a Canada wide distribution in record time. Slightly more than 60,000 Catalogues have been shipped forward at this time (April 27th), and others are going out in each mail.

To those of you who may still require extra copies, by all means ask us to send them, and to those who may possibly find themselves with a surplus number, please return them, at the Stores Department's expense, in order that they may be used for other centres.

Judging by the tremendous demand at this time for uniforms, it seems an assured fact that all members of the Association will not only play a very conspicuous and important part in the Coronation celebrations, but will turn out smartly and officially uniformed, a credit to Scouting and to their community.

Now as May 12th draws near, the day on which our King and Queen will be crowned, let us all re-dedicate ourselves, as their Majesties will do, to God and the Empire. Let us as Boy Scouts repeat the Scout Law and let us all join in with the millions of the Empire in singing "God Save the King". May his reign be long and fruitful, and may he witness an ever increasing membership in the Boy Scouts Association, of which he is our Patron. "Vive le Roi!"

Yours in Scouting,

George L. Lumsden
Q.M.

A recent report of public service by Scottish Scouts records the gathering last summer of 506 sacks of mountain moss for Lady Haig's "poppy factory." The moss is used by war-crippled men in making Poppy Day wreaths. The collecting of the moss represented many miles of hiking and climbing by a large number of Scouts and Rovers.

A Week-End Camp Announcement

HERE is a good example of a "WEEK-END CAMP UNDER CANVAS" announcement and application form. It was used last year by the Windsor District.

1. Registration of arrival at the Camp will be started at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, June 27th, and if possible EVERYONE SHOULD BE REGISTERED IN CAMP BY 12 o'clock. Those having paper routes or who are working late may come out when they finish. DO NOT STAY AWAY FROM THE CAMP BECAUSE YOU CAN'T BE THERE AT THE REQUIRED TIME. Even if you can't get out until Sunday morning—COME!! We will break Camp immediately after dinner Sunday evening.
2. A sketch map of the route to Camp is given below. Follow it carefully and it will take you directly to the camp.
3. A Camp Canteen will be open at scheduled times.
4. Final instructions will be sent to your Leader before Camp time.
5. The first meal cooked at the Camp will be Dinner, Saturday afternoon. YOU WILL NEED TO BRING A LUNCH WITH YOU SATURDAY MORNING.
6. Group Committeemen and Leaders are asked to fill in Application Forms and return with their fifty cents; this is necessary so as to have exact recordings of those attending.
7. You will need the following personal equipment:—Knife, fork and spoon, plate, cup and bowl, towel, soap, toothbrush and paste, extra socks and shirt. Optional articles:—Notebook and pencil, flashlight, lariat, camera, etc.
8. NO APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THE CAMP FEE. No one will be accepted at the Camp without having sent in their Application at the proper time.
9. THE SCOUT LAWS ARE THE LAWS OF THIS CAMP,—anyone breaking these rules will be sent home immediately.
(Map of route, and camp layout, showing location of Headquarters, with arrow and legend, "Register Here!").

FOLD AND DETACH THIS FORM

I hereby agree with the Rules of the Camp and am willing to have my son attend. He is in good health and not subject to any disease or disability. He will abide by the above regulations. Enclosed HERewith IS THE CAMP FEE OF FIFTY CENTS.

(Signed).....

TROOP No.....

Parent or Guardian

NAME OF APPLICANT.....

THIS APPLICATION WITH CAMP FEE MUST BE IN HANDS OF J. N. NICKELL, Camp Secretary, NOT LATER THAN SATURDAY, JUNE 20th at 5 p.m.

Return Address—3 Ouellette Avenue.

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.

MAY'S SCOUT CALENDAR

1st—May Day and a Saturday! A May Day Hike!

9th—Mother's Day Sunday. Plan some special Scout recognition,—as each boy secure his Mother a bouquet from his own funds, and accompany her to church in uniform.

11th—Final check-up on Coronation Celebration plans.

12th—CORONATION DAY.
THE SCOUT BEACON.

24th—Victoria Day, and a Monday. A week-end Hike or Camp. A District or Group Scout Field Day.

DURING THE MONTH

Tree planting.

Finish local clean-ups.

Say something about Summer Camp at every meeting.

Gardener's Badge candidates start their 12 x 12 plots.

If there's a local market, put on a Camp Fund Wastepaper Drive.

Five Saturdays for Hikes. Continue the April series of competitive Patrol Observation Hikes. Feature cooking—at least one item planned for and well cooked.

Hike Cocoa

MIX cocoa and a little condensed milk to a smooth paste. Stir slowly into your hot water and add the rest of the milk after the cocoa starts to boil. Let it boil for a couple of minutes, stirring constantly. A Tenderfoot puts in the milk first. Some of it sticks to the bottom of the billy—result, that scorched flavour.

Investiture's Opportunity For Meeting Parents

A NOTABLY successful Ontario Scoutmaster supplies these details of contacts with parents in connection with the entry of a boy into his troop:

When a recruit is ready for investiture, a letter invites the father and mother to the meeting at which the investiture will take place. The Group Ladies' Auxiliary is notified, and they have a representative present to act as hostess.

This practice has proved an effective way of introducing Scouting, and the

Scoutmaster, to the parents. Frequently the contact results in an invitation to the Scouter to visit the parents some evening, for a chat, over a cup of tea, regarding the lad's progress, some characteristics that may need a little attention, etc. The resulting co-operation of parents and Scouters has been mutually helpful in developing the best in the boy. Parents always have been ready and willing to do their part.

In one particular case, where the lad became something of a troop nuisance, and his P.L. was emphatic that he should be "tossed out," a talk with the boy's mother helped to an understanding of the boy, and the lad today is Second of the patrol under the P.L. who wanted him ousted.

Some Outdoor Game References

FOLLOWING is a selected list of outdoor games published in numbers of The Scout Leader back to 1930:—

Letter Observation, Jan. 1930.

A Good Winter Treasure Hunt, Feb. 1930.

The Explorer, The Lost Explorers, The Treasure Hunt, June 1930.

Defending the Fort, Observation, Wolves v. Jackals, Sept. 1931.

A Disguise Game, Gold Rush, May-June, 1933.

Another First Aid Game, An Outdoor Meeting Campfire Game, Sept. 1933.

Use Your Eyes, Sept. 1934.

A Night of Outdoor Games: Impromptu First Aid, Iddy-Umpy, Adventure, Jan. 1935.

Compass and Knot Game, Feb. 1935, Gilwell Journey Game, Oct. 1935.

A Patrol Hike Competition, March, 1936.

A Wide Game With Imagination, April 1936.

Treasure Hunt by Sail

DID you ever hear of a treasure hunt by sail boat? Well, it is being done by the S.S. "Grey Eagle," of Davenport, Iowa. Each Crew had two sail boats and a canoe at its disposal. Each Crew worked apart from the other and started at a different point. The object was to piece together the map which was the key to the treasure. The Sea Scouts camped overnight, continuing their search until the allotted time.

We think this is a great stunt—good activity for a week-end cruise, and has possibilities for all kinds of Sea Scouting and camping activities.

—U.S. Scouting.

A Cub Law Playlet for Parents' Night

HERE is a delightful Cub Law idea for a Parents' Night. It was developed and used by Cubmaster Harrison of the 5th Toronto.

Akela in centre of room with new boy. All other Cubs out of room. Akela is teaching the Law, but recruit is having great difficulty in memorising it. After several attempts at teaching, Akela leaves the boy with instructions to keep saying it to himself until mastered. Recruit continues to try, but finally gives up and falls asleep.

Cubs enter room and form circle for Dance of Baloo. They dance round the sleeping boy, repeating the Cub Law. After several repetitions Cubs withdraw, leaving recruit in centre alone.

Recruit awakes. Looks around and sees nobody. Must have been a dream! Repeats, "The Cub gives in to the Old Wolf. The Cub does not give in to himself." Calls Akela. "Akela, Akela, I know it! I know it!" and runs out of room to find Akela, repeating loudly, "The Cub gives in to the Old Wolf. The Cub does not give in to himself."

CAMP COOKING TESTS

To be passed before June 1, 1937

Article	Cooked O.K.	Signed
1—OATMEAL.....		
2—HUNTERS' STEW.....		
3—POTATOES (2 STYLES).....		
4—EGGS (2 STYLES).....		
5—BACON.....		
6—BEANS.....		
7—BANNOCK.....		
8—STEAK.....		
9—SAUSAGE.....		
10—FISH.....		
11—ROAST, OR POT ROAST.....		
12—PRUNES, APRICOTS, OR DRIED APPLES.....		
13—TEA.....		
14—COCOA.....		
15—COFFEE.....		