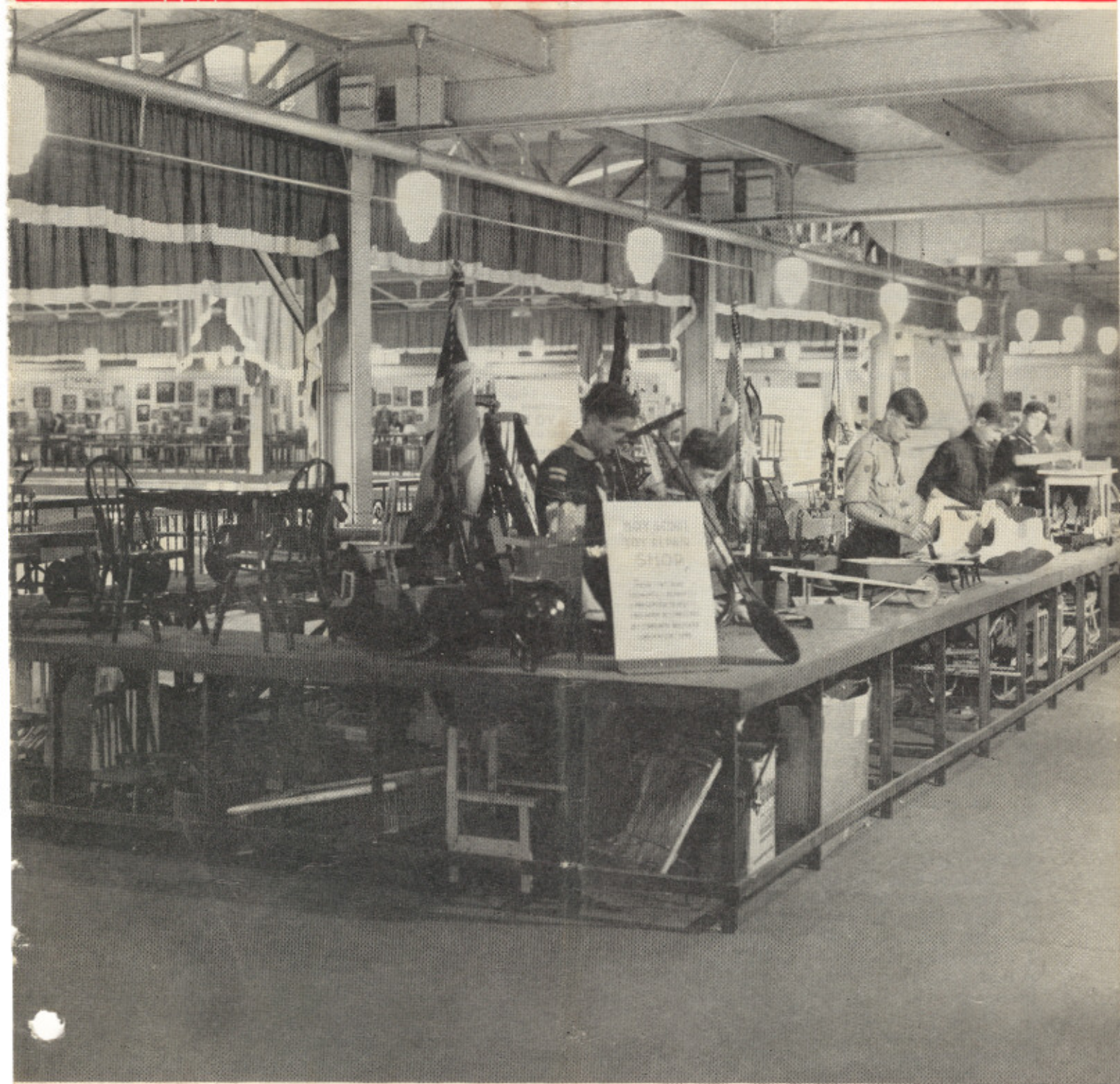


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THE SCOUT TOYSHOP — *The National Boy Scout Christmas Good Turn*

*Between Ourselves***The Scout Leader — Its Future**

PLANS are under consideration at Dominion Headquarters for broadening the scope of *The Scout Leader* in an effort to serve a wider field than at present. Three monthly periodicals are produced now, *The Scout Leader*, which is distributed free to Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, and Rover Leaders, and by subscription to others; *The Junior Leader*, which is sent free to all Patrol Leaders and Troop Leaders; *The Scout Executive*, which goes only to members of the professional staff in Canada.

It is suggested that the scope of *The Scout Leader* might be enlarged and expanded to include sections for the Group Committeemen, Presidents, Commissioners and District Officials not in uniform. It has been felt in some quarters that in this manner Scouters would become familiar with the problems of district officials and professional men, and vice-versa.

There are obviously arguments for and against such a move, and Dominion Headquarters is anxious to have the opinions of all classes on this question. It is a matter which will finally be decided at next spring's national conference, and the voice of the Scouter

should be heard through the men who will attend that conference.

Dominion Headquarters would appreciate your study of this question, and would value your opinion. You will be performing a valuable service by sending your opinion on this question to your Provincial Headquarters for inclusion in that headquarters' brief at the conference in Ottawa next Easter.

Great Scout Passes

THE Scout Movement in Canada will learn with regret the passing of Ernest Thompson Seton, a great Scout and one of the world's best known writers on Natural History. Before the advent of the Boy Scout Movement, Seton operated a boys' organization on somewhat similar lines, and brought his organization into the Boy Scouts of America when that body was organized. Ernest Thompson Seton, although an American citizen, had Canadian ties. He came to this country as a youth from his native England. Much of his work has been used in Scout text books, and he will long be remembered for the great contribution he had made to Scouting throughout the world.

Lord Rowallan's Farewell

From His Address to the Dominion Executive Committee at Montreal

IT is with the utmost sincerity that I wish to thank you for the tremendous welcome you have given me in this really lovely country of yours, and for those wonderful gifts which I will take home with me, and look at again and again to remind me, if ever I should start to forget, these great highlights, both in my Scouting life and my personal life in this visit to one of the great Dominions, and one which will always remain in my memory as one of my life's happiest events.

I have had a wonderful trip, and it has been a great inspiration to me. I can assure you that the one thing which has struck both the General Secretary and myself is that your problems over here are almost precisely the problems we have had to face at home. The difficulties you have had to come up against in Canadian Scouting, are the same that we are wrestling with at home.

The first thing that has struck us everywhere we have been is the tremendous high quality of the boys you have in Scouting. They are a grand lot, and we have been impressed by their physique and with their cheerfulness, and the display of Scout spirit we have seen everywhere we have been.

Another thing that has impressed us tremendously is the opportunities your country provides for Scouting. I can assure you there are many places which we should like to transport complete to our own country, to give some of our boys the opportunities that their Canadian brothers have.

The public standing of Scouting is extraordinarily high and in most places, I think I might say, there is a very good understanding indeed of what Scouting means and what the influence of Scouting can be in their own communities.

It has been a great inspiration to tour Canada, and I would like to pay tribute to all those who have helped us so much, and particularly everybody who has accompanied us on our tour. It has been a grand experience. I shall never forget it as long as I live, and I shall never cease to be grateful to those who have given me such tremendous inspiration in my task.

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New Training Commissioner Appointed

THE appointment of Ernest F. Mills, Provincial Executive Commissioner for Manitoba, as the new Dominion Executive Commissioner for Training at Dominion Headquarters, is announced by the Chief Executive Commissioner, Major-General D. C. Spry, C.B.E., D.S.O. Mr. Mills will assume his new duties on December 16th.

While Mr. Mills will be sadly missed in Manitoba, it is felt that his wide experience can serve the Movement to a greater purpose by his new appointment.

Few people in the Movement are held in higher respect and esteem than Mr. Mills, whose Scouting experience dates back to the early days of Scouting.

His Scouting career dates back to 1910 when he became Assistant Scoutmaster of the 3rd East Lothian Troop, later serving as A.S.M. and then S.M. of the 9th Winnipeg. After serving two years as Field Secretary in Winnipeg, he became District Scoutmaster for South Winnipeg, and was awarded the Medal of Merit for distinguished service.

In 1922 he became Assistant District Commissioner for Rover Scouts, and in 1926 was awarded his Gilwell Wood Badge. In 1927 he became Executive Secretary for Manitoba, and two years later attended the International Coming-of-Age Jamboree at Birkenhead.

In 1930 he was appointed a Deputy Camp Chief, which authorized him to head Gilwell Training Camps, and in 1932 he was named Akela Leader, which authorized him to act in a similar capacity for the Cub Leader training courses.

During the Chief Scout's tour, Mr. Mills was presented by Lord Rowallan on behalf of the Canadian Chief Scout with the Silver Acorn for continuing fine service to the Boy Scouts Association.

He is a native of Tynninghame, Scotland, coming to this country following his education at Knox Institute Grammar School, Haddington. He was first employed by the Dominion Bank, in Toronto and Winnipeg. During the first world war he served with the Canadian expeditionary forces, first coming to the Boy Scouts Association as field secretary in 1919. Later he returned to the Dominion Bank for three years, and after another four years with

Randall & Co., Grain Merchants at Winnipeg, he returned to the employ of the Manitoba Provincial Council, holding that position from 1927 until the present time.

An active churchman, an outstanding Scout leader and administrator, Mr. Mills will, it is felt, make a fine contribution to Canadian Scouting in his new appointment.

Distribute Cards

During the \$175,000 Confederated Charities Campaign in Windsor, Ont., the Boy Scouts took charge of the distribution of cards throughout the district. This was a Scout Good Turn, the Boy Scouts Association not benefitting from the funds raised in the campaign.

TRAINING COMMISSIONER



E. F. MILLS
OF WINNIPEG, WHO HAS BEEN NAMED
COMMISSIONER FOR TRAINING AT
DOMINION HEADQUARTERS.

Boy Scout - Girl Guide Week, 1947

An Outline of Its Aims and Purposes

BOY SCOUT-GIRL GUIDE WEEK will be observed in Canada from February 16th to February 23rd, (inclusive)* 1947. Plans for the week's observance should be started now. A clear understanding of the purposes of the observance is essential to success and to this end a statement of the slogan, aims and purposes of Boy Scout-Girl Guide Week in 1947 is published herewith:

The Slogan

"Theirs is the Future."

The Purposes

- 1—To stress the "Outdoor" training aspect of the Boy Scout and Girl Guide Movements.
- 2—To stimulate in Scouts and Guides a desire to seek and make opportunities for service in their own communities.
- 3—To make Scouts and Guides not only conscious of, but really proud of, membership in an international Movement in which World Fellowship is a proved reality.
- 4—To voice appreciation to the Scouters and Guiders for consistent leadership in their groups throughout the country. These are the people who make Scouting and Guiding.—These are the people who, through good times and bad, keep it going. Give them the praise they deserve.
- 5—To go after and welcome into the Movements, not only former leaders in Scouting and Guiding, but other ex-Service personnel who, by reason of their Service experience, would make excellent leaders.
- 6—To develop in Scouters and Guiders such a consciousness of the importance of their work—and of their opportunities to make a vital contribution to Canada and world friendship, that they will tackle their leadership with renewed vigor and pride.
- 7—To give the people of Canada a better understanding of what Scouting and Guiding is striving to do for the youth of this country, and to secure active public participation in local associations and group committees.

To these ends—and for the good of girls and boys everywhere in Canada—is Boy Scout-Girl Guide Week dedicated.

*Two Sundays are included in the 1947 observance, so that if one Sunday proves unsatisfactory for the annual Scout-Guide Church parade, the other Sunday will probably fit into the church programme.

The Development of

The Boy From Eight To Eighteen

by DR. S. R. LAYCOCK, DIRECTOR,
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PART 2

BECAUSE the pre-adolescent is unemotional as an individual he dislikes public displays of his parents' affection. Furthermore he doesn't want to be preached at. Talking straight from the shoulder or giving a sharp rebuke and then letting the matter drop is better than scolding or nagging.

Adults who make fun of the pre-adolescent lose him for his sense of humour works within rather narrow limits.

The pre-adolescent has a passionate sense of justice which seldom takes account of all the factors in the situation. He will argue violently that certain things aren't fair which appear quite fair to adults. His sense of fair play works within somewhat narrow limits. Quite often he thinks it is fun to "put it over" adults. Cheating is often a matter of pride. It's clever if it comes off and bad luck if it doesn't. Because the Scout programme establishes standards of fair play for the pack or gang the pre-adolescent is apt to conform to these standards through group loyalty rather than from any deep-seated convictions. He is thus saved from the tricky and delinquent behaviour of many pre-adolescent gangs and started on the road to a real sense of justice which will develop later.

One of the most outstanding characteristics of the pre-adolescent is his need for adventure. He wants to find this in action and in the heroes he finds in the comics, in books, magazines, in the movies and in real life. When the pre-adolescent was a little boy he identified—that is the term now used—with his father. His father was his hero. He boasted, "My father can lick your father," or "My father knows everything." Now he has reached a stage where his faith in his dad as all-powerful and all-wise has been shaken so he seeks to identify himself with heroes outside the home. This need has to be met in some fashion. Heroes

have to be provided for the pre-adolescent. Scouting aims to provide him with heroes in several ways—first of all through his Pack Leader and other Scouts or Scout Leaders; through the stories of the founder of the Scout movement and other famous Scouts; and through the stories of wholesome adventure which are fostered in Cub or Scout meetings; and in stories of the leaders of activities represented in exploring, camping, life-saving and various hobbies. Our generation has had a field day debunking all the heroes—religious and secular—of the past and present. Too often we have left youngsters with unworthy heroes with whom they can identify themselves.

And now let us leave the pre-adolescent and step into the next period—that of adolescence. Not that the two periods are sharply divided from one another. They are not. Furthermore, there is a tremendous difference in different boys in the age at which they enter adolescence or reach puberty. There are some boys in whom ado-

In This Article

IN this month's article Dr. Laycock completes his remarks on the pre-adolescent, and opens his discussion of the adolescent. He tells of the many adjustments the adolescent has to make in that period of changing physical and mental conditions, and of the manner in which the Scoutmaster will find many indirect ways of helping the boy to meet these problems. Especially interesting are his remarks on the "emancipation" of the adolescent.

lescent changes start as early as ten or eleven and there are some where such changes are delayed as late as sixteen or even more. There are boys of twelve who are six feet tall and have reached puberty—that is they are able to reproduce the species. There are, on the other hand, boys of seventeen who have not reached puberty and who are "kids" both physically and psychologically. I do not know how rigidly in practice the age division of Cubs from Scouts is adhered to. It would seem to me that it should be interpreted in the spirit rather than in the letter. If a boy is manifestly out of place in one group he should not be forced to stay in that group. The boy who is definitely adolescent is out of place with the pre-adolescent Cubs and likewise the boy who is definitely pre-adolescent may not fit in with a Scout group composed



ENTHUSIASTIC MEMBERS OF THE 25TH EDMONTON (CHRIST CHURCH) TROOP ARE SEEN AS THEY WORK AWAY AT THEIR NEW LOG CABIN IN THE STURGEON RIVER VALLEY. THE SITE WAS LOANED TO THE SCOUTS, AND THE LOCAL FARMER, SEEN IN THE PICTURE, CUT THE LOGS, HAULED THEM TO THE SITE AND SUPERVISED THE WORK OF THE BOYS.

entirely of adolescent boys who regard him as a "kid". He himself knows he is one and may feel inferior and unhappy. The problem is solved in part by the fact that the Scout programme covers a transitional period around thirteen and fourteen years of age as well as that of early adolescence.

Let us turn next to consider the problems of the adolescent—which are roughly those of the teen-ager. Every adolescent is faced with nine problems:

(1) He must adjust to his changing physical growth and development; (2) He must gain emancipation from adult control; (3) He must learn to adjust to the opposite sex; (4) He must grow up emotionally—that is he must learn to endure tension without blowing up; (5) He must achieve social maturity; (6) He must achieve intellectual maturity; (7) He must learn to use leisure time creatively; (8) He must find, prepare for and enter upon a suitable vocation; and (9) He must find a philosophy which gives meaning and purpose to life.

The first problems of the adolescent have to do with the adjustments made necessary by his changing physical growth and development. First of all there is the necessity for adjusting to rapid growth particularly of the arms and legs. If the pre-adolescent is master of his body the early adolescent usually is not. Things aren't where they used to be with reference to his own body and as a result he is awkward and clumsy and then, as a further result, self-conscious. He comes across the room to shake hands with you and nearly knocks you down as he arrived too soon—that is because his past experience has taught him where you ought to be and you aren't there at all. Likewise he knocks over a vase or trips over the rug because he hasn't learned to live with his body which is in quite different proportions so far as legs and arms go from what it was in pre-adolescence. The adolescent being sensitive about his appearance and conduct, feels very embarrassed over his mistakes and is likely to be self-conscious.

Furthermore the adolescent boy finds his voice can't be depended upon. He is often afraid to use it in public lest it be squeaky. If it is he is greatly embarrassed. Then, too, he might be sensitive over the new deepness of his voice which he may feel exhibits an undesirable hoarseness.

As if all sorts of factors were "gang-ing up" on the early adolescent the bones of his face are apt to grow

unevenly. For a while he is all teeth and then he is all nose. He looks in the mirror and feels he is disfigured for life. If, in addition, his family or classmates make fun of his appearance he is apt to be acutely miserable.

I have already suggested that adolescents have many adjustments to make if they are earlier or later in maturing than their age-mates. The average boy reaches puberty (the point in his development where he can reproduce the species) somewhere about fourteen and a half years. If he reaches puberty at twelve and is a mature six-foot youth he is likely to be out of place in a public school class where all the rest of the boys are "kids" both physically and psychologically. However, the worries of the boy who matures early are as nothing compared to those of the boy who matures late—who at sixteen or seventeen is still small and undeveloped. He is apt to feel there is something wrong with him and to feel acutely inferior. Boys who are out of step with their age-mates need quiet and unobtrusive help in knowing that nature has wide limits of development, that they are perfectly normal and that things will straighten themselves out in due course.

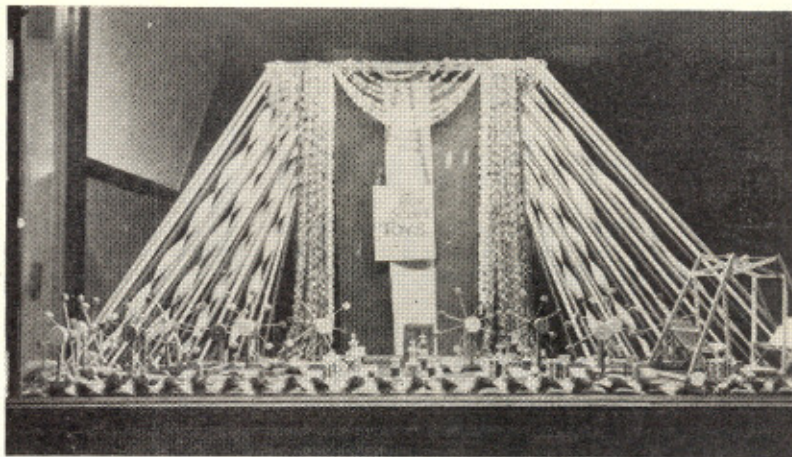
Another source of worry to adolescents is the presence or absence of hair on the chest or on the rest of the body. They are apt to feel that hairiness is a sign of masculinity. There ought to be many direct and indirect ways of letting an adolescent know that virility has nothing to do with whether one is smooth-skinned or hairy. Likewise boys of this age may have an idea that the comparative size of the genitals

is a measure of potency. As a result they are often loath to undress in the locker room or at the swimming hole. Surely there must be ways in which adolescents could discover that nature has very wide limits and that short of sheer infantilism the size of the genitals has nothing to do with potency.

During adolescence many boys suffer from pimples. They need help in knowing that this is merely a sign that nature is making some glandular readjustments and that, outside the use of a plentiful supply of soap and water, they had best wait for nature to finish her job.

Probably no phase of growing up is apt to bother the young adolescent so much as his tendency to practise masturbation. Many authorities believe that ninety percent of boys masturbate more or less as a temporary phase of growing up. The boy who feels tremendously different from others because he feels he is the only one involved in this habit should know that it is a problem with most other boys. Instead of frightening him with weird tales of going insane or of having committed the unpardonable sin the boy should be told it is merely an immature response to his developing sex life and advised to grow out of it as soon as possible. Meanwhile emphasis on plenty of wholesome and vigorous activity such as is given in Scouting will help. Then, too, boys should expect to have nocturnal seminal emissions and regard them as a normal phase of growing up. By the way, a pamphlet like that of Faegre, "Understanding Ourselves" (University of Minnesota

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HERE IS THE DISPLAY OF HOMEMADE TOYS BY THE 1ST INGERSOLL, ONT., TROOP, LAST CHRISTMAS. THE TOYS WERE MADE FROM ORANGE BOXES, CURTAIN POLES, SUCKER STICKS AND SPOOLS. THEY WERE SOLD AT A CHURCH BAZAAR, AND NETTED \$55.00 WHICH WAS DONATED TO THE CHINS-UP FUND AND SEEDS FOR BRITAIN FUND.

Extracts from

THE Chief Scout's OUTLOOK

by LORD ROWALLAN
Chief Scout of the British Empire



The Chief Scout Reports

From *The Scouter*

WE arrived at Halifax on a lovely morning with a pearly grey mist such as I have often seen on the west coast of Scotland. The voyage was very uneventful, smooth and pleasant, and the "Bon Voyage" semaphored to me by the Liverpool Scouts who had turned out on the quayside to see us off was fully borne out. The Archbishop of Canterbury and Field Marshal Montgomery were fellow passengers, as was Dr. James, the Principal of McGill University, who, I was delighted to find, had been a Scout as a boy; one more old Scout who has risen to a position of great eminence. Among the other civilians and soldiers aboard were quite a number who were returning home to take up Scouting once again.

We were met on board by Mr. Walker, Provincial President, Major Tibbs, Provincial Commissioner, both for Nova Scotia, and Mr. Currier, the Deputy Chief Executive Commissioner, who is to accompany us on our tour. At the Lord Nelson Hotel, where we stayed a couple of nights, we found a guard of honour of Scouts smart and well set-up, who gave us a splendid first impression of Canadian Scouting, an impression fully confirmed by another guard of honour at St. Andrew's Church in Ottawa on September 1st.

We shall be coming back to Nova Scotia at the end of October, and our stay so far has been entirely unofficial, but the hospitality has been wonderful all the way and embarrassing in its warmth.

A twenty-four-hour journey from Halifax to Montreal showed us that, away from the towns, which have fine wide streets and beautiful houses, mostly of wood, and thousands of trees, much of the country still requires the pioneering spirit from the settlers who

have carved themselves a little farm out of the spruce and larch and maple, where they keep one or two cows and grow scanty crops of oats and maize. Great burnt areas with the bare whitened poles of what were once trees impressed us with the desolation a moment's carelessness may cause.

In the true farming districts, however, the farms are well cultivated, beautifully kept, with fine cattle grazing in good pastures. The little towns, many with names familiar to us at home, are really lovely with the brightly painted houses and brilliant flowers.

The only semi-official acts so far have been a visit to a tea party at Dominion Headquarters, at which I was asked to present a silver salver to Dr. John Stiles, who is on the point of retiring from the office of Chief Executive Commissioner which he has held so long and so ably and in which he has done so much not only for Scouting in the Dominion and the Commonwealth but for Scouting all over the world, and to Mr. Frank Coombs, who

has looked after the Editorial side of Dominion Headquarters also for many years. John Stiles, who has won the affection of Scouts everywhere by his sincerity and enthusiasm, will be sadly missed; but it must be a great satisfaction to him, as it is to us, that he is handing over to Major-General D. C. Spry who, at the age of thirty-three, has given up the position of Deputy Chief of the Canadian General Staff to devote himself to Scouting. He has been through the ranks from Cub to King's Scout, and no better man could, we are convinced, have been found. In Halifax I handed over to Mr. Speed, the Provincial Executive Commissioner, the Silver Acorn on behalf of Field Marshal Viscount Alexander, the Chief Scout of Canada.

At Montreal, on our way to Ottawa, we were met by Mr. R. C. Stevenson, Chairman of the Dominion Board, and Mr. Jackson Dodds, Provincial Commissioner for Quebec and Chairman of the Dominion Finance Committee, and others, while in Ottawa we have made the acquaintance of many others, including Mr. Gerald H. Brown, Dominion Honorary Secretary, one of the stalwarts of Scouting for many years. It is, I am afraid, impossible to name all those who have been so kind to us, but I know they will excuse me from doing so.

Today, September 2nd, I was driven out some 75 miles to Camp Opemikon on Christie Lake, surely one of the loveliest camp sites in the world. Some of the maples are already beginning to flame into their autumn colouring, and the variety of trees and flowers is almost incredible, though maples, birches

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LORD ROWALLAN ADMIRES THE HAND-CARVED PLAQUE PRESENTED TO HIM AS A GIFT FROM THE SCOUTS OF CANADA AT A LUNCHEON IN HIS HONOUR IN MONTREAL, AT THE CONCLUSION OF HIS TOUR.

Hundreds Need The Cheery Message Of The Boy Scout Toy Shop

Chief Scout's Outlook . . .

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and poplars predominate. What a place it is, miles from anywhere! I can imagine the Camp Chief wanting to move lock, stock and barrel. The sun shone brightly and conditions were absolutely perfect. Luckily for us the skunks did not show up to perfume the breeze.

Trees and flowers and birds are strange to me, though many are similar, such as mullein, toadflax and viper's bugloss, but the oak and the beech are different from our kinds, and the robin

HUNDREDS of Canadian youngsters, in orphanages, children's shelters, and in needy homes in every part of the country last Christmas experienced the joy of receiving toys from Scout toyshops. While full employment in recent years has made the need less than in depression years, there are still thousands of young inmates of Children's Aid shelters, orphan schools and other institutions who need the cheery message of the Scout Toy Shop at Christmastide.

Work should be under way now, but if it is not should be started immediately.

Toy Collection

The collection of toys may be undertaken in a number of ways. In Saskatoon last year, where a very successful shop was operated a Toy Matinee was staged at the Victory Theatre, the price of admission a toy in good condition. The Scouts themselves and their friends also gave toys with the result Saskatoon last year looked after 45 city families, 89 county families, and 90 boys and girls in shelters, missions and schools. In all 1500 toys were distributed.

Ottawa set apart a week in which a concentrated effort to collect toys was made. In many centres appeals in the local newspapers brought forth adequate supplies. Department stores frequently donate toys that are shop soiled or broken.

Doll's Hospital

In many centres the Girl Guides co-operate by taking charge of the doll hospital, repairing and redressing dolls sent in. Scouts just don't seem to have what it takes to do this particular job.

Distribution

Distribution of toys may be made to individual families, or to social service groups in bulk. Such organizations as the Children's Aid, Salvation Army, and similar groups are only too pleased to take care of distribution. Again if yours is a church sponsored Group, possibly your minister has a list of needy families in your own parish who would welcome a visit from the Scout Santa Claus.

Working the Toy Shop

If yours is a Troop toyshop, a different Patrol should be delegated to be in charge each night, with an adult always present. If it is a District toyshop different Troops could be allotted work-

ing periods each week so that all will have a share.

A certain group of boys should be delegated to handle pick-ups, as offers of toys will come in steadily through the pre-Christmas season.

Financial Arrangements

Seek the help of your Group Committee in arranging for sufficient money



LONDON, ONT., ROVERS AT WORK REPAIRING TOYS IN THE BASEMENT TOYSHOP AT THE HOME OF MR. AND MRS. R. T. TUSTIN. THE TOYS WERE SHIPPED TO MOOSE FACTORY WHERE THEY WERE DISTRIBUTED BY A CHURCH MISSION.

to finance the necessary purchase of paints, brushes, tools and other repair requirements, if you do not already possess them. Frequently interested merchants will donate the paints, but all these matters should be the concern of the Group Committee and should not be added to the Scoutmaster's already heavy tasks.

A Good Turn

If you have ever experienced the privilege of delivering toys to needy homes, to institutions, or have received any of the thousands of touching letters of thanks received by toyshops all over Canada, you would soon realize just how great a service a Scout Toyshop can render in the community.

Youngsters love toys. It is a Scout Good Turn to see that no youngster is forgotten at Christmas because of home or other conditions beyond its control.

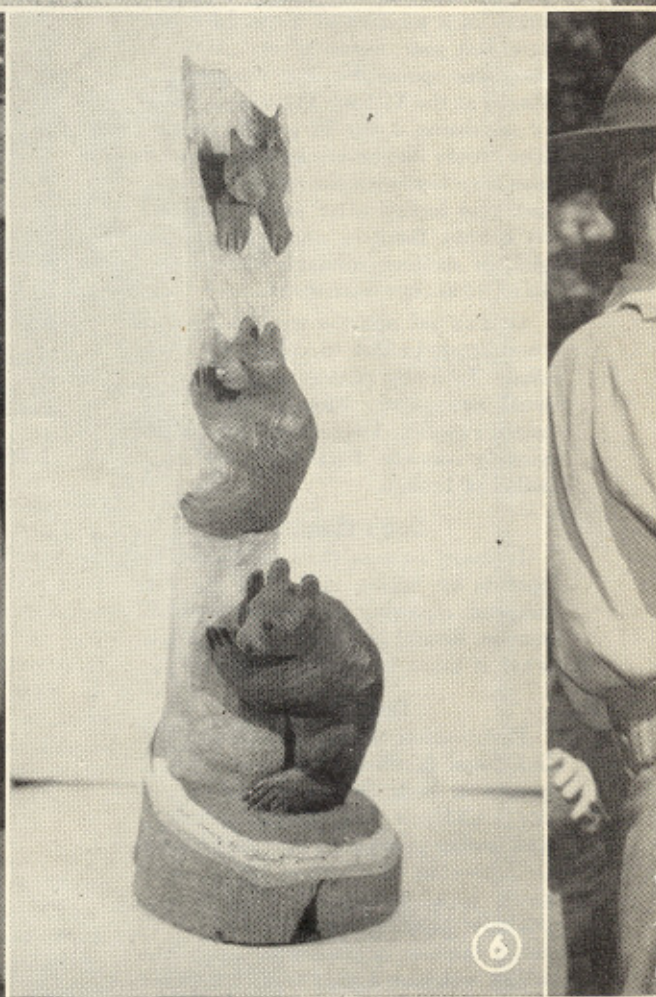
—it's as big as a blackbird and has a bright golden breast.

Tomorrow is D-Day, when the tour starts. When I shall find time to write the next "Outlook," goodness knows, for every moment of every day seems to be filled to the brim; but I know it is going to be a wonderful experience in a wonderful country and among a wonderful people.

Rowallan.

Guelph, Ont., Local Association is not just worrying about the shortage of uniforms. A campaign to collect used uniforms was sponsored by the Association, and Scouts and Cubs were sent to collect uniforms offered by parents of former Scouts.

More Scenes From The Empire C



IN Victoria, B.C., (1), Lord Rowallan is presented with an Indian head-dress by Scouts in Indian warpaint. In (2) Cub Garry Fraser is being congratulated by the Chief Scout at the

rally in Winnipeg. On his arrival in Montreal, Lord Rowallan is greeted by officials of Le Federation des Scouts Catholique, and members of the Boy Scouts Association (3). At Saint John,

N.B., (4), Lord Rowallan takes the salute at the district rally. The Chief Scout tests the strength of a signal tower erected during the rally at Timmins, Ont., (5). This beautiful hand-

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carved totem (6) was presented to the Chief at the gathering in Verdun, Que. General Secretary A. W. Hurl surveys the scene as the Chief speaks to the Cubs, Scouts, Guides and Brownies at

Kingston, Ont., (7). In (8), Gerald H. Brown, Honorary Dominion Secretary, presents a beautiful desk set to A. W. Hurl on behalf of the Canadian General Council, at a luncheon in Mon-

tréal at the close of the tour. Lord Rowallan returned to Great Britain by air. Other pictures and excerpts from his farewell address appear on other pages in this issue.

Scouting Events—Coast to Coast

It is amazing how much fun and knowledge a Scout can gain in preparing for his Pathfinder Badge. The 9th Saskatoon (Second St. United) Troop recently sent the Scouts out to gather historical data for this badge. They came back with some interesting information. They discovered that the first man to die in Saskatoon was Robert Clarke in 1883, who died from over-exertion in helping to put out a fire. Citizens turned in to help his wife and children and built them a home the following year. They discovered a picture of the house still standing in 1919, but on hiking to the spot found only a hole in the ground and a few rocks remaining of the historic old house.

At Kenaston, Sask., new Scout and Guide organizations are to be sponsored by the Homemaker's Club. G. S. Ogle, Principal of the High School, is Scoutmaster.

The Scouters' Club at Oshawa, 50 strong, drove fifty miles to visit the Lakeshore Scouters' Club at New Toronto recently. They had a grand meeting, featuring games, practical Scouting and an outstanding talk by retired Field Commissioner Edgar Jones, in which he brought home to the Scouters

the importance of religion in Scouting. He urged that Scouters make Scout Silence a real thing, rather than a mere formality. He also asked them not to divorce the Scout Law from religion, because they were the same thing.

At Timmins, Ont., the Local Association doesn't leave things to the last minute. Already they have planned a display to be presented during Scout-Guide Week, February 16th-23rd, and they also made tentative arrangements for a Jamboree at Kapuskasing next summer, when it is expected that at least 500 Scouts will attend.

Continuing a series of shoots started last year, Scouts from Troop 40, Norwood, N.Y., visited Ottawa and competed in a rifle shoot with the 17th Ottawa Troop at the R.C.M.P. ranges. The Canadian Scouts won by a 645 to 514 score. The American Scouts stayed two days and were shown the sights of the capital and entertained in the homes of the 17th Scouts.

Sudbury, Ont., Local Association was told at its recent annual meeting that "1945-46 was the most successful year for Scouting the district has seen." There was a marked increase in membership, with three new groups being

formed. There are at present 13 Cub Packs and 10 Scout Troops in the District with 800 boys registered. The Association aims to increase this to 1000 in the next year.

The 3rd Bridgewater, N.S., Wolf Cub Pack opened its fall activities with a corn boil attended by thirty boys.

The 17th St. Catharines Troop has been awarded the "Good Camping" Trophy for the district. The Trophy was presented by H. J. Carmichael, C.M.G., President of the Local Association, who also awarded the winning Troop a special prize of \$25. Troops receiving honorable mention in the camp competitions were the 2nd, 7th, 16th and the Port Dalhousie Troops.

What Others Think

"The time to build up the character of a youth in when he is young and responsive and there is no better agency at the present time than the Scout organization with its principles and ideals," Rev. Robert Moynan, Minister of Westminster Presbyterian Church told the annual Association banquet at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

Rev. Noble Hatton, Scoutmaster of the 1st Napanee, Ont., Troop doesn't throw up his hands in despair when he faces a problem—he does something about it. For Scout apple day they found they were short of baskets, so he organized a competition between the Patrols to go out and get baskets. They were allowed 30 minutes and points were awarded for each basket brought in in that period of time. One Patrol gathered no less than 84 baskets, and in all the Troop brought in 250.

A good deed which worked both ways was recorded at Dauphin, Man., during the Apple Day campaign. A lady in a downtown apartment was hurrying to finish making two apple pies for company dinner. She had one pie ready for the oven, and the other almost ready, only to find she had no more apples. What to do? Rush down to the store for more apples or dream up another filling. Just then there was a knock at the door. It was a Boy Scout. Would she care to buy an apple? Would she! "Boy, this is your good deed for the day. I'll take a bagful."

Because the Scout Movement in Greater Vancouver is handicapped by the lack of qualified leaders, the Local Association, the Vancouver Night



IN QUEBEC CITY LAST YEAR A CHRISTMAS BASKET CAMPAIGN WAS CONDUCTED BY THE SCOUTS. BARRELS WERE PLACED IN STORES AND BUYERS INVITED TO PUT SOMETHING IN FOR THE NEEDY. THE FOOD WAS THEN DISTRIBUTED BY THE SCOUTS TO NEEDY FAMILIES AS THE SCOUT CHRISTMAS GOOD TURN.

Schools and the Kiwanis Club are joining forces to launch a leadership training course.

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Scout Troops in St. Catharines, Ont., were urged by their District Commissioner to cancel all regular Scout meetings on Hallowe'en and take part in the city-wide Hallowe'en party.

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Scouts of Portage La Prairie, Man., with the assistance of their dads, erected a skating rink behind their Scout cabin. The rink had been secured from a nearby school.

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The banquet hall lighted with an artificial campfire, and with Cub jungle curtains hung from the windows, provided an appropriate setting for the third annual father and son banquet of the 6th Welland, Ont., Troop. There were more than 130 guests at the dinner. The evening was made the occasion of a fine talk on citizenship, a display of Scoutcraft, and the presentation of badges.

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Boy Scouts at Grand Falls, Newfoundland, collected hundreds of magazines to be sent to the logging camps in the district.

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About sixty Scouts from Prince County in Prince Edward Island attended the annual camp in August, the most successful yet held. An amazing number of tests and badges were passed during the ten day camping period.

The Boy from Eight to Eighteen

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Press), should be available to all pre-adolescents and early adolescents.

With respect to all the adjustments an adolescent has to make to his changing physical growth and development the wise Scout leader will find many indirect means of giving the boy guidance. If the leader has the complete confidence of the parents and has a homogeneous group he may sometimes go further and approach the problem directly—it depends on the leader and on the situation.

The second major problem of the adolescent is that of gaining emancipation from adult control. The adolescent has two burning desires—to be treated as a grown-up and to have the good opinion of his age-mates. He is tremendously sensitive on these two points. For one thing he would almost as soon be dead as out of the fashion. For another thing nearly all his con-

flicts with his parents grow out of his intense desire to be treated as an adult. Studies have shown that conflicts between teen-agers and their parents are concerned with (1) the hour the adolescent comes in at night; (2) the number of nights out per week; (3) spending money; (4) choice of friends; (5) choice of a vocation; (6) marks at school; (7) use of the family car; and (8) church and Sunday school attendance. In all of these problems parents and youth leaders will be wise to try to arrive at a solution by man-to-man discussions with the teen-agers rather than by laying down the law.

As a matter of fact gaining emancipation from adult control is vital to the adolescent's growing up. To thwart that and to tie the adolescent emotionally to his parents or to perpetuate his dependence upon them would be a major calamity for the boy's development. Parents and boy-leaders must help the boy to handle in wise fashion his increasing sense of independence.

The third major problem of the teen age is that of adjusting to the opposite sex. Many parents try their best to hinder this process. They try to keep the sexes apart for as long as possible. They do not realize that their boys need practice in adjusting to girls as they need practice in order to be proficient in hockey or tennis or public speaking or school work. Parents are afraid of the risks involved. They should realize that most of the risks are in no way comparable to the risk that their boy might never be able to adjust happily to the opposite sex or through lack of experience in "shopping around" with many girl friends run the

risk of an unwise choice of a mate.

For some unexplained reason our society leaves the training for love, marriage and family life to the movies, the love magazines and sentimental novels. I feel sure that home teachers, school teachers and youth-leaders could improve greatly on this method of preparing boys and girls for the most important step in their careers—the establishment of their family life. There are now many books which can help young people make these adjustments. I am not talking about sex in its narrow sense. Rather I am talking about education for family living as an aspect of education in and for human relationships. Books like Bowman's *Marriage for Moderns*, Strain's *Love at the Threshold*, Duvall and Hill's *When You Marry* would be of immense help to boys and girls in later adolescence. In addition definite attention should be given to the problem of how homes, schools and churches could prepare boys and girls for family living.

Continued Next Month



KINCARDINE, ONT., SCOUTS AND CUBS ANTICIPATED THE NATIONAL CAROL SINGING EFFORTS OF SCOUTS FOR THIS YEAR, BY GOING TO THE KINCARDINE GENERAL HOSPITAL ON CHRISTMAS EVE LAST YEAR, AND ENTERTAINING THE PATIENTS TO A PROGRAMME OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS.

TROOP OBJECTIVES

For January

New Year's Day (1).
Visit Factory or Dairy.
Weekly Patrol Meeting.
Accident Prevention on Ice.
Scout Law Plays.
Tracks and Tracking.
Winter Night Hike.
Identify Star Constellations.
Skating Party.
Snowshoe or Ski Hikes.
Make Troop Cabinet or Bulletin Board.

Approaching The Chief Scout

THE attention is once again drawn to Scouters, Local Association and Group Committee officers, that it is not permissible to address letters in connection with Scouting directly to the Governor-General, as Chief Scout. All such letters must be addressed to His Excellency in care of Dominion Headquarters. Any letters directed in any other way, are only returned by the Chief Scout's secretary to Dominion Headquarters. Unfortunately, some officials have been addressing mail direct to the Chief Scout, and this has caused inconvenience at Government House.

Ontario Scouters Note

An amendment to the Ontario Assessment Act provided that "Property used exclusively for the purposes of the Boy Scouts Association or the Canadian Girl Guides Association" is exempt from municipal taxation. Scout Groups in Ontario owning property used exclusively for Scout or Guide purposes should make sure that the amendment to the Assessment Act is applied to such property.

Cub Games

Little Toomai in the Stockade

THIS can prove a very exciting game. Cubs in a circle. Number off, with the exception of one boy. Each Cub is a stockade post. Actors: Little Toomai, and in centre of circle Kala Nag and a wild elephant who has to be captured. Little Toomai who is, say, a No. 1 Cub, gets on to the back of the un-numbered stockade post, while a No. 2 Cub gets on to the back of Kala Nag. He has a rope tied into a circle, big enough to throw fairly easily over the wild elephant Cub. The latter should always be the same number as Little Toomai. By dodging in the circle the elephant must do his best not to be caught by the rope. If he is caught, then two marks go to the No. 2 side, but if the rope falls to the ground then Little Toomai and Kala Nag's rider may both jump down and make a dash for it. The one who picks it up first gets one mark for his side. Next round Little Toomai is a No. 2 Cub and Kala Nag's rider a No. 1.

Scouts in the Lake Huron and Lake Erie areas of Western Ontario played a part in collecting 60,000 "walking stick insects" for the Red Cross Society. The insects are to be used in experiments to seek a cure for cancer.

Distinguished Canadian Barrister New Honorary Dominion Counsel

ANNOUNCEMENT is made by Gerald H. Brown, Honorary Dominion Secretary, that Leonard W. Brockington, C.M.G., K.C., LL.D., D.C.L., has consented to become Honorary Dominion Counsel for the Boy Scouts Association. Mr. Brockington thus becomes legal adviser to the Movement in Canada.

Educated at the University of Wales, Mr. Brockington was an honour graduate in Latin and Greek. He has received honorary degrees from the University of Alberta (LL.D.), University of Western Ontario (LL.D.), University of Syracuse (LL.D.), and Bishop's College, Lennoxville, Quebec, (D.C.L.).

He is an Honorary Benchler of the Inner Temple, London; Honorary Member of the American Bar Association, Honorary Member of the Bar of the City of New York; Honorary Life Member of the Canadian Legion, and Honorary Chief of the Blackfeet and Sarcee Tribes.

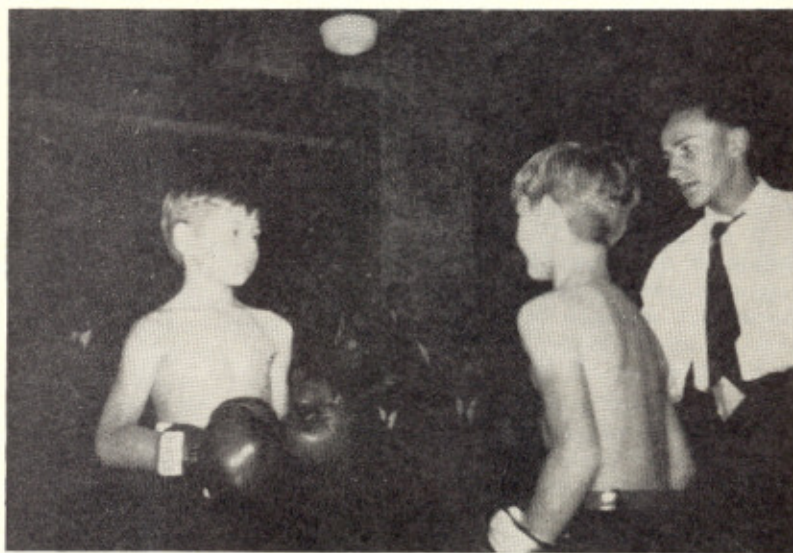
He was the first chairman of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, and for two years served as Special Wartime Assistant to the Prime Minister. Later he became Adviser on Commonwealth Affairs for the British Ministry of Information.



LEONARD W. BROCKINGTON,
C.M.G., K.C., LL.D., D.C.L.

Photo by Karsh

At Galt, Ont., the Canadian Legion is undertaking a \$50,000 campaign for the rebuilding of the Legion Memorial Home. The plans also call for complete renovation of the Boy Scout Hall, which is located on Legion property. While the Scout Hall operates separately it is connected with the Legion Hall for heat, light and sanitation.



THE 26TH WINDSOR, ONT., PACK GOES IN FOR ATHLETICS IN A BIG WAY, THE CUBS LEARNING BOXING, WRESTLING, BASKETBALL, SOFTBALL AND HOCKEY. HERE TWO 9-YEAR-OLD CUBS GET SET FOR THE FRAY WHILE CUBMASTER LEONARD A. BOUCHER ACTS AS REFEREE.

B.-P. Said—This Is Rovering

ROVER Scouts are a Brotherhood of the Open Air and Service. They are hikers of the Open Road and Campers of the Woods, able to shift for themselves, but equally able and ready to be of service to others. They are in point of fact a senior branch of the Boy Scout Movement—young men of over 17 years of age.

The four main aims of all Scout training in Woodcraft are to develop these points:—

Character and Intelligence; Handicraft and Skill; Health and Strength; Service for others and Citizenship.

Rovering is not only a brotherhood, but a jolly brotherhood, with its camp comradeship, its uniforms and its "dens" or meeting places all the world over.

Since it is a Brotherhood of wanderers, you can, as a member of it, extend your travels to other countries, and there make your friendships with Brother Scouts of other nationalities.

This side of our Movement is not only interesting and educative, but is going to make a real step in ensuring a future peace of the world through mutual goodwill.

The object of Rover Scout training is to enable young men to develop themselves as Healthy, Happy, Useful Citizens, and to give each his chance of making a useful career for himself.

It gives the older boy an aim for remaining under helpful influence at the difficult time of his life when he is just entering manhood.

It provides Scouting for young men with its joy of Backwoodsmanship and Nature-craft.

Be careful, if not on your own, at least on their account. You can see for yourself that you have here a tremendous opportunity if you like to use it doing a great good for your younger brothers. You can set the line for them to follow by your own behaviour in the direction of cheery and manly friendliness and straight living and clean talk.

So far as those who are already members of the Scout Brotherhood are concerned—and others too for that matter—I would lay stress on the possibility and necessity of "service" in the ordinary surroundings of the Rover Scout's life and would point out that the Rover Scout must first of all try to apply his ideals in his ordinary life. This seems to me to be a better crown of Scouting experience than sending the fellow on to new fields in which to function. In this way I hope we will consolidate the whole idea that lies

behind Scouting and emphasize what we really want, which is to bring the ideals of Scouting into our everyday life, and thus to bring it to pass that other people are touched by its magic and helped by its ideals.

It helps young men of over 18 years of age, who may desire it, to train for warrant rank as Scoutmaster or Instructors in the Scout Movement.

It gives young men the opportunity of doing useful service for others on a recognized footing.

As a Rover Scout, besides making yourself a better man and a better citizen, you are, whether you know it or not, being looked up to by boys in your Scout Group and your neighbourhood. Boys are awful imitators, and I use the word "awful" advisedly, be-

cause it fills one with awe when one thinks what harm or what good one might be doing for boys in the example we set them.

So it is that, as a Rover Scout or older boy among your younger brothers, you have a responsibility on your shoulders which at first you may not realize. You may be guiding many a boy to good or bad according to what you do or say yourself.

"To be good is noble—but to teach others to be good is nobler—and much less trouble." That is what Mark Twain says, but I am doubtful about the last phrase, since the teaching is largely through personal example; so you have to be careful.

(Selected from *Rovering to Success*)



Christmas is just around the corner. The Stores Department's catalogue affords the opportunity for parents and friends of your boys the purchase of gifts that will be appreciated. Make sure that each member of your Pack or Troop have copies for their home use. Quantity lots will be gladly sent you free of charge on request.

THE STORES DEPARTMENT
The Boy Scouts Association
306 Metcalfe Street
Ottawa

A Question of Honour

REMEMBERING that memorable night when, many years ago, I "explained in my own words what my Honour meant", I was particularly interested in talking to my neighbour's boy after his Investiture as a Tenderfoot. The lad had come to me for advice on the Scout Law and among other things I had told him about his "Honour as a Scout." In fact, I told him that this would be one of the main questions asked him when he was being invested. Imagine my surprise, and regret, when after the meeting the first thing he said to me was: "And the Scoutmaster didn't ask me a thing about my Honour: He never even mentioned it".

What a tragedy, what a reflection on the lack of training or supervision on somebody's part. And then, to make matters no better, I learned upon persistent questioning that no hand but that of the Scoutmaster's had been extended in welcome into the Brotherhood of Scouting, that no Patrol Leader had pinned a shoulder knot on or given the hearty grip of the left hand saying: "Billy, we're glad to welcome you into the — Patrol". In fact, if it hadn't been for my own build-up of the ceremony beforehand I doubt very much if the event would have made any impression at all.

Scouting loses a lot when leaders fail to give such important ceremonies proper preparation and full attention. For any leader to fail to stress the importance of Honour in Scouting is, in my opinion, to miss the boat completely. Leaders let us do a good job, a thorough job, or else get out of the Movement and make room for somebody who will. Our loyalty to the boyhood of Canada demands our best—In Scouting it should be "All or Nothing at All" I believe.—AN OLD SCOUTER.

What to Say to Parents at Investiture

A GREAT many Scouters, very wisely ask the parents of boys to be invested to attend the ceremony of Investiture. It is wise because it gives the parents an opportunity to understand the important step their son is taking, and it is wise because it gives the Scoutmaster an opportunity to have a word with parents about helping their boy keep the promise he makes.

It is necessary of course to make any remarks to parents brief, and yet all inclusive. Here is a very brief parent talk, based upon one suggested by the Training Department of the Boy Scouts of America.

THE QUESTION OF UNIFORMS

WE have been told often that it was quite impossible to get uniforms but the further we have gone from the stores the more completely the boys have been equipped, and when you got to the little villages on the railways, there you saw them turned out with complete uniforms. At one place the mothers of boys collected uniforms from fellows who had been in the Scouts or who had grown out of their uniforms, patched them, washed and ironed them and it was a magnificent ceremony. There were seven hundred of them on parade, and every single one in uniform. In some cities where they said they couldn't get uniforms, we found in almost every case the Scoutmaster himself lacking in uniform and turning up in the most odd assortment of clothes. Not a very good example to the boys he was leading. It is a thing which is fundamental to the best in Scouting that the boys should take a pride in their uniforms and buy them with their own efforts. One of the most magnificent things on the continent of Europe, where the Scouts lost everything, was the way the Scouts did their level best to collect everything they could in uniforms. At Vastoy, every single Boy Scout had a shirt made by their mothers of mattress cloth. They were determined to turn up in uniform uniforms. The only material available was mattress cloth, so they took it and made it into Scout shirts. There is a real spirit about that you can't beat.

—LORD ROWALLAN.



AT VANCOUVER, LORD ROWALLAN WAS GREETED BY 3,000 CUBS, SCOUTS, GUIDES AND BROWNIES. ON THE LEFT IN THE PICTURE IS THE CIRCLE OF BROWNIES, WHILE TO THE RIGHT IS THE GRAND CIRCLE OF CUBS. THE SCOUTS AND GUIDES ARE GROUPED AROUND THE SIDES OF BROCKTON POINT OVAL WHERE THE RALLY WAS HELD.

SCOUTER (to parents): Every boy is at heart a Boy Scout. The things Scouts do are the things all normal boys dream of doing. Given the right opportunity, boys will welcome this happy and wholesome Scout life. In his investiture the boy gives his solemn promise to "Do his duty to God". This is the spiritual cornerstone upon which we build. He promises to do his duty to The King, which means his country,

and to help other people at all times. These are the twin pillars of social obligation upon which are builded the citizens of tomorrow. Finally he gives his word that he will keep the Scout Law, which embraces all the law of the Ten Commandments, and the chivalry of the knights of old. With the loyal help of you parents, Scouting can aid these boys in growing up into worthwhile manhood and citizenship.

A TENDENCY TO BE AVOIDED

ONE thing we noticed was that in many places there is a tendency to go for the easy proficiency badge, and the outdoor badges are neglected. There are very few Bushman's Thongs in spite of the tremendous opportunities Canada gives for that work; and too many fairly easily won Gold Cords. Where this cord is earned with easily won badges there is very little merit in it. I prefer to see half a dozen badges and a Bushman's Thong, than very many badges with a Gold Cord. We have seen some magnificent Troops where the badges were of a high standard and a keen ambition showed to go for higher.

—LORD ROWALLAN.

CHINS-UP FUND



LISTED below are further donations to the Chins-Up Fund which is now officially closed. It is hoped to present a full report of the Chins-Up Fund since its inception in the January issue of *The Leader*. In the meantime we gratefully acknowledge these donations.

2nd Kapuskasing, Ont., Group; 1st Timmins, Ont., Pack; 6th Timmins Pack; 6th Timmins Troop; 8th Timmins Troop; Timmins Girl Guides; Cochrane, Ont., Local Association; 12th Port Arthur, Ont., Group; 7th Port

Arthur Pack; 1st Port Arthur Troop; 1st Geraldton, Ont., Troop; Fort William Packs; Assiniboia, Man., Cubs; Blue prings, Ont., Leaders Courses; King St. United Church, Oshawa, Ont.; Kiwanis Club of Oshawa; Oshawa Hebrew School; Oshawa District Girl Guides; 1st Saskatoon Troop; Saskatchewan Provincial Office.

1st Eganville, Ont., Troop; 2nd Prescott, Ont., Pack; 27th Hamilton, Ont., Pack; 2nd Hamilton Girl Guides; 46th Hamilton Troop; 7th Hamilton Troop; 2nd Aldershot, Ont., Troop; 5th Hamilton Troop; 48th Hamilton Pack; 2nd Hamilton Ladies Auxiliary; 24th Hamilton Pack; 52nd Hamilton Troop; 2nd Hamilton Troop; 25th Hamilton Troop; 1st Stoney Creek, Ont., Pack; 1st Stoney Creek Troop; Miscellaneous Hamilton Groups; Hamilton Scout Swimming Gala; Ontario Provincial Office; Brantford, Ont., Scouters Club; 1st Espanola, Ont., Group; 10th Brantford Troop; 16th St. Catharines, Ont., Pack; Queens County Association, N.S.; Dartmouth, N.S., Local Association;

3rd Bridgewater, N.S., Group; Pictou County, N.S., Cubs and Scouts.

Opened Their Eyes

Canadian Police Gazette

LORD Rowallan, Chief Scout of the British Commonwealth and Empire, who has been touring the Scout centres of Canada, in an address to the Men's Canadian Club in Victoria, opened the eyes of many of his listeners as he laid before them the scope of Scouting. To many of us the Scouts have just been a little boy's organization, holding only child interest. The thought that a foundation of cleanliness, decency, tolerance, all the traits which the world so sorely needs today, has been set by the Scout movement, has somehow been overlooked. We owe Lord Rowallan a debt for his timely and instructive address.

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Carol Singing — The National Scout Good Turn

FROM a number of centres all over the country has come word that Scout Troops will be taking part in Scouting's national Christmas Good Turn—adding colour to the Christmas season by singing carols in their communities. Many Groups are already preparing for this event.

It is the hope of the Dominion Executive Board that this effort will be expanded from year to year, and become a recognized Good Turn in every place where Scouting is organized.

The Scout Leader is anxious to secure as many pictures as possible of the Carol Singing this year. Please send glossy prints to Dominion Headquarters. Ordinary snapshots sharp and contrasty will serve admirably. Please do not send negatives.

PACK OBJECTIVES

For January

Group Committee Visit Pack.
New Indoor Games.
Star and Proficiency Badge Work.
Visit Another Pack.
Ski Hike.
Winter Sports.

A Book All Scouters Should Have

A NEW book, recently off the press, and one that should be on the bookshelf of every Scouter is *Conservation Illustrated*. Scouting and Conservation go hand in hand, and our movement and that of conserving our natural resources are inseparable. This new book, published by the publishers of *Nature Magazine*, which is well known to many Scouters, is an authoritative work presenting a graphic picture of the natural resources and the part they have played in the development of Canada. There are 128 pages with 200 beautiful illustrations and Scouters would find it an admirable book for reference purposes in outdoor Scouting. Contributors include numerous distinguished Canadians. It is a book which has the hearty endorsement of Dominion Headquarters. *Conservation Illustrated* may be obtained by writing to Canadian Nature Magazine, 177 Jarvis Street, Toronto 2, Ontario. The price is \$1.00 per copy, or 75 cents per copy when purchased in lots of 25 or more.

Eugene Williams, a member of the 5th Halifax Troop, was elected Deputy Mayor for Halifax's Youth Day.

General Spry's Record

ENQUIRY has come to us from Windsor, Ont., as to seeming irregularities shown in the record of General Spry's career as a Scout in the October issue of *The Scout Leader*. It will be noted that while General Spry became a First Class Scout and King's Scout in February, his final First Class test was not passed until May. This is explained by the fact that the old P.O.R. provided that where a recruit was not available, the training of a recruit could be postponed, but had to be completed within three months. His training of a recruit was completed in May, three months later. It is also drawn to our attention that General Spry had fourteen proficiency badges before he was a First Class Scout, whereas regulations are that he must not wear more than six. The regulation regarding the wearing of Proficiency Badges still stands, but the earning and wearing of such badges is two different things. In 1928, it was apparently permissible to earn the badges, but only six were permitted to be worn.

When Robert McDermid of Renfrew, Ont., fell from the roof of his house, several Renfrew Scouts rendered first aid until the arrival of a doctor.

An Editor Looks
At Scouting

SOCIAL PENICILLIN

An Editorial In
The Hamilton Spectator

NEARLY forty years ago, a man discovered a sort of social penicillin which has done more, perhaps, than any other modern curative agent, to keep society sane and healthy. That man was Baden-Powell, and his discovery was the Boy Scout Movement, without which, democracy itself might not have survived.

The mental hospitals of the nation are crowded, but there are no neurotics among the Boy Scouts. Crime alarms the public, but not Scout Leaders. Prominent men deplore youth's lack of aggression, but they will not find Scouters lacking in initiative. Neither will team spirit be found lacking in Boy Scout Troops. Bad as things may be, they would be worse, the social organism would be more ill than it is, had there been no Boy Scout Movement.

Baden-Powell's discovery was hailed

throughout the world, and his movement spread to every land. It appealed to youth, and was encouraged by their parents. Everywhere its beneficial effects became apparent. The dictators hated it, for it developed in the young, ideas of freedom and honour which were inimical to tyranny. All over Europe the Boy Scout Movement was suppressed entirely, or compelled to exist as a junior underground activity. But Scouting in Europe is coming back. Already, it is on its feet, and to this recovery, the hundred thousand Boy Scouts of Canada, have contributed, through their characteristically-named Chins Up Fund. Lord Rowallan, Chief Scout of the British Commonwealth and Empire, the successor of the immortal Baden-Powell, whose visit to Canada and Hamilton is a most welcome one, has voiced his appreciation of this generous act by Canadian boys.

The Boy Scout Movement has been

paid the sincerest compliment of imitation, for at home and abroad, other organizations have emulated its methods and ideals, so its influence has also been indirect. Critics of Scouting are usually uninformed. Were it otherwise, they would never seriously attack an organization which teaches the young honour, initiative, team-play, the helping of others, and the love of home, country and religion. The only danger to Scouting, a danger to which every movement is subject, is that it shall fall below the standards of its originator.

When the Boy Scouts meet in France next year, at their International Jamboree, Canadians generally can take pride in this evidence of the renaissance of world Scouting, to which our youth have contributed so much. It will be a peace conference, in which harmony will prevail, the sign, let us hope, of the growing unity of youth.