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## Message of Thanks to Canadian Scouts from Imperial Headquarters in London

From GLAD BINCHAM  
International Commissioner, Imperial  
Boy Scout Headquarters, London

*Note to Scouters*—Please read this to your Scouts or Cubs at an early meeting.

Dear Brother Scouts,

We have had the great pleasure of having amongst us this summer that truly lovable Brother Scout and your Chief Executive, John Stiles. All through the dark years of the war John Stiles has kept us inspired by the noble work you have done in Canada for many different causes. I would like if I may to enumerate a few of the kindly gifts you have made to Brother Scouts in Europe.

1. *Seeds that grow.* From time to time my office is stacked with valuable parcels of seeds that have arrived from Scouts and Cubs and other sympathisers in Canada and which we have sent out to Brother Scouts in the United Kingdom. When I tell you that it has been one of the greatest difficulties during the war to get seeds you will realise how by this magnificent gesture of yours you stepped into the breach and helped very considerably to feed the Old Country. In many of these parcels we have found many touching notes and kindly wishes from Scouts and Cubs alike, so you can well imagine how these personal gestures have touched the hearts of us all very considerably. I am sending back by our good friend John Stiles a small piece of film which actually shows you the result of some of these Canadian seeds, and we must not forget in our thanks to you the seedsmen of Canada who have raised and procured such splendid samples.

2. *The Chins-Up Fund.* It is difficult to find words to express our appreciation and thanks to you for this noble Fund. We have been able to administer and are administering real practical help to Brother Scouts in the late occu-

pied countries mainly through this Fund. You are many thousands of miles away and I know it is difficult for you to visualise the extent of the work this valuable Fund is doing, but I am confident you would be inspired to carry on with this noble work could you be in my office sometime in London where every day we have fresh evidence of the terrible plight of our

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Headquarters, its func-  
tions and the people who  
work there.

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IN 1935, TO COMMEMORATE THE VISIT OF LORD BADEN-POWELL TO CANADA, CANADIAN MAPLES WERE PLANTED AT GILWELL PARK IN ENGLAND. HERE, LORD ROWALLAN IS SEEN TRANSPLANTING ONE OF THEM IN A NEW LOCATION IN PARK.



## The Scout Leader

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### Dominion Headquarters— Behind the Scenes

A LARGE part of this issue of *The Scout Leader* has been given over to outlining the functions of Dominion Headquarters and its various departments. To numbers of Scouters, Dominion Headquarters is unfortunately a remote institution, the existence of which they know, but the functions of which they are little aware. This issue endeavours to picture what Dominion Headquarters is, what it exists for, and what its functions are in the Movement in Canada.

Every organization with unit branches in all parts of the country has a national headquarters. The Scout Movement, with large membership in all provinces has its national headquarters in the Capital City. The selection of Ottawa as the home of Dominion Headquarters was made only after due consideration of the services the office must render. The fact that Ottawa is the home of the Governor-General, who is the Chief Scout for Canada, was no doubt one of the reasons why it was selected, but Ottawa as the seat of government, is also a centre of information and technical material which Scouting needs.

The Scout Movement in Canada is built upon the same democratic lines as Canadian Confederation. The principal authority lies with the national headquarters, but each Provincial Association is autonomous within the framework of the policy, organization and rules set forth by the National Executive.

Dominion Headquarters exists primarily to be of service to Scouting in a national way, and in exactly the same manner, the Provincial and District Associations exist solely to be of service in the Province or District.

To maintain uniformity, certain functions must remain the prerogative of Dominion Headquarters. These

functions, broadly speaking are:

(a) General policy, executive leadership, personnel, and liaison between the Association and the Chief Scout, through the office of the Chief Executive Commissioner.

(b) Publications of a national character, text books, etc., public relations and publicity, through the Editorial and Publications Dept.

(c) Maintenance of a national training policy, and provision for training opportunities and assistance in co-operation with the Provinces, through the Training Department.

(d) The standardization, purchasing and sale of Scout supplies, through the Stores Department.

These Departments are headed by the following men, all of whom have long and wide experience in Scouting.

Chief Executive Commissioner, John A. Stiles, O.B.E.

Editor of Publications, Frank E. L. Coombs.

Commissioner for Training, W. L. Currier, Jr.

Dominion Quartermaster, George Ferguson.

Each Department is dealt with in a separate article, and it is the hope of *The Scout Leader* will help provide a wider understanding and new conception of what Dominion Headquarters is, and what it does in the task of maintaining, expanding and servicing the Boy Scout Movement in Canada.

### Church P.L. and T.L. Investiture Impressive Affair

"I HAVE seldom seen as impressive and appropriate Scout investiture as that which I witnessed at St. George's Mission Church in Kingston," writes Arthur Jackson, Field Commissioner for Eastern Ontario.

"This small church sponsors the 3rd Kingston Group, and the congregation does everything in its power to make the boys happy and comfortable in the church.

"At this investiture, the T.L. was first invested by the S.M. assisted by the Rector, before the altar in the sanctuary. During the whole ceremony I could not help but realize I was watching the fulfilment of a Scout life. The tall boy behind the candle light had reached the end of a long Scouting trail, and was standing in the presence of family and friends, before the church altar solemnly repeating his Law and Promise in the light of his new duties as T.L.

"Six P.L.s next marched reverently



### To Higher Service

Glen Caldwell, 20, RCAF, Scout,  
Reston, Manitoba.

FO Thomas H. Dibb, 30, RCAF,  
King's Scout, 1st London, Rover Scout,  
1st and 6th London.

FO Lindsay L. Guthrie, 23, RCAF,  
Rover Scout, 62nd Winnipeg.

PO Robert T. Hemmons, 27, RCAF,  
ASM Wawanesa, Man.

Major Henry W. Hook, 46, Winnipeg  
Grenadiers, King's Scout, 2nd Winni-  
peg.

F. Sgt. Kenneth McMurchy, 18, RC  
AF, Scout, Cubmaster, 1st Reston,  
Man.

Pte. Edward Olinick, 18, CA, Cub,  
Scout, 1st Reston, Man.

WO George Stevenson, 26, RCAF,  
PL, Wawanesa, Man.

Sgmn. Richard G. Sweeting, 26,  
Scout, ASM, Gull Lake, Sask.

AB William C. Wallace, 23, RCNVR,  
Scout, Wawanesa, Man.

down the aisle escorted by two A.S.M.s. All accepted the responsibility of Patrol leadership before the candlelit table, were invested with their badges, and then knelt while the Scout Chaplain offered prayer asking for strength and guidance in their new responsibility.

"It wasn't so much the form of the investiture," the Field Commissioner adds, "for I have seen similar in the past. It was the setting and the willingness on the part of the boys to publicly declare their intentions as boy leaders.

"Then, too, following the ceremony I was struck with the quiet enthusiasm of the assembled parents and the pride of the few in the manliness of their own boys. Lastly, I had witnessed the public declaration for Scouting by the young men who were a product of our training. They were not twelve year olds, but all topped fourteen and the Troop Leader beyond sixteen."

We publish this report because we believe it tells the story of one way to impress the Scout with the seriousness of his work, and parents with the true meaning of Scouting.



## Fourth Largest Museum in B.C. Operated by Scouts



RESPONDING TO A NEWSPAPER EDITORIAL ASKING WHY KELOWNA, B.C. HAD NO MUSEUM, THE 2ND KELOWNA TROOP DECIDED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. THE RESULTS OF THEIR EFFORTS ARE SEEN IN THE ABOVE PICTURES. TOP CENTRE IS THE OLD BARN THEY CONVERTED, AND THE OTHER PICTURES SHOW THE VARIOUS EXHIBITS IN THE MUSEUM WHICH HAS ATTRACTED WIDE ATTENTION, AND AS THE CAPTION OVER THE PICTURES SAYS, IS NOW THE FOURTH LARGEST MUSEUM IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

THE enterprise of a Boy Scout Troop has given to British Columbia its newest and fourth largest museum. The museum was conceived, organized and is sponsored by the 2nd Kelowna, B.C., Troop.

It all resulted from an editorial in the Kelowna *Courier* which asked "Where is Kelowna's Museum?". To the 40 members of the 2nd Troop this was a challenge, and they set to work immediately. The City Council gave them an old barn, but it was hardly suited to the purposes of housing museum pieces. But did that daunt the 2nd Kelowna Troop? Not a bit. They went about fixing it up so that it would do the job that was wanted.

In today's museum is represented hundreds of hours of planning and hard work in preparing the building. Next there was the task of securing the exhibits. Kelowna and Okanagan Valley

citizens turned in solidly behind the Scouts, and in an amazingly short time literally thousands of items were donated or loaned to the Museum.

From attics and woodsheds, cellars and old trunks, citizens searched out relics of the past, stuffed birds and animals, collections of various kinds.

For instance there is a magnificent collection of 700 Okanagan Valley butterflies, ranging in size from almost a pinpoint up to the huge Tiger Moth and Swallow Tail specimens.

And there are Indian relics, stuffed animals and birds of all kinds. However the pictures tell the story far better than we can describe it.

When the 2nd Kelowna Troop opened their museum a lot of people came along to see it. It must be admitted that a lot of them came because they felt it was the right thing to support the boys. But what they saw in the museum opened

their eyes, and they went away enthused and determined to lend a hand. And so today the 2nd Kelowna Troop's museum is preserving for the Okanagan Valley a record of pioneer days, and of the bird, animal and other wild life of the community.

Mayor Stanley Lewis of Ottawa spoke at a recent Scout Night of the Kemptville Rotary Club, and made a number of presentations to Scouts for proficiency.

A Scout hockey league with teams divided into two weight groups is being planned for Calgary this winter.

1st Kelowna, B.C., Troop had a three day mountain camp in August. Trout fishing was reported to be remarkably good.



## BEHIND THE SCENES AT D.H.Q.

## The Chief Executive Commissioner's Office

THE Executive head of Scouting in Canada is the Chief Executive Commissioner, Mr. John A. Stiles, O.B.E. All large organizations have both titular heads and executive heads. The titular heads of the Boy Scouts Association are the Chief Scout, His Excellency, the Governor-General, the President, Dr. H. J. Cody, and the Dominion Commissioner, Mr. J. F. M. Stewart.

The actual business administration of the organization is vested in a full time employee, who is designated the Chief Executive Commissioner.

**The Chief Executive**

Mr. Stiles showed a lively interest in Scouting in its early days in Canada, and at the time he was called to Ottawa and Dominion Headquarters, he was the Provincial Commissioner for New Brunswick. A civil engineer by profession, Mr. Stiles was Dean of the Faculty of Applied Science at the University of New Brunswick when induced to come to Ottawa in June, 1919. For some years Mr. Stiles served as Assistant to the Dominion Commissioner, and on the death of this officer, Dr. James W. Robertson, Mr. Stiles became the first Chief Executive Commissioner.

**Duties are Numerous**

The duties of the Chief Executive are numerous and varied. The mere recital of them will hardly serve to show their real importance. However it might be pointed out that the principal decisions of the organization must finally have his approval, and he must act as chief adviser to the Dominion Executive Board, which is the governing body of the Movement in this country.

Mr. Stiles deals with all correspondence which affects the organization as a whole. He attends all sessions of the Executive Board and advises the members of that Board on matters of Scouting in all its phases. The Board is composed of men from various walks of life, many of whom rely upon Mr. Stiles for the interpretation of their decisions as they apply to practical Scouting.

**Is Liaison Officer**

The Chief Executive is the liaison officer handling relations between Canadian Scouting, Imperial Headquarters in London, the Boy Scouts of America and the Scout Movement in other parts of the world.

As the representative of the Scout



TOP, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER AT HIS DESK. MIDDLE LEFT, R. C. STEVENSON OF MONTREAL PRESIDING AT A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. ALSO IN THE PICTURE ARE ELI BOYANER, PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER FOR NEW BRUNSWICK, AND R. O. CUTLER, DISTRICT COMMISSIONER FOR HALIFAX, WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING. MIDDLE RIGHT, A. D. BEATTIE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT. LOWER LEFT, MISS P. FRINK, MR. BEATTIE'S SECRETARY, AND RIGHT, MISS LOIS BACKS, MR. STILES' SECRETARY.

Movement he is a Director of the Canadian Youth Commission, a member of the Canadian Forestry Association, and also represents the organization frequently at special gatherings related to youth.

**Handles Staff Appointments**

To him falls the final responsibility for hiring the employees of the Canadian General Council, and frequently he is asked by Provincial Councils to act in a similar capacity. He interviews all prospective staff members, outlines their duties and supervises their work.

Mr. Stiles receives and discusses Scout matters with scores of visitors at Dominion Headquarters, many of them actively associated with Scouting and many connected with organizations related in some way to Scouting or its activities.

**The Chief Scout**

One of the most important tasks of the Chief Executive is to act as the liaison officer between the Scout Move-

ment and the Chief Scout. It is not permissible for a Scout or Scouter to approach the Chief Scout on matters relating to the Movement. These matters must all pass first through the Chief Executive Commissioner's office.

As is generally known the French Roman Catholic Scouts of the Province of Quebec have their own organization, affiliated with the Canadian General Council, recognizing the Chief Scout and following Policy, Organization and Rules. Mr. Stiles also handles relations between this Group, and the parent body.

**Delivers Many Addresses**

Naturally there is a tremendous amount of routine office work attached to this office, but one of the heaviest duties is that of representing the Association as speaker before numerous bodies, Scout and otherwise. During the course of the year Mr. Stiles delivers scores of addresses both in Canada and the United States.

In connection with his liaison work



he spent many weeks in Great Britain this past summer.

Mr. Stiles keeps in touch with all professional Scouters in Canada through a monthly publication *The Canadian Scout Executive* which he edits and distributes.

#### The Executive Assistant

Detailed work of the Chief Executive's office has become so heavy in recent years that it was decided to appoint an Executive Assistant to lift from the Chief Executive's shoulders some of the routine work of the office.

For this position Mr. Albert Beattie was selected. Mr. Beattie was principal of a public school prior to coming to Dominion Headquarters and was active, and still is in Scout work.

#### The Assistant's Duties

Mr. Beattie is known as the Executive Assistant. His duties include the handling of all matters relating to retirement pensions and group insurance for Scout Executives and other employees of the Association throughout the Dominion.

He handles all correspondence relating to materials for sale by the War Assets Corporation, and of course in recent months the correspondence in this connection has been exceptionally heavy.

All correspondence coming to the Chief Executive Commissioner's office passes through Mr. Beattie's hands, and he relieves the Chief Executive of the task of answering all routine letters.

He assists in the preparation for, and keeping minutes of the Dominion Executive Board, and Executive Committee meetings, and also the Annual meeting.

Mr. Beattie also compiles the statistics of census returns, badges earned, etc., for the annual report.

In the absence of Mr. Stiles from the office the Executive Assistant handles all routine office correspondence, and refers urgent matters to Mr. Stiles, wherever he may be.

Finally he gives whatever assistance time will permit to other departments at Dominion Headquarters.

#### "To Do a Good Turn to Somebody—"

THE 1st Toronto Pack opened their fall season by donating the summer holiday dues to the *Evening Telegram's* British War Victims' Fund. While on holidays during the summer, the Pack members put aside their weekly dues the same as though regular meetings were held. This procedure is being followed by many Groups and many charities are benefitting.



IN CHARGE OF DOMINION HEADQUARTERS BOOKKEEPING DEPARTMENT IS MISS ANNA BROWN WHO HAS BEEN AT D.H.Q. OVER 20 YEARS. MISS MAXINE BROWN, STANDING, IS HER ASSISTANT.

Numerous Scout Groups assisted in the October clothing drive for the populations of liberated countries. Among those of which we have reports are Calgary District, Brampton, Ont., St. Catharines, Ont., Moosomin, Sask., Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

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Scouts and Cubs of Picton, Ont., took part in the parade welcoming the Hastings and Prince Edward Regt., home from overseas.

#### A Story of Service

A FINE story of devoted service comes to light with the presentation of the Gold Thanks Badge to Miss Frith, a highly respected citizen of New Toronto, Ontario.

Miss Frith first became interested in Scouting twenty years ago when, as a member of the Girl Guide Committee, she was approached by the Scoutmaster and asked to make some of the three new colour scarves for the Troop. This took place when the Group changed from the plain khaki neckerchief to one of green and yellow with a red border. The first three were purchased from Dominion Headquarters and Miss Frith used one of these as a pattern.

For the past twenty years Miss Frith has made every neckerchief worn by a Scout or Cub in the 1st New Toronto Group. During that time she has done a magnificent job in keeping up the supply and providing uniform material and colours, despite wartime difficulties. Aside from the countless hours of work and the valuable service rendered she has been responsible too, for a big financial savings to the boys for that part of the uniform.

In Winnipeg's beautification campaign, Scouts distributed hollyhock seeds, donated by two local seed houses, to all homes where the promise was made to plant them in back yards and lanes for general beautification.

## Boy Scout-Girl Guide Week, 1946

### An Outline of Its Aims and Purposes

BOY SCOUT-GIRL GUIDE WEEK will be observed from February 17th to February 23rd, 1946. Plans for the week's observance should be organized shortly. With a view to aiding in the organization of such plans we publish below the purposes of the week as agreed upon by the Joint Committee of the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides.

#### The Slogan

It's Their World—Let's Prepare them for It.

#### The Purposes

1. A re-emphasis on B.-P. Scouting and Guiding.
2. To make Scouts and Guides conscious of local opportunities for community service.
3. An effort to secure the return of former Scouters and Guiders in the armed forces to active leadership in the Movement.
4. To instil in every Scout, Cub, Guide and Brownie a pride in belonging to the world-wide fellowship of *Scouts and Guides*.
5. A greater appreciation by Scouters and Guiders of the importance of their leadership in building a better post-war world.
6. To better inform the public of the aims and objects of Scout and Guide Training, and to secure more active participation of non-Scouters and Guiders in Group Committee and Local Association work.



## BEHIND THE SCENES AT D.H.Q.

## The Editorial and Publications Department



AT HIS DESK IS F. E. L. COOMBS, EDITOR OF PUBLICATIONS.  
AT THE MOMENT HE WAS WORKING ON THE NEW TEST BOOK.



ABOVE, THE SECRETARY OF THE PUBLICATIONS DEPT., MISS HELEN MACDONALD. RIGHT, B. H. MORTLOCK, ASSOCIATE EDITOR OF PUBLICATIONS SEATED BEHIND A TYPICAL NEWSPAPERMAN'S DESK.



THE Editorial and Publications Department at Dominion Headquarters has been for 24 years, and still is under the direction of Mr. Frank E. L. Coombs, Editor of Publications. Mr. Coombs was a successful writer of boy's books before coming to Ottawa, and it was his great personal interest in Scouting, and his standing as an author that caused the Association to seek him out when the department was being organized. For twenty years he edited *The Scout Leader*, and with only the help of a secretary wrote many text books, pamphlets, and such standard works as the *Scoutmaster's First Year*, the *Cubmaster's First Year*, and the *Scoutmaster's Five Minutes*.

Mr. Coombs has as his associate editor, Mr. B. H. Mortlock, who came to the editorial department with a background of successful newspaper work and practical Scouting.

#### What Department Does

This department is responsible for the publication of *The Scout Leader* which goes out monthly to nearly 7,000 Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, Rover Leaders, Commissioners and others. There are nearly one thousand other leaders and Group Committeemen who subscribe to *The Scout Leader*.

The other monthly publication is *The Junior Leader* which came into being in September, 1943, and is serving more than 7,500 Patrol Leaders across the Dominion. *The Junior Leader* is sent free to all Troop and Patrol Leaders (not Scouters), and circulation is made through the Provincial Offices. Scouters are permitted to order a sufficient number to provide one for each Patrol Leader and the Troop Leader.

#### Boy Scout Week

The Editorial Department is also responsible for the national organization of Boy Scout Week, now held in

conjunction with the Girl Guides and known as Boy Scout-Girl Guide Week.

In this connection a news and picture service is prepared and sent out to some 500 Canadian newspapers. A commercial Mat Service has also been developed and is available at cost to newspapers for use in advertising.

The department in connection with the observance of this week prepares radio and service club addresses, radio spot announcements, religious service suggestions, and other editorial matter of value for that week.

Contact is made with newspapers all across the country for editorial support and information on which to base editorials is prepared and sent out.

Arrangements are also made with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation for special programmes, and scores of commercial programme sponsors are contacted with a view to having Scouting featured or spot announced during the week. The preparation for Scout Week involves many months of work.

#### Scout Good Turns

The Editorial Department has also been responsible for organizing most of the Scout Good Turns of a national nature. Years ago through *Scout Leader* sponsorship the Scout Toy Shops were inaugurated and spread across the Do-

minion. The Scout Toy Shops became a symbol of the Scout community service.

The department is at present handling the distribution of Scout Handbooks for use in former enemy occupied countries. Some 53,000 have been provided for to date. This involves the securing of the original book, and the supervision of its publication in Canada, with desired changes, the shipment to Great Britain, and the payment from Chins-Up Fund monies.

Through *The Scout Leader*, salvage campaigns, Seeds for Britain and numerous other Good Turns of this nature have been sponsored with great success.

It should be realized that an idea is of value only as it is developed and publicized effectively. It has been the part of the publications department to play this vitally important role. Of such projects came Apple Day, originally tried in Saint John, N.B., but presented to the field through *The Scout Leader*, and after several years completely covered in a booklet *The Boy Scout Apple Day*.

The Beacon Chain, a feature of the Silver Jubilee celebrations of King George V and Queen Mary was another instance of a national Scout effort prompted by *Scout Leader* presentation.



Another interesting instance was that of the Relief Barrels conducted so successfully by scores of Troops across Canada during the depression. The idea came from a small item in a Nova Scotia newspaper's country correspondence column. A few lines described how this effort was made by the Scouts of Stewiacke, N.S. The idea was further developed and became a very successful national venture.

### Books and Pamphlets

*The Scoutmaster's First Year*, written by Mr. Coombs and first published in 1926 has run to nine editions. Each edition is revised before being reprinted.

In 1943, Mr. Coombs' companion book, *The Cubmaster's First Year*, was published and like his first book had a ready sale, not only in Canada but in many parts of the Empire.

In 1944 *The Scoutmaster's Five Minutes*, by the same author, came off the presses. This has been widely distributed in Canada and elsewhere.

While these special books have been in course of preparation the regular text books have been prepared and published together with numerous pamphlets on all phases of Scouting.

### The News Services

Twice monthly a news-filler service is sent to approximately 500 Canadian newspapers. These fillers are small items of news about Scouting all over the world, and they are used in newspapers in every part of Canada. News of a special nature is sent out over the wires of the Canadian Press.

### Under Way Now

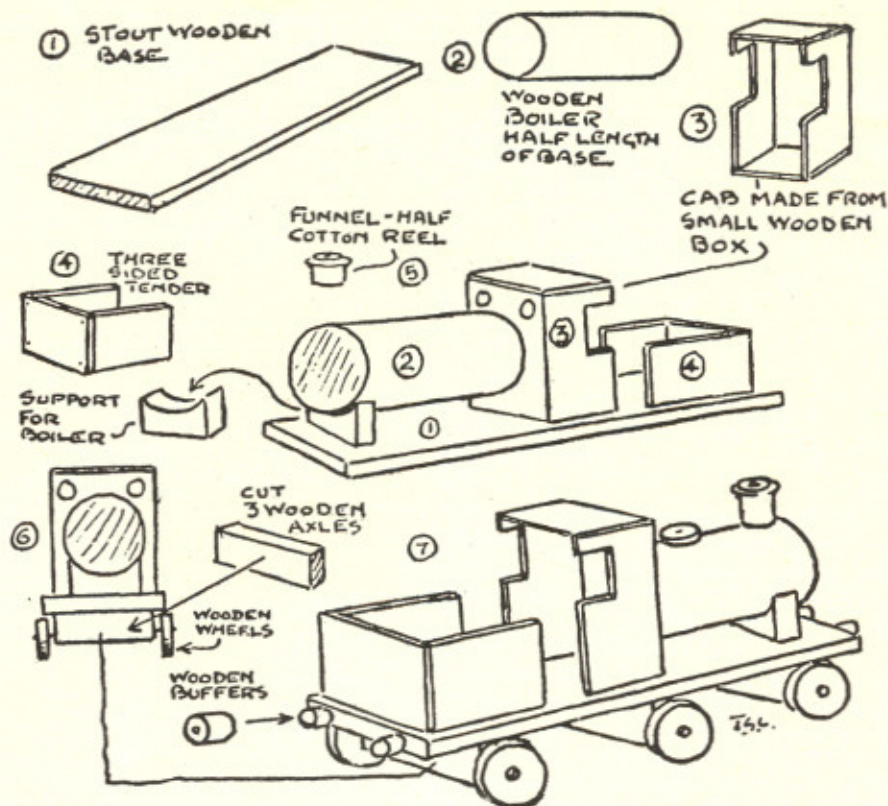
On the recent completion of a special book *Scouting—Its Aims and Methods*, for Dominion and Provincial office use only, work went forward on another book outlining the new Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class Tests.

This Department shortly will have the services of an additional man, Mr. Len Johnson, an outstanding Scouter and newspaperman from New Brunswick, who will assist in the preparation of new books and pamphlets.

Among projected books is one on Scouting Ceremonies, a book for Lone Scouts, and the *Boy's Book of Scouting*, a new handbook which likely will take at least two years of research and preparation before it can be published.

Another point which might be mentioned here is the publicizing of the World Jamborees which was part of the Department's work. In 1929, for the Coming of Age Jamboree a booklet entitled *Canada, Country We Come From*, was published and 30,000 copies distributed overseas.

The department employees give



### Cub Made Toys for the Christmas Toyshop

CUB Packs can be most helpful in the operation of Boy Scout Christmas Toyshops. They can make simple toys such as that pictured above which make most acceptable gifts for small children. In addition it provides an opportunity for the Cub to try out for his Toymaker Badge. Even if you do not operate a toyshop in your district, such a project is a profitable one for making money for your Pack funds. The toys find ready buyers.

The wooden engine pictured here is suggested by "Eagleye" in *The Scout*, from which the drawings are taken, together with the information as to building. Says Eagleye:—

These are really good sellers and are not at all difficult to construct. Painted nicely they attract much attention. The sketches are self-explanatory, but

assistance at Gilwell Courses and the Editor of Publications for several years conducted courses in the Maritimes as Deputy Camp Chief.

In closing this brief outline of the work of the Editorial and Publications Department, it seems an opportune moment to point out that the staff of the department, are not, nor ever have they been desk Scouters. On the contrary they are men experienced in practical Scouting and actively identified with it.

a word or two will no doubt help you over any difficulty.

Fig. 1. This is quite clear. Use piece of wood at least half inch thick.

Fig. 2. The ends of a sound scaffold pole would do, but rounding off a square piece of hardwood is better.

Fig. 3. This is easy. If you cannot get a box the size required, it is quite simple to make one, cutting out the sides to the shape as shown.

Fig. 4. There is no difficulty in this.

Fig. 5. This shows you how Figs. 1 to 4 are assembled. If you want to make a good job of this, screw the parts together on the base, but do not forget to nail the support for the boiler on the underside of the boiler before fastening to the base.

Fig. 6. This shows the axles, which can be either two or three in number.

The funnel is just a cotton reel with one end cut off. The wheels, which can either be bought or cut out of thick plywood, should be fixed on with screws, a metal washer being placed between the wheels and the axle. Do not forget to make the holes in the wheels large enough to allow them to revolve quite easily. Smooth the whole with sandpaper and paint black and red or black and green, viz.: base, buffers, wheels, boiler support, funnel, axles, top of cab, all black; the remainder red or green.

As the toys are for small children they must be smooth, no rough edges.



## BEHIND THE SCENES AT D.H.Q.

## How the Training Department Operates

THE Training Department of Dominion Headquarters is concerned principally with encouraging Scout leaders to train themselves to be better fitted for the task of giving leadership to Canada's youth through Scouting.

The Scout Movement is generally recognized as being a great educational movement, both with regard to character building and in directing youthful energies along lines which might well determine the life interests of the boy.

**Heads Training Dept.**

The Training Department is headed by Mr. William L. Currier, Jr., who is well qualified by experience and special training to head up this work in Canada. Mr. Currier, by the way, is a son-in-law of a former Chief Commissioner, Dr. James W. Robertson.

It may be of interest to Scouters to know Mr. Currier's past experience as a means of assessing his undoubted ability to nurture and broaden the scope of the training programme in Canada.

He was a Scout as a boy, later becoming Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, and Assistant District Commissioner. For a short time he served as District Secretary for Ottawa prior to joining the staff of Dominion Headquarters nearly 20 years ago.

He has successfully undertaken courses for the Akela Wood Badge, Scout Wood Badge, Rover Wood Badge, and Sea Scout supplementary courses from Imperial Gilwell.

He became Assistant Dominion Commissioner for Training in February 1936.

**Wood Badge Training**

Now here is what happens when a Scouter decides to avail himself of Scout Wood Badge training. He decides first to take the correspondence course and applies through his Provincial Office. His application is approved and forwarded to Dominion Headquarters where he is enrolled by the Training Department and sent the first set of questions, together with information as to what reading material is required.

Having made the necessary studies, he writes his answers to the questions and forwards them to the Training Department.

Each correspondence course is carefully read by the reader, who comments upon it, makes suggestions, and returns it with the second series of questions

to the Scouter. The same routine is followed in this case, and on completion the second series is returned to Headquarters, to be read, commented upon, and graded. Then the third and final series goes out. The same procedure is again followed, and if the candidate is successful in showing that he has a clear knowledge of the subjects involved, he is issued his Part I Certificate by the Training Department.

This certificate is given a number and placed in the files which show the complete training record of every active Scouter in Canada.

**Part 2 Course**

Part 2 of the Gilwell Course is the camping section. Camps are arranged by Provincial Headquarters who must secure permission to operate from the Department of Training which sets the over-all standards of the camp. On the recommendation of the Provincial Deputy Camp Chief the candidate is graded, and if successful, is awarded his Part 2 Certificate, which is again kept in the records.

The Training Department then keys

the record so that it is known when the Part 3 section of the course is completed. This part provides for six months active service as a Scouter on completion of the Parts 1 and 2, putting into practice the things learned on the courses. This is carried out in your own district and the recommendation is made by Provincial and District Commissioners.

The Wood Badge is then ready for presentation. The Wood Badge is a replica of the Dinizulu Beads captured from a Dinizulu Chief by Lord Baden-Powell. With the Wood Badge goes a parchment signed by the Chief Scout for Canada.

**District Courses**

The District Training Courses are also under the supervision of the Training Department. The courses are those suggested by Imperial Headquarters and made specially applicable to Canadian conditions by the Training Department. When a Scouter finishes this course, he is issued a card and record is kept of this training also.

The Department also plans and



UPPER PICTURE, W. L. CURRIER, COMMISSIONER FOR TRAINING, DICTATES COMMENT ON A CORRESPONDENCE COURSE TO HIS SECRETARY, MISS RUTH KENNEDY. BELOW, MR. CURRIER AT HIS DESK. HE HAPPENED TO BE REVISING P.O.R. WHEN THE PICTURE WAS TAKEN.



supervises Junior Leader courses, more commonly known as the Bronze and Silver Arrowhead Courses. Other courses planned by the Department include specialization courses such as those for Group Committees, etc. There is also a special course for Commissioners.

### Records and Statistics

The Department has always been Scouting's Bureau of Statistics and Records. Here you will find the records of Scouts and Scouters who have given their lives in the war, and of those who have been given awards for gallantry and service to their country. The Coronation King's Scout Records are also kept on file here.

Another phase of the Training Department's work is the compilation of the annual census returns for the Dominion. If you are late filing your census returns with your Provincial office, your Provincial office is late with its returns to us, and the completion of census returns is thus delayed. Therefore, if you have not yet turned in your report for the current year, will you please do so right away, and help both this department and your own Provincial Headquarters.

### Medal Awards

All awards of medals and decorations are handled through the Training Department, which acts as liaison between the Provincial Offices and the Dominion Medal Award. It also handles the issuance of all warrants to Scouters and Commissioners, preparing them for the signature of the Chief Scout and mailing them out when this has been secured.

The Training Department might also be termed the Custodian of Policy, Organization and Rules. All changes in this very important booklet must finally pass through this department before appearing in the official P.O.R. after approval by the P.O.R. Committee.

### Help Given Provinces

Returning for a moment to Gilwell Camps. Suppose a Province plans a Gilwell Camp Course and has insufficient leaders to conduct the course. It appeals to the Training Department, which sends out a Dominion Field Commissioner to either conduct the course or assist with it. Mr. Currier himself frequently conducts courses or acts as an instructor. If necessary he calls upon other members of Dominion Headquarters Staff to assist in these courses, and thus frequently someone from the Dominion Staff will be found assisting at Gilwell Camps all over the country. Dominion Headquarters bears the necessary expense.



HERE'S A SUGGESTED SCOUT GOOD TURN FOR YOUR COMMUNITY. CLEAR AWAY THE SNOW FROM AROUND FIRE HYDRANTS. SUCH A PROJECT WAS UNDERTAKEN BY THE CHICAGO COUNCIL OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA. NEARLY 25,000 SCOUTS AND CUBS SHOULDERED SHOVELS TO DIG THE HYDRANTS OUT AFTER A BLIZZARD.

### Some Interesting Figures

You may be interested to know that up to the end of August this year, no less than 15,940 Scouters Warrants have been issued through this department.

The Akela Wood Badge has been issued to 686 Scouters and the Scout Wood Badge to 1,057 Scouters. Thirty-eight Rover Wood Badges have been awarded.

Bronze Arrowhead Junior Leader Training Badges have been gained by 8,028 Scouts, and 687 have earned the Silver Arrowhead Badge.

The Training Department also distributes pamphlets prepared and published by the Editorial Department. You will probably be surprised to know that in the past year over 100,000 pamphlets have been sent out by this department.

The Department also handles contributions to the Chins-Up Fund which now total over \$56,000, consisting of 4,291 individual donations.

Another task assigned to this department is that of organizing the International Jamboree contingents from Canada. This is a major task, and was particularly so, when nearly 200 Scouts and Leaders attended the Coming of Age Jamboree at Birkenhead in 1929.

Members of the 1st Buckingham, Que., Troop assisted in the search for a five year old boy who was lost in the bush for 17 hours. He was found exhausted and suffering from exposure.

### Troops and Packs on the March

Halifax's newest Scout Troop, the 38th walked off with the Woodcraft Cup at Lone Cloud Scout Reserve on Miller's Lake, in competition with Troops with much greater experience.

Sydney, N.S., Scouters' Club have started rehearsals for its 5th Edition of the Scouter's Show, an annual presentation which attracts wide public support.

The 10th Owen Sound Troop at First United Church, witnessed the presentation of five King's Scout badges at a recent Troop open night.

Windsor, Ont., Scout Apple Week featured open house at practically every Pack and Troop in the district. The week, formerly called Scout Week, culminated in a successful Apple Day on October 13th.

The Scouts of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., have taken over the collection of salvage from the I.O.D.E. and will make regular weekly collections.

Presentations to the retiring Troop Leader who is going to college, and to a lady who gave much assistance at their summer camp, featured a Parents' Night of the Winona, Ont., Cubs and Scouts.



## BEHIND THE SCENES AT D.H.Q.

## How the Stores Department Operates

Do you remember that famous sketch by B.P. showing the tiny acorn, which was the Scout Camp at Brownsea Island in 1907, and the great oak tree which grew from it to be the worldwide Scout Movement.

A replica of that simile is the origin and growth of the Stores Department at Dominion Headquarters. Starting from tiny beginnings more than two decades ago, it has spread its services to every province in Canada, and to many other parts of the British Empire.

**Dominion Quartermaster**

Away back in 1921, George Ferguson, the Dominion Quartermaster, was loaned to the Boy Scouts Association by the Robert Simpson Company to organize a supplies department. When he arrived in Ottawa he was given a desk and the signal to go ahead. And so with the help of an able committee, the department has grown tremendously since that time. Today it is Ottawa's largest mail order business, and it has its agent stores scattered across the country in nearly all the larger centres of population.

"Service to the Field" has been the motto of the Stores Department throughout the years. One of the principal worries of the Quartermaster in the past few years has been that this service has been impossible under war conditions. This of course was unavoidable, but you may be assured that from now on the service will improve as more and more restrictions are lifted.

**Purpose of Department**

The department was formed in the first place to provide a central source of Scout supplies of standard quality and design. It also aimed to make these supplies available at the same cost, no matter where the Scout lived in Canada. Thus it is that the Scout who sends his order by mail from the Yukon, pays exactly the same price as the Ottawa Scout who buys his supplies over the counter at the Stores Department. In this way the Scout living close to the source of supply helps to equalize the cost of equipment for the boy who lives 2,500 miles or more away.

**Stores Dept. Profits**

The Stores Department operates strictly as a business. It makes an annual profit if business is good, but profits are of course limited. These



HEADING THE STORES DEPARTMENT AT D.H.Q. IS GEORGE FERGUSON, SEEN HERE AT HIS DESK. MR. FERGUSON IS HOPING THAT THE ABOLITION OF WAR RESTRICTIONS WILL SOON MAKE PURCHASING OF SCOUT SUPPLIES A MUCH EASIER TASK THAN IT HAS BEEN DURING WARTIME.

profits are returned to Scouting and are used to supplement other Dominion Headquarters income and provide for free distribution of *The Scout Leader* to all Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, etc., and free distribution of *The Junior Leader* to some 7,500 Patrol and Troop Leaders in Canada.

These profits contribute toward the general upkeep of headquarters services, such as the Training Department, and other services of the editorial department.

**How It Operates**

Now let us see just how the Stores Department operates. First to operate a store you must have a stock. Where does it come from?

That is one of the Quartermaster's jobs. Most supplies are purchased right here in Canada. Badges and neckerchiefs are bought in Great Britain and some other supplies in the United States. It is the Quartermaster's duty to see that these goods are of the finest available quality, and that they conform to the standards set up by the department.

For many years the Stores was operated under the supervision of a Stores Commissioner, who for some time was Brig. Gen. C. H. MacLaren of Ottawa. Recently, on the resignation of Gen. MacLaren, a committee of three was appointed, composed of Col. M. L. Douglas, President of the Stetson Hat Co., Brockville; Clarence M. Pitts, Manager of the People's Gas Supply

Co., of Ottawa; and W. H. J. Tisdale, District Commissioner for Toronto. Col. Douglas and Mr. Tisdale are members of the Dominion Executive Board and Mr. Pitts is prominent in Ottawa District activities.

**Quartermaster's Duties**

The general management of the stores is left to Mr. Ferguson. Mr. Ferguson, on the advice of those concerned submits designs and specifications of uniforms and other equipment to manufacturers and does the buying. When you realise that orders pass through the Stores Department by thousands in a single year, you will readily see how important this job is.

Distribution and sales of goods are made in three ways. The bulk of the business is done by mail order, through the Scout Catalogue the production of which, by the way, is another big job.

A very considerable quantity of supplies is sold through selected dealers across Canada to whom we have already referred. The third method is over-the-counter sales at Ottawa.

**Printing the Catalogue**

Referring back for a moment to the Catalogue. The planning, production, and distribution is no small task. Special pictures to illustrate merchandise must be taken. The catalogue must be written and attractively laid out. The printing must be carefully supervised, and finally 85,000 copies must be distributed so that every Scout,



Cub and Leader who wishes a copy may have one.

### Supplies Distribution

To give some idea of the extent of Stores Department operations we have already mentioned that it is Ottawa's biggest mail order business. To cope with the steady flow of parcels, the Post Office Department has a special truck make pick-ups twice a day, to speed despatch. Both C.N. and C.P., express and freight departments, also make pick-ups twice daily.

At one time postage stamps were affixed to each parcel until they became so numerous that this was not feasible. Now the Post Office department has installed an electrically operated postal machine which affixes the perforated stamp on the parcel.

### Other Staff Members

Mr. Ferguson has an office secretary, Miss Willo Cochrane, who does the general secretarial work and bookkeeping. Shortly he will have an Assistant Quartermaster, in the person of a young man formerly employed in the Stores but now in the armed forces. In the warehouse five shippers are employed, and it might be of interest to know that George Wells, the senior shipper, has been with Mr. Ferguson in the Stores Department for 21 years.

We know there are a lot of questions we have not answered in this brief outline of the Stores Department. Frequently some Scouter suggests that the Stores Department should stock one kind of equipment, and another Scouter suggests another kind. What we would like Scouters to know is this, that consideration must be given for the field as a whole. Many years ago, for instance, it was suggested that the Stores sell Trek Carts. A special cart was designed and featured in the catalogue, but not one was sold. The reason was simple. Troops preferred to build their own, and that is the way B.-P. would have it.

We believe that we all recognize the need for a central supplies organization such as the Stores Department. The Department exists to supply the needs of Scouting in general, and therefore while it might not stock every item which might seem desirable to the individual, it does stock those things most generally required for the successful operation of Packs, Troops and Crews.

Lastly, a word about quality. It has long been the policy that the best of quality in Scout Clothing be maintained at all times. This has been extremely difficult in wartime, but we believe that the quality has been main-

A VIEW OF THE MAIN SECTION OF THE STORES DEPARTMENT IN OTTAWA.



THE BADGE CORNER IN THE STORES WHERE THE VARIOUS BADGES ARE ALL NEATLY STORED IN SEPARATE DRAWERS.



THE SHIPPING DEPARTMENT WHICH AIMS TO SHIP YOUR ORDER THE DAY IT IS RECEIVED—PROVIDING OF COURSE THAT THE GOODS ARE AVAILABLE.



HERE IS MISS WILLO COCHRANE, SECRETARY AND BOOKKEEPER IN THE STORES DEPARTMENT AT THE ADDING MACHINE.

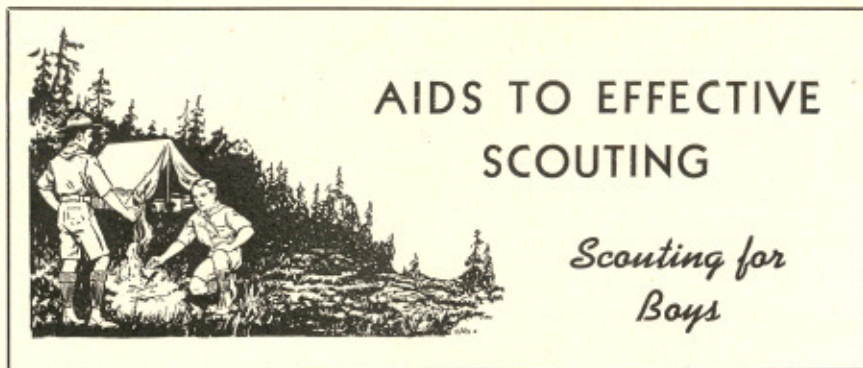


tained. One thing we are quite sure about is this, that while it might be possible to buy clothing something like Scout uniforms for less money, it is not possible to buy the same quality for less money. The field generally supports the view that it is better to

stock clothes that last, than stock cheaper things which wear less well, and do not look as well.

There is no need here to go into the question of supply shortages. That was explained in a Stores Department advertisement in October.





## AIDS TO EFFECTIVE SCOUTING

### Scouting for Boys

*Being some thought-provoking statements of present day Scouting by a R.A.F. Scouter stationed in Canada.*

(CONTINUED FROM LAST MONTH)

MANY Scouters will tell you "Oh, I wish I had boys like yours, mine are a bunch of toughs, of course they are from a poor district, so what can you expect." If anything, yes anything at all goes wrong in a Troop then don't start trying to lay the blame on the boys or Scouting or anyone else but yourself. It is the responsibility of every Scoutmaster to see that the Scout programme is made sufficiently interesting to hold every boy in the Troop irrespective of personal likes and dislikes; consequently if attendance at Parades is poor, the spirit lacking, the boys tough and unruly, then somewhere and somehow you have failed and you would do well to try and find out where.

Although a good deal has been said and written about the Patrol System and nearly every Troop has some semblance of it somewhere in its make up, in far too many cases the Patrol Leader is just another Scout and his P.L.s badge is of no value to him except to serve as an ornament.

Some Scouters will even admit that they have heard of the Patrol System but they have never tried it, "After all one cannot delegate responsibilities to boys. They just are not capable of using their initiative." And more such rot.

Some have even read books explaining the Patrol System but "Cannot try it in my Troop, the boys are not the right type or it might interfere with the Ladies Bridge Club or something."

Let us come down to realities, the Patrol System is not merely a way of teaching Scouting for Boys but it is the only way and is as essential to the movement as the roots are to a tree. This is not just the opinion of a young puppy of an Englishman, but it originated with the Founder of the movement and has been echoed down the years by men who were in at the beginning and have seen proved the wisdom of such a policy. Not only that but the

mere fact that in England during the past few years the registration figures have shown an upward trend where 9 out of every 10 Troops are functioning under the P.L.s and C.O.H. without any active Scouter, should serve as a testimonial for anyone.

I do not intend wasting much time and space in enlarging on ways and means of organising a Troop on the lines of the Patrol System, this is dealt with in an unparalleled manner by Roland Philips in his books on the subject and by William Hillcourt in the American Patrol Leaders Handbook. I would strongly recommend all Leaders to read and use (N.B. use) these books written by men with a wealth of experience and a deep understanding of the "Genus Puer."

However, I would like to point out a few outstanding features from my own experience of Scouting in England. Firstly there is the question of the Scouter in relation to the Troop; is he to adopt a sharp commandeering attitude and to enter the Troop H.Q. breathing forth fire and smoke? Or is he

to address the troop as "nice" boys and bore them to tears with all kinds of wishy-washy stories on the "Scout Good Turn"? There is no reason on earth why a man should make an ass of himself in the misguided belief that by so doing he will make an impression on his boys. Nothing looks more ridiculous than a diminutive chap in glasses strutting about with his chest stuck out bawling orders in a squeaky voice, or a wonderful physical specimen reading eyewash from a reform magazine. The boys, if they are going to like you at all will do so for what you are yourself and not for any airs and graces which you adopt for the occasion.

The Chief recommends that at the Court of Honour the S.M. should take the Chair but should not take an active part in the discussion except in exceptional circumstances; this may also be said for the remainder of the Troop Activities, after all if as the Chief suggests we are to let the Patrol Leaders assume the responsibility for training their boys in all phases of Scouting there will be little else for the Scouters to do, other than act as examiners and judges for the Troop.

The Activities for a normal Troop where the Patrol System is well organised and functioning would consist of individual Patrol Meetings during the week conducted in the Patrols' own den or shack, or in the basement of one of the boy's homes, the P.L. would be responsible or could delegate someone to be responsible for organising a programme, which would include as it's 'Piece de resistance': — Badge Work. One evening during the week would be



THIS IS THE IMPRESSIVE SCENE THAT MARKED THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF CALGARY'S NEW "CAMP MATTHEWS", 13 MILES FROM THE CITY. KING'S SCOUT JOHN WILLSHIRE BREAKS THE FLAG FROM THE NEW FLAGPOLE.



devoted to a Troop Meeting at which no Badge Work takes place. The evening could be occupied in playing competitive games of the Instructional and Recreational type, a stunt from one of Jack Blunts' books and possibly a short period of instruction of a general character on some phase of the Scouting programme, e.g. Pioneering, Bridge Building, Camp gadgets, etc.

The Inter Patrol Competition would be a big feature of this meeting, points being awarded for almost everything. During the month there would be at least one outdoor meeting on Saturday afternoon taking the form of a wide game or some pioneering project and linking up if possible with the instruction given at Troop Meetings.

Once each month would be held the Court of Honour at which each Patrol Leader would give an account of the activities of his patrol during the past month as well as a detailed report on each of his boys' progress made in badge work, reasons for absence and lateness; we would also put forward for discussion any problem which had been worrying him. He would then make his own suggestions for future plans for the Troop and put forward any suggestions or criticism submitted by the boys in his patrol. A discussion would then follow on matters arising and plans could also be made for the following month.

It is also a good idea for each Patrol to hold a Patrol in Council at the last Patrol meeting before the Court of Honour, when each boy in the Patrol could express his views and make suggestions for the future programme for the Patrol and the Troop. It is then the P.L.'s duty to include in his report to the Court of Honour anything which his Patrol consider worthy of such action.

(CONCLUDED NEXT MONTH)

A Gestapo Handbook, found in Berlin made the amazing and amusing statement that the Boy Scout Movement was an instrument of the British Secret Service.

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Scouts of Aylmer, Ont., put on a first aid display in Children's Day at the local fair.

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Calgary Akela Club has elected Mrs. V. Buckton, as President for the ensuing season.

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Colchester County, N.S., Scouts held a field day on September 22nd.

## An Early Scout Troop in Western Canada



THE above photo, which appeared in the January issue of the employee magazine of the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada Limited, shows one of the earliest Scout Troops to be formed in Western Canada. It was the First Trail, B.C., Troop, now known among the 13 district groups as the 1st Trail "Pioneers." Among the boys to be seen in the picture are the chief chemist and two widely-known construction engineers of the great Canadian metallurgical firm.

The uniforms were made by a local dressmaker from sketches supplied by Imperial headquarters and it will be noted that ordinary western bandanas have been pressed into service as neckerchiefs and that the shirts are adorned with brass buttons. The Scoutmaster appears to own the only regulation hat.

This troop, which held its first camp during the summer of 1910, was a fine outfit, to judge from local newspaper

accounts of that period. These boys could give many present day troops lessons in deportment, camping and pioneer work.

Trail has a reputation in British Columbia for good Scouting. This is due in no small part to the interest taken by executives and men of the Consolidated. The present chairman of the Trail-Rossland district council is Dr. C. H. Wright, consulting chemical engineer to the company; the district commissioner is Arthur F. G. Drake, foreman of the Company's meter repair shop; Assistant District Commissioner Osric Murrell and District Scoutmaster Newton Sherwood are both employed in the chemical and fertilizer department of the company, and the District Cubmaster, Lance H. Whittaker, is editor of the publication in which this picture originally appeared. Many other Consolidated men are active as Scouters and committee men.

## B.P. SCOUTING AT ITS BEST

TWENTY-SEVEN Courtney, B.C., Scouts had a wonderful experience this fall when they camped on Forbidden Plateau, a rather thrilling name, but apparently not as forbidding as its name suggests.

A work party with three pack horses went in a few days ahead while the main body of 20 Scouts went later, each boy carrying a pack weighing fifteen to twenty-five pounds, no mean feat for a fourteen mile hike over a rough mountain trail. At the camp the Scouts took part in a fine programme of mapping, first aid, overnight hikes, fishing, and

climbing. It was an experience which will remain a happy memory for these boys for the rest of their lives. It was, as a matter of fact, the true B.P. Scouting, the kind of adventure that boys come into Scouting for, and lacking which, many leave.

The story of the camp, which appeared in the Comox Argus, closed with this interesting paragraph: "A Scoutmaster has some compensations. Returning home on Sunday evening he finds that two cords of furnace wood have mysteriously moved themselves into his basement, neatly stacked."



## Message of Thanks

(Continued from first page)

Brother Scouts in the late occupied countries. I am hoping that early next year we shall have in book form the whole of the stories of Underground Scouting from the late occupied countries, and believe me you will be doubly proud to know that you were a member of the great Scout family after you have read this book. It will also give you a better insight as to where and how the many Canadian dollars you have raised are being used.

I hope it may be my good fortune one day in the not too distant future to thank you personally on behalf of thousands of Brother Scouts for this act of kindness which I assure you is bringing relief and comfort to many destitute Scouts. Only last week a well-known Scout Leader from France walked into my office in London and all he possessed in the wide world was a pair of Scout shorts, a Scout shirt and a pair of shoes that almost beggared description. Every stick and stone of his belongings had been burnt by the Nazis, and he with thousands of others had lived like a hunted animal in the mountains, yet never once did his faith in Scouting leave him, and as soon as he was able to get a visa to visit England he came straight to visit his Brother Scouts in London where he knew that help was awaiting him. Through you, my Canadian Brothers, this Brother Scout, one of many, went back to his native country fully loaded with the articles he so badly needed both for him and his wife and the blessings he gave you would I am sure repay the efforts you have made on their behalf. You have definitely shown that you do not pay lip-service to the Fourth Scout Law.

3. *Printing of Scout Manuals for the late Occupied Countries.* This truly is the crowning effort of your noble work. You must remember that when the Nazis occupied other countries they immediately destroyed the whole of that country's literature, and naturally *Scouting for Boys* with its unfettered democratic outlook on life, fell under this ban. The thousands of books you have printed and presented will start Scouting again, and I can assure you that when any of you come to Europe in the years to come there will be no more welcome guest in any of the late occupied countries, and indeed in Great Britain as well, than our Canadian Brother Scouts. There are times when no doubt your spirits have flagged a little because you have not been able to see the results of your work, but our dear friend John Stiles



SCOUTS ATTENDING BRITISH COLUMBIA'S CAMP BYING THIS PAST SUMMER LEARNED A LOT OF USEFUL THINGS. TOP SHOWS THEM LEARNING HOW TO MEND CANVAS, AND BELOW THEY ARE STUDYING MORSE SIGNALLING.

can now give you all the evidence you need to prove that the work you have done in Canada during the war is one of the great milestones in the history of World Scouting.

4. *The story of the Paddle.* During the war one of my young Rover Scouts paid a visit to Canada with the Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill. His name was Rover Scout Guy Gibson. When Guy returned from Canada he came to stay with me and he told me of the wonderful kindness you had extended to him during his tour in your country. On many Bomber Stations where he was able to give to the young pilots who were being trained some of his experiences he was greeted right and left after the lectures by Canadian Brother Scouts who were wearing Air Force uniform. He told me he felt as much at home in Canada as he did in his own native land. The welcome given him was so sincere that you

enhanced his faith in Scouting more than you can imagine.

Guy was one of many brave lads who gave his life for his country. He was one of the little band of some twenty Brother Scouts who by their bravery earned the Victoria Cross from His Majesty The King. I am proud to think that on that great raid of his on the Mohne and Eder Dams one of his crew was a Canadian whom I shall always feel proud that I had the pleasure of meeting.

Prior to his going back on to bombers again, Guy Gibson was stationed close to my home in Kent. One night he was flying a night fighter in the very early days of the war before the Battle of Britain had started when he spotted a German raider just off the English Coast. He shot the German plane down, and in the breaking light of morning he saw the Nazi airman baling out. He flew home to his station, grabbed his car and raced down for the coast in time to see a rubber dinghy being paddled by the German airman towards the English coast. I have given the paddle, which Guy gave me, to John Stiles. I thought it may be an interesting souvenir for our Brother Scouts in Canada. I am also sending by John Stiles the Scout wristlet badge which Guy wore right through his Canadian tour and on every one of the 172 raids except the last one which he made on enemy country. This little wristlet badge is inscribed Guy Gibson, the 1st Tovil Troop, that being my own Troop in Kent. Whoever is lucky enough to possess this wristlet badge will have the great honour of knowing that it was carried by a Brother Scout on many hazardous journeys and who never once in spite of the fame he acquired lost his head.

The visit of John Stiles is rapidly drawing to a close and I would like to place on record that his visit to the Old Country has been a very fruitful one. With his kindness and broad outlook on life he has won the hearts of every Brother Scout he has met, and we all feel that backed by the splendid efforts of you all through the long years of the war, the visit of John has definitely sealed the link of Scouting for all time between Canadian and British Scouts.

God bless you all for the magnificent work you have done and for the noble way you have lived up to the Scout Law.

Sincerely yours,  
GLAD BINCHAM,  
International Commissioner.



# Troops and Packs on the March

Trail-Rossland Local Association in British Columbia invited a number of old Scouters, just returned from overseas to attend the Association meeting. They were welcomed by the President, and invited to return to active Scouting.

Guelph, Ont., Scouters' Club has decided to have a Club neckerchief. It is to be vivid red, with a blue triangular crest on which will appear in gold "Guelph Scouter," and the fleur de lis. The Club plans to get out a Scout Year Book.

The Kiwanis Club of Peterboro officiated at the recent opening of new Scout Headquarters for the Park Hill Cubs and Scouts. A parade through the city, headed by the Salvation Army band preceded the opening.

Boy Scouts and Cubs of Prescott, Ont., made a canvass of the town on behalf of the Salvation Army Red Shield Auxiliary to collect articles for Naval ditty bags.

During Recreation Week activities in Edmonton, two Scout Patrols had charge of a model camp which was open for inspection by the public.

Latest record of decorations awarded in the British Empire shows that of 152 Victoria Crosses awarded, 17 have been awarded to former Boy Scouts.

Through the generosity of the Saskatoon Lions Club, Saskatoon Boy Scouts now have a district headquarters in the basement of the Queen's Hotel. The Lions Club not only pays the rent, but has turned over to the Scouts its grand assortment of tools and power equipment for use of Scouts in hobby work. Nat Shaffer, President of the Local Association said, "this magnificent gesture on the part of the Lions Club will do much to lift the standard of Scouting in the district."

To welcome Brigadier Mundy, new Young People's Secretary of the Salvation Army, Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies attended the service in a body at Peterboro.

Calgary Association has made an appeal for Scout uniforms not now in use. These will be cleaned and made available for Scouts having difficulty securing suits due to shortages.

A document uncovered by Allied officers in Germany reveals that among 2,300 people to be arrested when the Germans invaded Great Britain, one was to have been Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Scout Movement. B.-P. was a British spy in Germany during the first great war.

From the Charlottetown, P.E.I., *Guardian*, "The Scout Movement is well organized, intelligently and enthusiastically conducted, and altogether a credit to the community as well as the Dominion. The boys love it."

In Marksmen Competitions in Edmonton, Boy Scouts came up against the toughest kind of competition but made a grand showing. John Hoggard of the 24th Troop won the Junior City Championship, and the Edmonton Bulletin Trophy for sharpshooting twosomes was won by Scouts Archie Olmsted and Stan Stainton of the 24th Troop. Scouts Jack Martin and Gilbert Myler, of the same Troop were runners-up.

Regina Scouts are mourning the passing of the noted newspaperman and radio commentator "Gee" Johnson. One of the original Scouters of Saskatchewan, Mr. Johnson devoted a large part of his spare time to helping and encouraging the Scout Movement.

Amherst, N.S., Scouts opened their new District Headquarters on September 19th.

Boy Scouts in Vancouver assisted in the search for a four year old girl who was missing. She was later found murdered.

The 11th London Cardinals are the proud possessors of a plaque bearing the arms of the city of Goes, Holland. It was presented to them by Sgt. Stan Richardson, R.C.E., former A.C.M. of the Group, to whom it was presented by the Scouts of Goes.

Active in Montreal Scouting since 1910, Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of the Tamaracouta Camp Committee for many years, Wm. J. Thistlethwaite, died suddenly in Montreal in October.



## CHINS-UP FUND

As reported last month there are now 15,000 Scout handbooks being printed in Canada for the Boy Scouts of liberated countries. These are to be the gift of Canadian Scouts to their brothers in these countries. To take care of this work more funds are needed, and it is hoped that Scouters will keep this in mind whenever their Packs or Troops have money to spare for a Good Turn.

At a recent luncheon of the Dominion Executive Board at Dominion Headquarters, several members forgot to wear their Scout buttons. The fines levied totalled \$4.15 which went to the Fund.

During the month a donation of \$22.75 came from the 31st London Pack. This money represented the Second Star savings of the Cubs which they decided to give to this very worthy cause.

Subscriptions to the Chins-Up Fund to October 15th totalled the splendid sum of \$56,379.40.

Donations from the following are gratefully acknowledged:

Fines at Dominion Executive Board Meeting, Ottawa; North Winnipeg District Executive; 8th Winnipeg Pack; Ontario Provincial Silver Arrowhead Course; Niagara Leaders' Week End, Ont.

Mr. John Sutherland, Woodstock, Ont.; 8th Oshawa, Ont., Sea Scout Troop; 14th Ottawa Pack; Southern Counties Conference, Tillsonburg, Ont.; 72nd Winnipeg Troop; 31st London, Ont., Pack.

Port Dalhousie, Ont., citizens have paid the first \$1,000 on a new headquarters for use of the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides. The Lodge is a former residence and is being converted for Scouting purposes.

Six Cubs of the 4th Belleville, Ont., Pack, under the leadership of Cubmaster Twilla Langman, enjoyed a four day bicycle trek along both sides of the St. Lawrence River.



A page of helpful ideas  
from anyone, anywhere.

## THE DUFFEL BAG

If you have a good one,  
tested, please send it in.

### Bee Keeping Project

SCOUTS at High Prairie, Alberta, undertook a bee keeping project, their one hive producing 115 pounds of honey, as compared to the provincial average of 90 pounds per hive. This is an unique way of raising Troop funds and would probably prove profitable for many other rural groups.

### Scout Discipline Helped

LT. Lt. Tony Pierce, D.F.C., in an interview with a Toronto newspaper told how Scouting had helped him in the Air Force. "The discipline I gained as a Scout certainly helped bring me through several tight places," he said. Tony was a Lone Scout at Bracebridge and won his King's Scout Badge. In 1938 he organized a Troop at Bracebridge. He is to enter university to study Forestry. His chosen career is a direct result of his Scouting too, for he made his decision after attending the Scout Forestry Camp at Angus, Ont.

### Christmas Toyshops

SCOUT Christmas Toyshops should be getting under way within the next week or two, if they are to be successful. An organized collection of toys, the securing of a workshop, a working schedule for repairing and painting the toys, are necessary parts of your planning. New toys are slow in coming from the factories, so that the need for Scout toyshops will be obvious in many sections. Special attention should be paid to children whose fathers are still serving overseas in the occupation forces or who are awaiting repatriation.

### These Scouts Were Prepared

A VERY fine story of good Scouting comes from Hamilton, Ontario, where Bill Frank, Bill Ross, and Grant Carson, all Scouts, were out on a Thanksgiving Day hike. They spotted a box containing 156 sticks of dynamite under the high level bridge at the western limits of the city. Realizing the danger, they stopped a motorist and asked him to inform the police while they stood on guard. Presently a car drew up and out stepped a man in plain clothes. The Scouts refused to let him go near the "danger box," until he produced credentials showing that he was Provincial Constable Ken Kersey. The constable was more than pleased with the seriousness with which the Scouts undertook their self-imposed task.

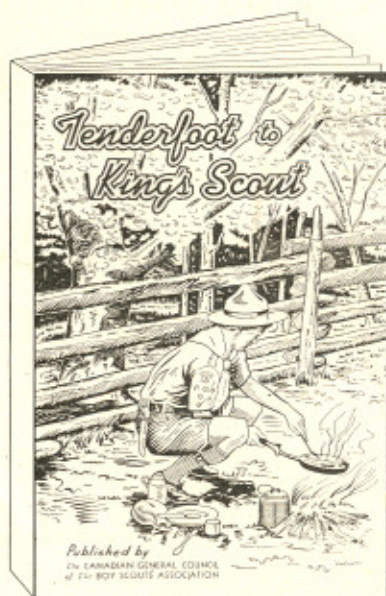
### The New Book of Tests

As explained in the October *Leader*, the new book *Tenderfoot to King's Scout*, covers all the Tests, and includes a Lone Scout Section. Added material of interest to Scouts of all ranks includes Indian Fire, Archery, Lariat Spinning and Roping, etc., all illustrated.

The inside front cover carries a Scout History record, from Tenderfoot through to King's Scout, and each Section is prefaced by a page record of Tests as passed, item by item.

One of the main objects of the book was to encourage boys to continue, and travel farther in Scouting, by placing before them the complete Scouting Trail, with plenty of illustrations, and text matter attractively readable,—rather than a conventional textbook-like explanation of Test requirements.

In other words, *Tenderfoot to King's Scout* is a modified Handbook. It is bound in stout linen, has an attractive new outdoor-scouting cover design in four colours, and is of 192 pages. At 35 cents a copy it is a book that a commercial printing house probably could not today sell under \$1.00.



THE ABOVE NEW BOOK OF TESTS, REWRITTEN TO INCORPORATE THE REVISED TESTS FROM *TENDERFOOT TO KING'S SCOUT*, WILL BE AVAILABLE ABOUT NOVEMBER 15TH. THE PRICE 35 CENTS POSTPAID. ORDERS MAY NOW BE SENT TO PROVINCIAL HEADQUARTERS, OR THE STORES DEPARTMENT, OTTAWA, DIRECT.

### You Wouldn't Do This— We Hope

A RECENT sad-angle janitor's story: The Troop was to meet in the school Monday night at 7. The janitor removed chairs and piled them in the corridor. And not a Scout turned up. No meeting was held. No word had been sent the janitor. Was he mad? He was. And he had a right to be. And what will be the standing of the Troop with the janitor for the future?

Manitoba Boy Scouts Association has received a gift of \$18,000 from the Kinsmen Club of Winnipeg. It will be used to build a new summer camp. The presentation was part of the Kinsmen postwar project, replacing the Milk for Britain Fund.

### The Dominion Commissioner on the Uniform Question

DOMINION Commissioner J. F. M. Stewart writes: "The King's Appeal for Scouts to smarten up and improve their general appearance and their marching is very much to the point. I have felt for a long time that our Scoutmasters and Cubmasters should teach their boys to march correctly. Get a boy in a good neat uniform and nothing will make him feel better than to get him in a straight line with his head up and shoulders back, and it will be something that will follow him all through life and do him a lot of good."

### Heck of a Week—No Cubs

THE 33rd Windsor Cub Pack is located at St. Mary's Academy—a private school for boys and girls under the direction of the Holy Name Order. Most of the students are Americans. The Sisters require the students to write home weekly. With the younger ones they look over the letters before they are dispatched.

On a recent occasion, there was no Cub meeting as the leaders were unable to get out to the Academy, some distance beyond the city outskirts. One Cub in his weekly letter home wrote briefly as follows:

"Dear Mummy and Daddy:

This has been a heck of a week. There is no ice cream and no Cubs. Donnie".

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