

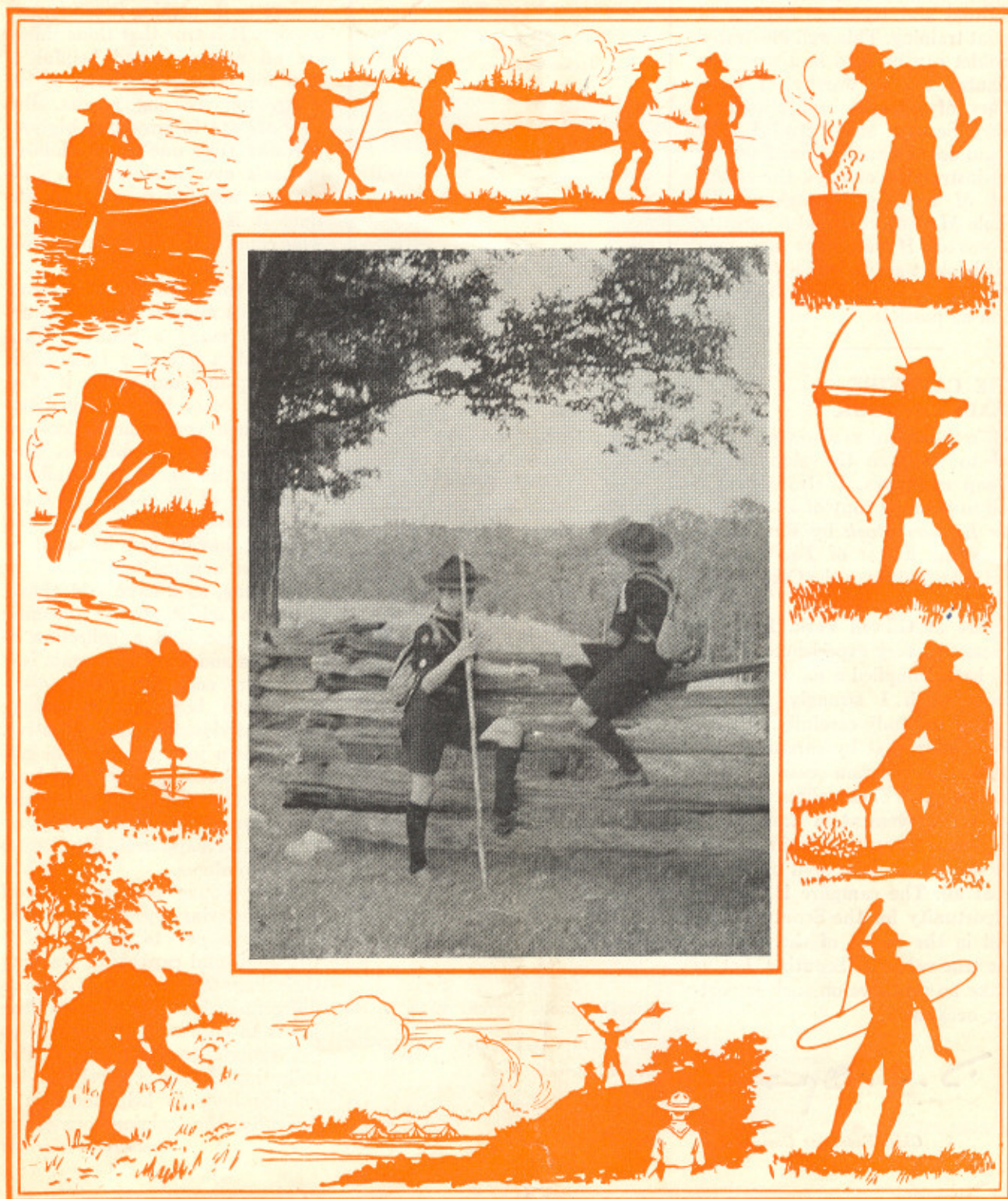
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The Sign Post

"PUTTING IT ACROSS"

Dr. Carter Storr's booklet *Putting It Across* is a wonderful contribution to the Scout Movement and I do hope that all Scouters and many Patrol Leaders will study this book in order that they may be better able to "put across" the spiritual and technical aspects of Scout training. This well illustrated booklet can be read in a very few minutes but is worthy of some hours of thought and study. If every Scouter and Patrol Leader would use the methods outlined for the instruction of boys, the standard of training throughout the whole Movement would be greatly improved. If you have not seen this booklet get in touch with your District or Provincial Office as soon as possible.

THE CAMPFIRE LEADERS' BOOK

To those leaders who are anxious to improve the standard of Troop campfires, I strongly urge you to obtain a copy of *The Campfire Leaders' Book* by Rex Hazelwood the Editor of *The Scouter*, and John Thurman the Camp Chief at the International Training Centre at Gilwell Park, England. These two very experienced Scouters have compiled a most valuable book which I strongly urge all leaders to study carefully. I am of the opinion that by careful preparation and common sense the general standard of campfires throughout the Movement in Canada can be greatly improved. As in all that we do, let us do it well or not do it at all. The campfire is the one opportunity for the Scouter to instill in the minds of the boys all the true values of Scouting. Let us make no mistakes on such important occasions.

D. C. Spry

Chief Executive Commissioner.

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What We Think

The Game of Scouting

By B.-P.

YES, Scouting is a game. But sometimes I wonder whether, with all our pamphlets, rules, disquisitions, conferences and training classes for Commissioners and other Scouters, etc., we may not appear to be making it *too serious a game*. It is true that these things are all necessary and helpful to men for getting the hang of the thing, for securing results. But they are apt to grow into big proportions (like one's own children or one's own mannerisms) without our noticing it, when all the time it is very patent to those who come suddenly upon it from outside.

That this phalanx of instructional aids appears terribly formidable to many a Scouter, while to outsiders having a look before they leap into our vortex it must in many cases be directly deterring. When you come to look on it as something formidable, then you miss the whole spirit and the whole joy of it; your boys catch the depression from you, and Scouting having lost its spirit, is no longer a game for them.

Scouting, as I have said above, is not a science to be solemnly studied, nor is it a collection of doctrines and texts. Nor again is it a military code for drilling discipline into boys and repressing their individuality and initiative. No—it is a jolly game in the out of doors, where boy-men and boys can go venturing together as older and younger brothers, picking up health and happiness, handicrafts and helpfulness.

Many young men are put off Scoutmastering by the fear that they have got to be admirable Crichtons and capable of teaching their boys all the details for the different badge tests; whereas their job is to enthuse the boys and to get experts to teach them. The collection of rules is merely to give guiding lines to help them in a difficulty; the training courses are

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AN URGENT APPEAL

ON BEHALF OF SCOUTING'S FLOOD AND FIRE VICTIMS IN MANITOBA AND QUEBEC

The plight of numerous Scout Groups in Manitoba and Quebec who have suffered serious loss of personal and Group equipment as a result of the disastrous Red River floods and the tragic fires provides the first opportunity for Canadian Scouting to rally to the new.

CANADIAN SCOUT BROTHERHOOD FUND

Through this fund, inaugurated only a month ago, will be administered all money gifts donated to this most worthy appeal. On the advice of the Commissioners concerned Headquarters will purchase and despatch the necessary supplies to replace those lost in the floods or fires.

Send donations to:

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All Donations will be acknowledged in The Scout Leader

There is not space here to enlarge upon the need. The whole nation has been shocked by the tragedies which have engulfed Southern Manitoba and the towns of Rimouski and Cabano in Quebec in the past few weeks. Grave losses of personal and Group equipment have been sustained by some sixty Scout units, and it is to replace these losses that the SCOUT BROTHERHOOD FUND is thrown open for subscriptions.

Canadian Scouting has never been tardy in responding to any worthwhile appeal. We urge a generous and ready response to this appeal—one of the few ever made on behalf of our own Canadian Scouts.

DON'T PUT IT OFF

SEND YOUR PERSONAL, PACK, TROOP OR CREW DONATION TODAY

"A Scout is a Friend to all and a Brother to every other Scout"

MEET JOHN THURMAN

CAMP CHIEF AT GILWELL PARK
WHO VISITS CANADA THIS SUMMER

As previously announced, John Thurman, Camp Chief at Gilwell Park, England, will visit Canada this summer and will attend a number of Canadian Gilwell Courses. He will visit the Canadian Scouters Training Centre, July 17-23; Maritimes Scoutmaster Course, July 24-26; Ontario Scoutmaster Course, August 1-3; Prairie Scoutmaster Course, August 9-11; British Columbia Cubmaster Course, August 15-17; Quebec Cubmaster Course, August 21-23. He will be accompanied by E. F. Mills, Executive Commissioner for Training at the C.S.T.C., British Columbia and Prairie Courses, and by W. L. Currier, Deputy Chief Executive Commissioner at the Ontario and Quebec Courses. Mr. Thurman is returning from a tour of Australia and New Zealand.

Introducing John Thurman

The name John Thurman is becoming increasingly well-known in Scouting circles throughout the world. As Camp Chief of the Boy Scouts Association he is responsible for directing the training of Scout Leaders in all parts of the Commonwealth and Empire.

Although he is "John" to everybody, he was christened Richard Francis, which accounts for the idea which sometimes arises that there are two Thurmans well-known in Scouting. There is a further excuse for this confusion, for so much is accomplished under the name of Thurman that it would seem that there must be two of them.

As a boy he was never a Scout. His introduction to Scouting came about because a friend of his hurt his knee. The doctor, while examining the injury, asked if either of them would like to become a Cubmaster.

"I told the doctor I might take it on", says the Camp Chief in telling the story of his unusual introduction to the Movement in which he was destined to play such an important part. "He gave me the address of the Local Association Chairman, who said it was a Scoutmaster he wanted, not a Cubmaster. He gave us the address of the Troop and I went to the next meeting and stayed twelve years. I was seventeen at the time".

His apprenticeship as a Scout Leader was well served. When he advises Scoutmasters on training their Scouts he speaks with a background of experience gained in running Scout Groups over a number of years. He started as Assistant Scoutmaster of the 1st Edgeware Group, Middlesex, in 1930 and was its Group Scoutmaster from 1931 to 1937. Under his leadership the Group became large and highly successful.

His experience of leading men and training others to lead boys is just as extensive. For several years he served as District Scoutmaster and then as Assistant District Commissioner for the Edgeware District. In 1935 he was appointed Deputy Camp Chief for Middlesex, a voluntary appointment which he held until he became Camp Chief in 1943. He also served as Assistant County Commissioner for Middlesex during the first four years of the war.

His first full-time job in Scouting was when he was appointed a Field Commissioner in 1942, a job which gave full play to his flair for organization and leadership. When Colonel J. S. Wilson retired from the position of Camp Chief to become Director of the Boy Scouts International Bureau, John Thurman seemed the obvious man to succeed him.

The Camp Chief's residence and headquarters is Gilwell Park, near Chingford, Essex, on the outskirts of London. "Gilwell", as it is known to Scouts everywhere, has been called "the laboratory and power-house of Scouting", which is an apt description of its functions. But it is more than that. It is the spiritual headquarters of the World Scout Brotherhood, a symbol respected and loved by Scouts everywhere.

From this lovely wooded estate on the edge of Epping Forest, Scouting's Founder, Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell, took his title when he was elevated to the Peerage of Great Britain on the occasion of the Coming-of-Age Celebrations of the Boy Scout Movement in 1929.

Scout Leaders from all over the world come to Gilwell Park to take part in Scouters' Training Courses under the direction of the Camp Chief. For eight days they forget their rank



John Thurman

and status in Scouting and civilian life and become members of a Scout Patrol, living under canvas, cooking their own food and learning by doing. Their Scoutmaster is John Thurman. If they successfully complete the course they become members of the 1st Gilwell Park Group which now has thousands of members in almost every country in the world.

John Thurman's job does not end in running Wood Badge Courses at Gilwell Park. As Camp Chief he is responsible for supervising training courses being run in many parts of Britain and the Commonwealth and Empire. He also has many Deputy Camp Chiefs and Akela Leaders in other countries affiliated to the Boy Scouts International Bureau who look to him for a lead in their work of training Scouters.

Apart from all this he is kept busy in several other ways. He is in great demand as a speaker at all sorts of lay as well as Scout functions. He is well-known as an author. *The Patrol Leaders Handbook*, recently published, has become one of Scouting's best sellers, and the *Camp Fire Leaders' Book* of which he is joint author is very popular. His

book *God and the Open Scout Group*, has been highly praised by reviewers. His articles in *The Scout* and *The Scouter* are followed closely by Scouts and Scouters.

His interests outside Scouting are wide and varied. He believes that the man who has no other interests apart from Scouting is not a good person to train Scouts. A man, he says, cannot help boys to develop into wholesome balanced citizens unless he himself has a fully balanced personality, and he should play his part in the community around him.

In spite of his pre-occupation with Scouting he finds time to carry this out in his own life. A family man with a baby daughter, he is fond of a good book. He is keenly interested in all sports, particularly cricket. In his younger days he was a very keen rugby player. Angling is his true love these days and once a year he likes to get right away from Scouting and spend a few weeks on the Norfolk Broads with rod and line.

There could be no keener disciple of B.-P. than the present Camp Chief. He contends that the only unsuccessful developments in Scouting have been when B.-P.'s writings were ignored. "Stick to *Scouting for Boys*," he says, "and you can't go far wrong". This does not mean that he is against new ideas. On the contrary, he is always willing to try something new in Scouting. The only tests it must pass are "Is it Scouting" and "Will it benefit the boy".

The secret of his popularity lies in his sincerity and his fervent belief in the value of Scouting for boys and in the quiet persuasive manner in which he infuses others with that Scout spirit which he possesses in such full measure.

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merely to show them more readily the best way of applying our methods and of gaining results.

So may I urge upon Scouters that the more important quest for this year is to ginger up the joyous spirit of Scouting through camping and hiking, not as an occasional treat in intervals of parlour or parade Scouting but as the habitual form of training for their boys—and, incidentally, for themselves.

The Scouter—January, 1931.

WINNIPEG SCOUTS HIGHLY COMMENDED

THE following letter has been received by Major General D. C. Spry, Chief Executive Commissioner, from Brigadier R. E. A. Morton, the Director of Flood Relief Control in the Manitoba Floods.

"The work of the Boy Scouts in the Manitoba floods was truly magnificent and through you I want to express to them the gratitude of the three Services for their untiring efforts.

"Each and every Scout in the flooded areas lived up to the motto 'Be Prepared'. From the first, Scouts were on hand serving as messengers and doing a hundred and one other jobs, not only for the Services, but also the many volunteer organizations engaged in flood work. They have every reason to be proud of the manner in which they carried out their duties.

"Would you please pass along to each Troop the thanks of the Services for a job well done."

R. E. A. Morton, Brigadier,
Director of Flood Relief Control.



BRIEF BITS
About Scouting

Scouts Win Debating Trophy

Scouts Emery Fanjoy, David Buckle and Charles Marr of the Centenary-Queen Square Troop at Saint John, N.B., won the senior debating trophy in a debating tournament conducted under the auspices of the Maritime Religious Education Council.

R.C.M.P. Co-operation

Another example of the splendid co-operation given the Scout Movement by members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police comes from Charlottetown, P.E.I., where the "Mounties" are instructing Scouts in their Master-at-Arms Badge.

St. George's Day Ceremony

THE 2nd Calgary Troop observed St. George's Day on Sunday, April 23rd, by instituting what, it is hoped, will become an annual custom on the Sunday nearest that festival. At the morning service, the Scoutmaster presented the Troop Leader and five Second Class Scouts to the rector of Christ Church, Elbow Park, to receive their

Religion and Life Awards. The Scoutmaster, Col. J. E. H. Tidswell in presenting the Scouts said "Reverend Sir, I present to you these Scouts to receive at your hands the Religion and Life Award of the Boy Scouts Association, signifying that they have kept the Promise made at their investiture, and they would do their best to do their duty to God." The rector then presented the awards and explained briefly to the congregation the significance of the badge and the requirements which had to be fulfilled. The brief ceremony closed with the singing of the hymn "Youth of the World, Arise."

Hitch Hiking Not Permitted

SECTION 108, P.O.R., forbids hitch hiking by Scouts and Scouters and this fact is drawn to the attention of all members of the Movement at this season when hitch hiking becomes a prevalent practice. P.O.R. states "Hitch hiking by Scouts or Scouters, involving as it does a form of begging and general reflection upon the dignity and reputation of the Movement; and encouraging as it does the habit of casual and irresponsible wandering, and mixing with questionable company, is a violation of Scouting principles. It should be given no countenance by leaders." Loyal observance of this rule is essential, and we appeal to every Scouter to uphold it. A recent *Reader's Digest* article told the sorry story of murder, robbery and assault which has been the reward of literally thousands of motorists who have given lifts to hitch hikers. We urge every leader to instruct Cubs, Scouts and Rovers in this matter.



Pictured here are the Provincial Executive Commissioners, Canadian Headquarters Staff and other Scout officials who attended the recent three day Executive Commissioners' Conference at the Normal School in Ottawa. Front row, left to right, Frank McKeon, Hamilton; W. L. Currier, Deputy Chief Executive Commissioner; Maj. Gen. D. C. Spry, Chief Executive Commissioner; E. F. Mills, Executive Commissioner for Training; P. M. O. Evans, C.H.Q. Staff; second row, H. B. Greenaway, Executive Commissioner, Toronto; Arthur J. Tomlinson, Executive Commissioner, Newfoundland; Harry Holloway, Executive Commissioner, Alberta; Tom Stark, Executive Commissioner, Saskatchewan; R. Ken Jordan, Executive Commissioner, British Columbia; Geo. E. Simmons, Executive Commissioner for Administration; Percy Ross, Executive Commissioner, New

Brunswick; George Ferguson, Executive Commissioner for Stores; Cyril Dendy, Executive Commissioner, Quebec; A. D. Beattie, Assistant Executive Commissioner for Training; Joe Harwood, Executive Commissioner, Manitoba; Frank Irwin, Executive Commissioner, Ontario; back row: L. L. Johnson, Executive Commissioner for Public Relations; B. H. Mortlock, Executive Commissioner for Publications; Jean Tellier, Executive Commissioner, La Federation des Scouts Catholique; W. A. Speed, Executive Commissioner, Nova Scotia; Gordon Kerr, Executive Commissioner, Prince Edward Island; Capt. Joe Craig, Salvation Army; Stanton Cutler, Assistant Executive Commissioner for Stores; H. E. D. Mitchell, Assistant Executive Commissioner, Toronto.

SCOUTING FOR BOYS

Some Outdoor Practices For The Summer

CAMPING as an outdoor summer activity was dealt with recently in *The Scout Leader*. The following suggested activities may be conducted at the annual camp, at weekend camps or on Saturday afternoon excursions.

In front of me is *Scouting for Boys*, the Boy Scout's "bible" and as one thumbs through it almost limitless activities suggest themselves.

Stalking

This is of two types, stalking of humans and stalking of animals and birds. In the former a great deal of fun may be had participating in the games suggested in Camp Fire Yarn No. 14 in *Scouting for Boys*. Stalking of animals and birds should of course be done with the sketch book and the camera and may well lead to the Stalker Badge.

There are several good textbooks which deal with the art of stalking. However well they may deal with the fundamentals of the subject there can really be no substitute for the actual practice. Every Scout should be able to stalk properly and he must be taught. To Scout and to stalk are almost synonymous.

Stalking Games

Game No. 1—Instructor acts as a deer—not hiding, but standing, moving a little now and then if he likes.

Scouts go out to find, and each in his own way tries to get up to him unseen.

Directly the instructor sees a Scout he directs him to stand up as having failed. After a certain time the instructor calls "Time," all stand up at the spot which they have reached, and the nearest wins. (*Scouting for Boys*).

Game No. 2—Whistle on stump or rock in woods. Scouters and T.L. patrol around whistle at a distance of 30 to 50 yards, depending upon natural cover. Scouts endeavour to stalk in and blow whistle. The Scout blowing the whistle uses Morse to sound first letter of Patrol name.

Letters or numbers on small cards (yellow on black is best) are worn by the Scouts in their hat bands. Scouters endeavour to spot the stalking Scouts and write down the letter or number which is seen. Every letter or number so recorded counts against the Patrol. Blowing the whistle gains points for the Patrol whose member is the first to sound it.

Tracking

Related to Stalking is Tracking. Several tracking and similar observation practices are suggested in *Scout-*

TIMELY ATTENTION MEANS FIRE PREVENTION

ing for Boys. Stories in sand can be written and the Scouts asked to deduce what happened. Tracking irons may be used or the "whifflepoof" (a length of log with spikes driven in at all angles, drawn by a rope over all types of ground, grass, rocks, gravel, and even hard surfaced roads).

The making of plaster casts should be tried. Start with simple man-made tracks and then go on to animal and bird tracks.

Use tracking games to increase the skill of each Scout. The skill thus acquired will put the boys well on the way to earning the Tracker Badge.

Tracking Games

Two Scouts go ahead of the Troop. These are the two "hares", they are equipped each with a haversack filled with two inch lengths of coloured wool of various hues. These hares lay a trail of wool through the bush and woods, at first using all the brightest colours and then making it progressively harder by throwing down (or hanging up on trees) the green and brown coloured wool pieces.

The remainder of the Troop or Patrol are the "hounds" who follow the wool trail, having given the hares ten minutes start.

A similar game may be played with the hares using bulk puffed wheat instead of wool. Birds and animals consume the wheat later. On no account do Scouts use paper as in a paper chase—Scouts are not "litter louts".

Camp Cooking

"Every Scout, must of course, know how to cook"—(B.-P.). Opportunities must be given for every Scout to practice the art of cooking. This may take place either at camp or upon hikes. Experiments should be conducted in haybox cooking, bean-pole cooking, bread and twist making, kabobs, stews, etc. Scouts might try aluminum foil cooking.

Every Scout should be given practice in laying out a camp kitchen—this to include choice of type of fire-place, the digging of grease and dry pits and the erection of the necessary gadgets associated with a camp kitchen.

Ultimate aim of course is the Camper and Camp Cook Badges.

Pioneering

This covers a multitude of things to do, from the learning of knotting and lashing to the construction of man-sized objects. Scouts should progress from simple gadgets and models requiring a knowledge of lashing to the

building of bridges, signalling towers, transporters, bivouacs, etc.

As skill is gained challenges may be thrown out to the boys to construct such things as drawbridges, rafts, tree-houses, elevators and so on. These may be of their own devising and need not necessarily follow already accepted designs.

Remember! Safety demands that Scouters and Junior Leaders must check every lashing before such pioneer efforts are put to use. A safe rule to follow is: *only one or two at a time on bridges and towers.*

In and On the Water

Every Scout should be able to swim. Having learned to swim the next thing

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is to go on and learn how to rescue others from drowning. The requirements for both the Swimmer and Rescuer Badges are not difficult of attainment by most boys of Scout age.

Try swimming races and diving competitions. If at camp one afternoon may be devoted to a swimming regatta whilst another afternoon may be spent on the tests for the Rescuer Badge.

The accomplished swimmers may go on to building rafts, boats and canoes and sailing them under proper supervision. (See Sec. 95 of P.O. & R.). Try whale hunting and tilting as B.P. suggests in Camp Fire Yarn No. 6.

Star Gazing

Show or have someone show the boys the different constellations, how to find north by the stars. Once having been shown how to tell the time by the stars have a competition between the lads to see who can come nearest to the correct time by this method. Warn the boys to remember daylight saving time in their calculations.

Estimations

Try the different methods of estimating distances, heights and areas as illustrated in *Tenderfoot to King's Scout*. This may be done either at camp or whilst hiking in the country. Try the lads on telephone poles, trees, church spires. Have the boys estimate the widths of rivers, roads, lakes and then go on to the areas of fields and meadows.

Have the boys check their own personal measurements, those which may be used as a "ruler". Remind them that as they are still growing that these measurements will have to be checked at least every six months.

Signalling

Signalling belongs out-of-doors, it was never intended for indoor use. Try different signalling stunts using either Morse or Semaphore. Make sure that the lads are out of shouting distance of each other.

Both day and night signalling should be tried; it will be found that there's quite a difference between the two. Have the boys note which code is the more advantageous under various conditions.

Use wide games where signalling is introduced. *Scouting for Boys* contains several of these games and practices.

Wide Games

Many Scouting skills may be put across in the form of wide games. Make full use of these. Gilcraft's book of *Wide Games* will give many sugges-

tions. The Swedish sport of Orienteering gives excellent practice in the use of the compass and maps.

In General. There is a multitude of outdoor activities in Scouting without having to resort to baseball and kindred games. Give the lads real *Scouting for Boys*.

100% Representation at B.C. Camporee

THE South Burnaby District held its first camporee at the District Camp on the Coquitlam River on April 7th and 8th. Under the leadership of their Patrol Leaders 105 Scouts, comprising 19 Patrols, went through their paces, attempting to attain the tops in Scouting standards. Every Patrol in the entire six Troop district was represented.

Cooking, mapping, knowledge of trees and shrubs, and estimating were some of the work the boys covered in

order to reach the standard they were aiming for. Scoutmasters, assistants and instructors attended the camporee to act as observers and judge whether a Patrol should receive an A, B or C standard.

Everyone attending agreed the camporee was a tremendous success, and the fact that all the Patrols worked as a unit throughout the whole camporee proved to the leaders that the Patrol system was the base of all Troop activity. The following week a banquet was held for Patrol Leaders and Scouters at which each Patrol was awarded a pennant showing the standard attained.

Help Toronto Scouts

To assist the Toronto Scout financial campaign, Elsie, the famous Borden cow and her son Beauregard, were on display for a whole week in Eaton's Toronto store. The entire proceeds were turned over to the Scouts.

WOOD BADGE COURSES

Cubmaster Courses

British Columbia, Camp Barnard	August 12-19
Prairie Provinces, Prince Albert, Sask.	July 31—August 5
Quebec, Tamaracouta	August 19-26
Ontario, Blue Springs	July 22-29—September 2-9

Weekend Cubmaster Course

Ontario, Crooked Creek Camp	June 3-25
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Scoutmaster Courses

Maritime Provinces, Hammond River, N.B.	July 18-28
British Columbia, Osprey Lake	August 19-27
Prairie Provinces, Prince Albert, Sask.	August 7-16
Ontario, Blue Springs	July 29—August 6; September 9-17
Quebec, Noranda District	July 22-29
Ontario Rover Leader Course—Blue Springs	Sept. 20-24

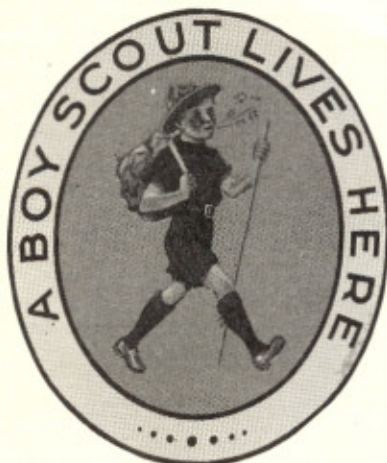
Weekend Scoutmaster Courses

Quebec, Richmond	August 5-26
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John Thurman, Camp Chief at Gilwell Park, England, accompanied by E. F. Mills, Executive Commissioner for Training, at Canadian Headquarters, will visit a number of these courses. The Executive Commissioner for Training will also act as Camp Chief at the British Columbia Scoutmasters' Course.

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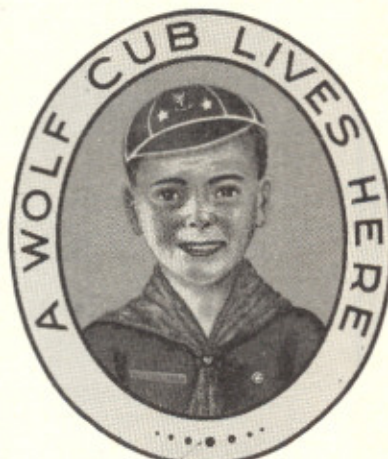
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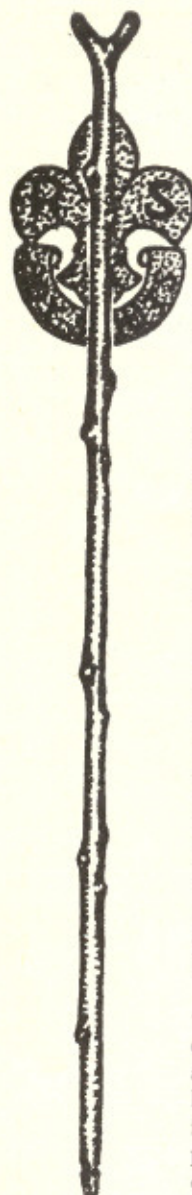
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THE ROVER WORLD

Hungry Valley Freezette

EIGHTEEN Rovers representing 1st Port Credit Crew, Brampton Beaver Crew, 27th Hamilton Crew, St. Bernard's Crew, Willowdale, attended the first Hungry Valley Freezette on Sixteen Mile Creek, near Oakville, Ont., this spring.

The campsite is a well wooded area with a large plain and a creek running through, and well protected by cliffs and hills. According to the individual Rover's ability to "take it" there were three ways to sleep, tents with heat, tents without heat, and for the tougher ones a hole in the snow-bank.

A large marquee was set up as a central headquarters, and all Crews brought their own food supplies and pooled them for cooking over a stove in the marquee. The activities varied, and the Brampton Crew,

as a subtle reminder of Brampton's winning the Canadian Lacrosse Championship on several occasions, introduced a game known as "Dangle Stick" which turned out to be lacrosse in its most rugged form.

All in all it was a rugged weekend and the Rovers of that part of Ontario are planning to make it an annual event.

Form Norway Moot Crew

A new Crew was formed at Oshawa's Camp Samac on March 18th and 19th, when 23 members of the Canadian Contingent to the World Moot in Norway organized themselves as the 4th Skjak Crew, and obtained permission from Canadian Headquarters to wear the Canada scarf at their Crew

Meetings. The Crew is formed to maintain the contacts which had their origin with the 1949 Moot, and the "Shook News" is one of the means of keeping up these contacts. The Crew expects to meet as a Crew at future moots and other Rover activities.

Open New Den

Members of the 22nd Hamilton Crew opened their new den on March 20th. Magistrate H. A. Burbridge of Hamilton cut the ribbon and told the large audience that Rover Scouting could have a profound influence on young boys. Bob Gibson, Honorary Skipper, made the opening remarks and "Red" Bourne dedicated the Burdis-Dolson Memorial Chapel. The Group Committee and Ladies' Auxiliary presented the Rover Flag and the Union Flag and St. George's Flag were donated by supporters.

12th Ontario Moot

The 12th Ontario Rover Moot will be held September 2nd, 3rd and 4th on the shores of Kaskabog Lake, 35 miles north of Peterborough, Ont. As this site is in the wilds, and requires a one and a half mile hike in through the forest, light weight equipment will be the order of the day.

1st Leamington Crew

The 1st Leamington, Ont., Crew recently staged a social evening at Serviss Hall. Everyone, including the girls, were given Rover nicknames for the evening. Anyone failing to address another by his or her nickname was fined a copper which helped to finance the evening. As an annual money raising event this Crew plans to have an Old Scout's Dinner to which will be invited all the residents of the community who have, at some time been interested in Scouting.

Make Your Plans Now

TO ATTEND

CANADIAN ROVER MOOT

BLUE SPRINGS SCOUT RESERVE

(Near Acton, Ontario)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31st

to

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th

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Canadian Headquarters is happy to announce the dates for the First Canadian Rover Moot as above. Ontario will act as host Province, and programme arrangements will be under the direction of the Ontario Rover Round Table. As plans progress further announcements will be made.

FIRST AID FOR CAMP AILMENTS

WE asked Dr. Allan Hopper of Moncton, N.B., an active Wood Badge Scouter and the Canadian Red Cross Society to draft the following information for Section E of the Ambulance Badge. The causes and first aid outlined is authentic and up-to-date.

(e) *Know the causes of and how to treat the following camp ailments—Indigestion, Chills and Colds, Headaches, Rashes, Sore Throat, Constipation, Diarrhoea.*

Indigestion—In camp is usually caused by eating too much, either of ordinary or highly spiced foods.

For treatment have the Scout lie down in a cool place. One teaspoonful of sodium bicarbonate and one half glass of warm water may help to settle the stomach. Give nothing else by mouth for a few hours, then try orange juice, cocoa and soup. Milk, eggs, bread and butter, toast, and mashed potato may next be added.

Do not give a laxative on account of the danger of appendicitis. Enforce the noon hour rest period.

Chills and Colds—Prevent as far as possible by having a change of dry clothing on wet days, wearing enough clothing after swimming period and in the evening specially around the camp fire and having an adequate supply of blankets and a proper ground sheet.

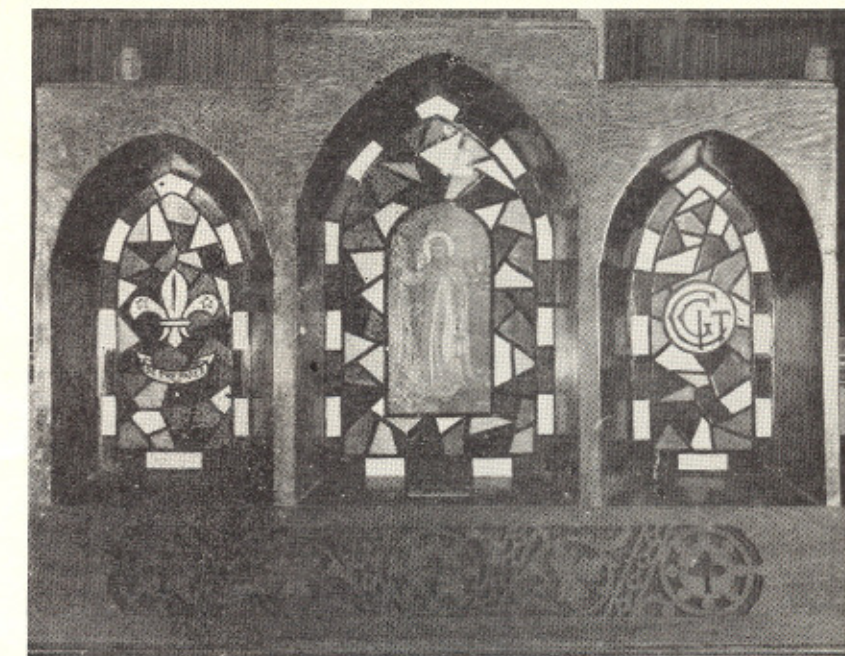
If a boy has a cold or chill, put him to bed with extra blankets and give an aspirin tablet (five grains) every three hours. A good rub down with a coarse towel may help. If the boy runs more than one degree of fever it will be wise to consult a doctor.

For a head cold use one per cent ephedrine aqueous nose drops. Use two to three drops in each nostril three to four times daily.

Headaches—Headaches may be caused by over-exposure to the sun, insufficient rest, fatigue, emotional upsets or it may be the start of an acute illness.

Place the boy in bed and give him an aspirin tablet every two hours, if necessary. If other symptoms show up and the boy runs a fever, see a doctor.

Rashes—Rashes may be the beginning of an acute illness such as measles, or scarlet fever. Unless the cause is known, such as poison ivy or hives,



At an impressive young people's service in Wesley United Church, Notre Dame de Grace, Montreal, this Worship Centre was officially opened. Featuring the famous Holman Hunt picture *Light of the World*, it is flanked by the Boy Scout and C.G.I.T. crests. More than 20 Scouts were presented with the Religion and Life Award at the service.

isolate the boy from other Scouts and see a doctor.

Sore Throat—A sore throat may be a part of an ordinary cold or the beginning of an acute illness.

If the sore throat is mild and the boy is running no fever, give an aspirin tablet every three hours, a hot salt and water gargle four or five times daily, and keep isolated in bed in a hospital tent.

If the Scout should run a fever, isolate from the other Scouts and see a doctor. Aspirin and gargles may be given as above.

Constipation—Constipation in camp is usually acute and is caused by lack of regularity, nervousness, lack of fluid intake and improper diet.

The best treatment is prevention. Adequate time should be allowed between breakfast and inspection in the camp programme so that each Scout has time to do his regular duties and go to the latrine. The natural urge to have a bowel movement should not be put off. The latrine should be well screened to ensure privacy. This should be done in any case but is especially important for the nervous boy. Fluid intake should be close to two quarts a day, especially in hot weather when

fluid loss by perspiration is great. Diet should contain fruit juices, fruits such as prunes and apricots, green vegetables such as spinach, beet greens, lettuce and green beans. Cereals such as oatmeal help in constipation.

For specific treatment two teaspoonfuls of milk of magnesia, 20 to 30 drops of fluid extract of cascara sagrada in a glass of water after one or more meals or cascara tablets may be used. Castor oil and magnesium sulphate (Epsom Salts) as laxatives have no place in camp.

Diarrhoea—An acute diarrhoea in camp will usually stop within 12 to 48 hours and will seldom require extensive treatment. Prevention again is most important such as using pasteurized milk, tested water, proper care of food, both fresh and left-overs and the control of flies.

For the first 12 to 18 hours, give nothing but fluids such as water, ginger ale, and tea; toast, a poached egg, rice and a cereal may be added. Milk will not be tolerated by all boys, but some will be able to take it. Avoid all fatty foods for from three to four days.

Bismuth and kaolin mixtures have a limited value but may be given for four to five doses.

CARE PREVENTS MORE FIRES THAN WATER

There's a Uniform Cor

Have you ever stopped to think how the Scout uniforms can be adapted for use on any Scouting occasion? This picture layout has been designed to show you how you can save money by using combinations of the uniform parts on appropriate occasions.

But first, a word or two about the Scout Uniform.

In the Troop: Scouting is a Movement for all boys who will subscribe to the Scout Promise. Racial, religious or social background has nothing to do with membership. The uniform is the outward and visible sign of the common fellowship in Scouting. Any Scout with pride in his membership will want to wear the uniform because he is proud to be a Scout, because he wants his Troop to be smart, and for the very sensible reason that it is the ideal wear for his Scouting activities.

In Public: The only opportunity some people have to judge Scouting, is by the appearance of its members in public. The incorrectly or half-uniformed Troop, gives a bad impression, not only of the Troop but of the Movement. By the same token the Troop which turns out in full uniform, every boy dressed alike, every boy neat, clean, and with every badge in the right place cannot help but create the very best impression of Scouting.

Quality and Design. The quality of Scout uniforms is the best that can be bought at the price, and Catalogue prices compare very favourably with similar quality merchandise in stores. The design is only accepted after it has been approved by the Stores Advisory Committee. In the case of the all-weather uniform, the first suits were tested in all parts of Canada under all kinds of weather conditions before approval was given.

Uniform Combinations: The Scout Uniform as shown in (1) is the dress uniform of the Movement—like the Red Coat uniform of the Mounties—but it is not suitable for all occasions. It would be a foolish Scout who would venture on a hike in zero weather in shorts, and it would be an equally foolish Scout who would hike in ideal weather in hot clammy trousers. Likewise a Scout would hardly camp in black fly infested country in shorts and with his shirt sleeves rolled up.

The accompanying illustrations show the various combinations of the uniform for appropriate occasions. Let's look them over.

(1) The Chief Scout is coming to town; there's a church parade or district rally, and the weather is fine. No. 1 is the answer—the dress uniform of the Movement.

(2) You're out in the woods or at camp. Your P.L. says: "Darry, we're getting short of firewood, how about it?" So Darry picks up his Scout axe and hikes off to the woods in appropriate gear—shorts, stockings, Scout sweat shirt.

(3) Seasons change fast in Canada. It's winter now and Darry is going out with the Patrol on a winter hike. He wears the obvious—the



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FOR EVERY OCCASION

all weather uniform, ski pants, parka with fur trimmed hood, and on his back a Nelson Packboard and Packsack, and the handy Scout axe, not too heavy and not too light.

(4) It's a warm summer day. With the rest of the gang Darry is on a Patrol Hike. Cooking is on the programme, so deep in the woods the Eagle Patrol clears away the dead brush and leaves and build their fire. It's hot in the woods, so off comes the regular Scout shirt and on goes the Scout "T" Shirt. The ski cap is ideal wear for this occasion—it doesn't get caught in the branches of the trees as you hike through dense woods.

(5) Darry's all slicked up for the big parade, or for Apple Day, but there's a cool breeze blowing, so over the top of his regular dress uniform he wears the Scout Parka. At camp too, when its cool in the early morning or just before turning in, or around the council fire, the Parka will serve a similar useful purpose.

(6) Here's Darry all dressed for a summer hike. Full uniform except for the ski cap which replaces the regular Scout hat for travel through the woods; with staff to test swampy ground, push his way through thick bush, and give him just that extra lift he needs towards the end of a long hike. Here again he is using the comfortable Nelson Packboard and Packsack.

(7) Winter sports are a big attraction for most Scouts. Darry likes to get out on the slopes of the nearby Gatineau Hills on his skis. He's not an expert by any means, but he has fun. He wears the all-weather uniform with ski cap and hood down, Scout ski mitts and two pairs of socks. The uniform is expertly designed, warmly lined, is windproof and snow repellent.

There is another combination not illustrated here—the ski pants for Winter indoor meetings. Some Scouts prefer to wear shorts all the year round, and wear the ski pants or trousers over them to and from meetings. Others prefer to wear the ski pants with regular Scout shirt. Whatever your Court of Honour decides, should be the dress for your Troop, but it must be officially approved uniform, not just anything any individual boy wants to wear.

Three very important people connected with Scouting have recently appealed to Scouts to "Smarten Up". They are His Majesty the King, the Patron of the Boy Scouts Association; Lord Rowallan, Chief Scout of the Commonwealth and Viscount Alexander, Chief Scout for Canada. Real Scouts will heed these appeals.

We have the uniforms, the quality and the design. All we need now is the loyal support of every Scout and Scouter in seeing that at all times each is neatly and correctly dressed for all Scouting occasions.

UNIFORM COMBINATIONS

- (1) The Dress Uniform:—Hat, Shirt, Shorts, Belt, Stockings, Necktie.
- (2) In the Woods:—Scout Sweat Shirt, Shorts (or ski slacks), Stockings.
- (3) Winter Hiking:—Parka, Hood, Ski Slacks, Ski Socks, Hi-Cut Boots.
- (4) In Camp:—Shorts, T-Shirt, Stockings, Ski Cap.
- (5) Cool Weather:—Regular Uniform as in (1) but with Parka.
- (6) For Hiking:—Ski Cap replaces regular Scout Hat.
- (7) Winter Sports:—Ski Cap, Parka, Hood, Ski Slacks, Ski Mitts, Ski Socks.
- (8) Winter Indoor Meetings (not illustrated):—Regular Scout Uniform with Ski Slacks replacing shorts.

ALL ITEMS MENTIONED ABOVE ARE FEATURED IN THE NEW SCOUT CATALOGUE.



FOUR DANGEROUS MOVEMENTS

DR. CODY'S ADDRESS AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A CONCLUDING feature of the Annual Meeting of the Canadian General Council in Ottawa on April 28th was the address of the President, Rev. Canon H. J. Cody, C.M.G., E.D., M.A., D.D., LL.D. Delivered with tremendous vigor and sincerity it was received with a great ovation from those in attendance.

Dr. Cody addressed the meeting as follows:

"I wish to say some words of thanks, to mention some of the outstanding features of this meeting and to make a few general remarks about the function of Boy Scouts in this Dominion.

First of all, I wish to thank Mr. Stevenson for his kindness in taking charge of the meeting. Secondly, I want to thank the Public School Board of this city, for giving us the use of this building. It is very fitting that a meeting in the interests of Boy Scouts should be held in an educational building. Scouting is a unique and splendid educational experiment which is marked by all the best qualities of a fine educational movement. It tries to link the theory and the practice of learning. It applies its teachings and principles in a practical way to the real problems of life and to the making of boys into good citizens.

I want to express my own great gratification at the presence of our dear old friend, Dr. Stiles. He deserves the best we can say of him. He weathered times of great discouragement, and no one rejoices more than does he at the progress of this organization both in numbers and in efficiency of administration. May he long be spared in health and vigor to enjoy an old age that is happy, useful and busy. I can foresee no state of human existence worse than having nothing to do. Some of you may remember that George Bernard Shaw once remarked that "the essence of Hell is a perpetual holiday!"

There has been some unique features in our gathering. We have had every old Province in the Dominion represented (except Saskatchewan) and the new Province of Newfoundland. It is almost unnecessary to add another welcome, though it is an honest one. We need Newfoundland, and Newfoundland needs us, to provide a bulwark of defence, should the time of invasion ever come—which God forbid!

Further, I was greatly impressed by the fact that all our Commissioners have been holding a conference. They have suggested many things, certain essential modifications, changes and suggestions which have been adopted.

There are just some other things of general character that I want to say. It is a platitude to say that we are in critical times. This is a period of real world-wide transition and perplexity. We are faced by many crises—political, economic and, above all, moral. Between the First World War and the last World War there developed certain general movements, certain tendencies, which I think are very adverse to the welfare of mankind. I think that the institution of the Boy Scouts is one of the best means of counteracting these deleterious and dangerous movements. They are worthwhile thinking over.

(1) One cannot believe in *indulgence without obedience*, discipline without subordination to law. One cannot do anything one pleases and do it with impunity. There has

to be in life some order in connection with all our freedom. It is freedom under the law for which we stand. People must not think they can be indulgent to themselves without being obedient to those laws which God Himself has written.

(2) We can't have *bread without work*, and all that bread stands for without work. In almost every magazine of a serious character that you read today there is noted a "flight from work". Some people think that the very ideal of life would be to have nothing to do. They think that the higher up you get in position, such as a manager or general director, the less you have to do. The reverse is the truth. I repeat, we cannot have bread without work. We cannot have a true national fabric without work. Of all the bad tendencies that have arisen that of believing that we are entitled to bread without work is one of the chief.

(3) I would put *privilege without responsibility*, the claim to have rights without remembering that they bring with them duties. Every privilege spells responsibility. I remember reading the reminiscences of a great schoolmaster in the United States, Horace Taft, a brother of President Taft, Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. He made the suggestion that this degree of B.A. instead of meaning, in so many cases, Bachelor of Arts, meant Builder of Alibis; creator of something that excuses one from doing duty. Going down the other day to Halifax I was reading a series of lectures by McNeil Dixon, a former Professor of Philosophy at Glasgow University on the subject "The Englishman". In the course of his treatment he emphasizes two great contributions that the Englishman has made to the better life of the world. The Englishman is very modest, very reticent, very retiring, and perhaps only once in the year, on St. George's Day, April 23rd, does he come out of his shell and think of the great things his race has done. Two great factors which the Englishman has emphasized are the idea of duty and the conception of a gentleman. The idea of duty—there are some things we ought to do, come what will. The conception of a gentleman—there are some things in life that no decent man or boy would do. Both of these standards are difficult to define, but the issue is that privilege should bring responsibility.

(4) You will pardon me if I end on another note. Some people think that we can have *sound morals without any religion at all*. We cannot. In the long run, we can live for a long time on the accumulated religious capital we have inherited from the past. Morals are vital. Sooner or later we must fall back on the conception of religion in its broader sense, religion as a basis for conduct in life.

Every one of these tendencies is something that can really be combatted from youth upwards. May not the Boy Scouts be foremost in resisting them?

St. George is traditionally regarded as a slayer of dragons. We speak of St. George and the dragon. I'd like to put it to you in another way.—Can't we at the present time slightly change the phrase and present this antithesis—St. George or the dragon. It is St. George and all he stands for—honour, courage and chivalry or the dragon of cruelty, baseness, malice, meanness. The Boy Scouts will line up behind St. George and all he stands for. They will always find plenty of dragons to confront and to conquer.

SCOUTING IN CANADA 1949

A Digest of the Annual Report of the Canadian General Council

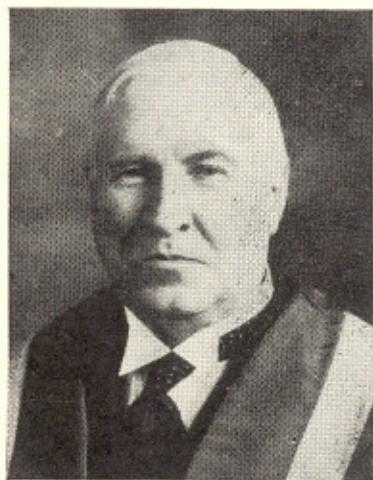
THE Executive Committee recorded its warm appreciation of the services rendered to the Movement in this country by Viscount Alexander, the Chief Scout. The Committee was particularly grateful for the gracious gesture of His Excellency in arranging, for the second successive year, an investiture at Government House, Ottawa, for the recipients of gallantry and service awards in the Movement.

The Committee also expressed its gratitude for the continued services of Rev. Dr. H. J. Cody, the President, and Mr. Jackson Dodds, the Dominion Commissioner (now Deputy Chief Scout).

Honours and Awards

His Excellency, the Chief Scout for Canada, made the following awards in 1949:—

- 2 Cornwell Scout Badges for pre-eminently high character and great fortitude.
- 2 Silver Wolves for service of exceptional character.
- 9 Silver Acorns for distinguished service.
- 4 Silver Crosses for gallantry with considerable risk.
- 5 Gilt Crosses for gallantry with lesser risk.
- 1 Certificate of Merit for gallantry.
- 3 Medals of Meritorious Conduct for Meritorious Acts.
- 5 Certificates of Meritorious Conduct for Meritorious Acts.



Rev. Canon H. J. Cody, who was re-appointed President of the Boy Scouts Association at the Annual Meeting. His address appears on the opposite page.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a digest of the Annual Report of the Executive Committee of the Canadian General Council of the Boy Scouts Association which was presented at the annual meeting of the Council in Ottawa on Friday, April 28th. The report is addressed to His Excellency the Chief Scout, Viscount Alexander of Tunis.



His Excellency, Viscount Alexander of Tunis, Chief Scout for Canada

- 3 Letters of Commendation for Meritorious Acts.
- 39 Medals of Merit for Good Services to Scouting.
- 2 Bars to Medal of Merit for additional good services.
- 36 Certificates of Merit for services at Jamboree.
- 1 Certificate of Merit for good service.
- 1 Letter of Commendation for good service.
- 88 Long Service Medals.
- 42 Bars to Long Service Medal.

The Executive Committee records its appreciation to Major-General G. R. Turner, the Very Rev. J. W. Woodside and Captain D. K. MacTavish for the painstaking and thoughtful manner in which they dealt with applications and recommendations for recognition.

Books for D.P. Scouts

In response to an appeal from the Commissioner for D.P. Scouting in Germany Canadian Scouts were asked to provide 1,000 copies of the standard Canadian manual *Tenderfoot to King's Scout*. The response was typically Scouting and typically generous. In all 1,469 books were purchased by Scouts in all parts of Canada. 1,215 books were sent to Germany and have been acknowledged, and the balance of 254 copies were sent to needy Canadian Troops, in Indian and other residential schools designated by Provincial Councils.

Chins-Up Fund

With the payment of the balance of \$320.94 to the International Bureau for use among Scouts in Displaced Persons Camps in Germany, the Chins-Up Fund is now closed. This fund, started during the war to assist Scouts in war torn Britain reached a grand total of \$66,953.14, of which \$22,558.09 was raised and expended by the Toronto Association.

Membership

Figures for the year ended 31 December show a marked increase over 1948, and record another all-time high at 110,030. This total, which includes Newfoundland, represents an increase of 7.25% over the 1948 total of 102,566.

It was anticipated that the figure would be well in excess of 110,000 but a revision in Manitoba resulted in the



Mr. Jackson Dodds, C.B.E., who was again appointed Deputy Chief Scout for Canada.

writing off of a considerable number of groups which, due to lack of information, had to be considered as dormant. This caused a drop in Manitoba of 1,108 or 22.4%. Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan also recorded losses of 71 and 132, or 8.87 and 2.52 per cent respectively. All other provinces, La Federation, and the Salvation Army recorded increases in total membership as follows; Nova Scotia, 505 or 9.68%; New Brunswick, 156 or 3.8%; Quebec, 693 or 8.8%; Ontario, 3,667 or 7.5%; Alberta, 701 or 11.15%; British Columbia, 2,073 or 19.5%; Salvation Army, 63 or 3.9%; La Federation, 410 or 6.6%.

It is significant to note that, while the Wolf Cub population increased by 11.05%, the increase in the Boy Scout branch, which includes Sea Scouts and Lone Scouts, is only 2.05%. Leadership is not quite keeping pace with growth since the total at 9,850 is only up 6.3% against an increase in membership of 7.27%. The number of groups has increased from 2,621 to 2,733, or 4.27%. The total of Rover Scouts, including Rover Sea Scouts, shows a healthy increase from 1,893 to 2,157, a gain of 13.94%. Gains were registered in Quebec (33%), Ontario (20%), Manitoba (113%), and British Columbia (28.5%), which were partially offset by losses in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Saskatchewan. It is felt that if all Provinces would appoint Assistant Provincial Commissioners for Rovers, this branch would be much more apt to prosper.

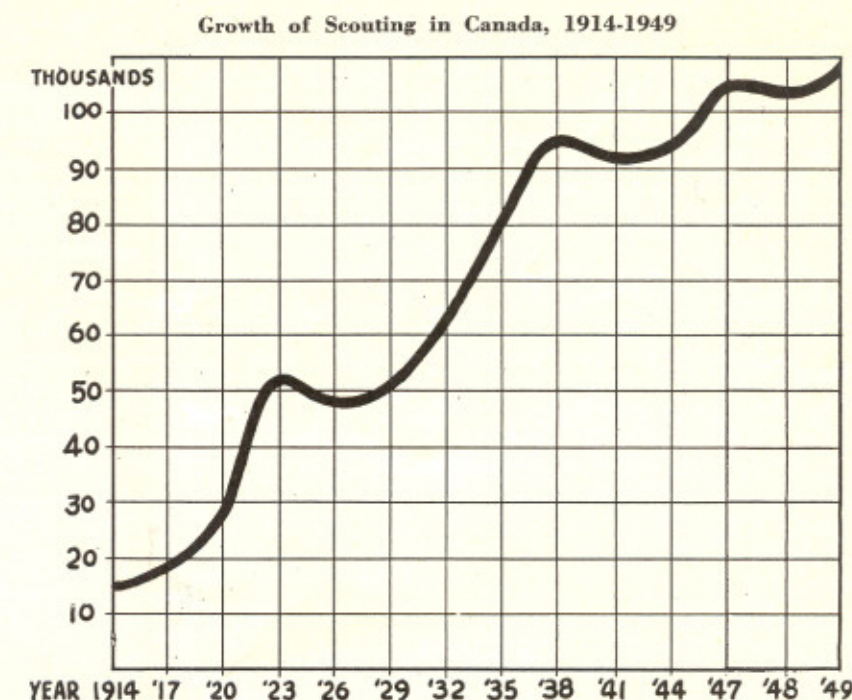
Wolf Cub Badges

The recorded total of Cub Grade Badges issued continued to increase. For the year ended 31 December 1949 the total was 30,746, an increase of 3,222 or 11.7%. Cub Proficiency Badges show a slight decrease in total but most individual badges show increases.

Boy Scout Badges

Scout Grade Badges issued during 1949 showed a marked increase over 1948 rising from 21,438 to 27,772, an increase of 6,334 or almost 30%. The increase in First Class and King's Scout Badges was no doubt due to the high standard established for the Canadian Jamboree which called for First Class status as a minimum. Although the number of King's Scouts and Bushman's Thongs shows an increase, it is considered that the total should be far higher.

Scout Proficiency Badges also showed a marked increase from 19,699 to 22,275, a gain of 3,026 or 15.36%. Increases in public service badges re-



flect the emphasis that has been placed on the Scouts' duty to be useful and help others. Ambulance Man shows an increase from 1,424 to 1,630, a gain of 206 or 14.46%; Fireman is up from 1,424 to 1,800, a gain of 376 or 26.4%; Missioner is also up 189 from 404 to 593, a gain of 46.78%. Some of the more difficult outdoor badges show increases reflecting further strides in the endeavour to keep Scouting out of doors. The Camper Badge showed a rise from 355 to 496, an increase of 141 or 39.7%. The Explorer Badge, which calls for a great deal of detail and covers a period of twelve months, showed great increase from 10 to 50. Another similar badge compulsory for King's Scout is the Pathfinder. This too showed an increase from 740 to 756. Rescuer and Swimmer both showed substantial increases, the former going from 331 to 552, an increase of 60% while the latter rose from 928 to 1,651, a gain of 723 or almost 80%. The Tracker Badge, considered one of the more difficult badges almost doubled, from 76 to 145.

Camping

While the total of registered camps showed a drop during 1949, it must be remembered that many leaders spent their holidays in attending the Canadian Jamboree and so were unable to hold their normal Troop camps. Despite the drop however the number of boys attending registered camps increased by 412 or approximately 2%. The figures given do not, of course,

include the numerous overnight and week-end camps, record of which is not maintained.

Scouting Across Canada

It would take many times the number of pages in this report to record a list of the hundreds of activities in which Cubs, Scouts and Rovers were engaged in 1949. However the following partial review of activities will serve to provide a picture of Scouting in action from coast to coast.

British Columbia

Several Groups in this Province operated Christmas Toy Shops for the benefit of hundreds of needy children. In Penticton, Scouts of the Okanagan South District handled over 700 toys, 100 of which were made by the Scouts themselves. These were turned over to the local welfare department for distribution. At Rossland, the Scout Troop operated a toy shop for the benefit of the Protestant Home for Children in New Westminster. Several Groups in the Vancouver District carried out similar undertakings, collecting repairing and repainting toys for distribution to needy cases.

Christmas Carol singing was carried out by a number of units, principally Cub Packs, in several points in the Province.

Camping set a new high record in British Columbia, despite the fact that the Canadian Jamboree took away a large number of boys who normally would have attended Troop camps. The trend in British Columbia is away

from district camping and back to the ideals of B.-P. in having Troops camp under the leadership of their own Scoutmaster.

An outstanding example of community service was that of the Ocean Falls Rover Crew which staged a number of community sing-songs. Some 950 people attended these gatherings and contributed the sum of \$197 which was turned over to a family in Bella Coola Valley whose home had been destroyed by fire.

Scouts also rendered many valued services during the serious flood conditions in the Province in the spring of 1949. A former Vancouver Cub and Scout, Bill Parnell, was named Canada's Outstanding Athlete for 1949 by the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada, and was named to the Canadian delegation to the British Empire Games in New Zealand.

Alberta

One of the largest and oldest Toy Shops in Canada is operated by the Scouts of Calgary who have a modern woodworking shop in their District Headquarters. In addition to the Christmas distribution of toys the shop makes provision for all year round distribution as required.

A composite choir of Wolf Cubs sang Christmas carols at the Rotary Club Carol Festival, and at the Junior Chamber of Commerce in Edmonton.

Outstanding among many Alberta camps was one conducted at Col. Snyder's ranch, when 13 Scouts from all parts of the province attended. This camp features senior Scouting adventures such as mountain climbing, and moving camps. The 27th Calgary Troop made a canoe trip from Lake Louise to Banff, and the Jefferson Troop made a tour of Banff, Lake Louise, Golden and Cranbrook.

In Calgary outstanding community service was rendered by Scouts in helping to control crowds on Armistice Day and on city wide welcomes to champion football and hockey teams. Edmonton Scouts specialized in ushering at the Rotary-Shrine circus, and at a children's matinee featuring the Canadian skating star, Barbara Ann Scott. Other good turns include the decoration of 4,000 graves by Calgary Scouts on Memorial Day. Several life saving awards were applied for during the year.

Saskatchewan

Saskatoon Scouts operated their Christmas Toy Shop from October until Christmas Eve, with the result that 132 families in the Saskatoon Dis-

trict, comprising 800 children received over 1,600 toys. In Regina 200 Scouts participated in Toy Shop activities and 603 children received toys through individual requests while parcels of toys were sent to the Fort Qu'Appelle Sanatorium, Protestant Children's Home at Indian Head, Regina Welfare Bureau, Catholic Welfare Society of Regina and the Salvation Army.

Other community service in Regina included the distribution of posters for the March of Books and Red Cross campaigns, ushering at the School Trustees Convention and Decoration Day Parade; duty at the Travellers' Day Parade, distribution of posters and other assistance in the Community Chest drive, distribution of posters for the U.E.F.B. campaign, and duty at the Santa Claus parade. Over 130 boys took part in these varied activities.

Manitoba

Two Manitoba Groups, at Pointe du Boils and Snowflake, operated Toy Shops and turned their toys over to the Salvation Army for distribution. Large choirs at Winnipeg and Brandon sang Christmas carols. In Winnipeg over 300 Cubs sang in the C.P.R. and C.N.R. stations.

Chart Showing Sponsorship of Scout Groups in Canada

SPONSORING BODY	Nº OF GROUPS
Community	773
Anglican	426
United	405
Roman Catholic	376
Presbyterian	129
Service Club	130
Baptist	91
Salvation Army	71
Canadian Legion	59
Schools	52
Latter Day Saints	36
Hebrew	18
Lutheran	18
Handicapped	9
Other Religious Denominations	15
Miscellaneous	125
TOTAL Nº GROUPS	2733

Among other services rendered by Manitoba Scouts were ushering at the Musical Festival, assisting in Mount Carmel Clinic Tag Day, the Grace Baby Tag day and two Decoration Day services. They also helped to clean up the gardens at the Wheel Chair Centre.

Clare Irwin, a Winnipeg King's Scout, was awarded a \$2,000 Imperial Oil Scholarship.

Ontario

Outstanding public service rendered in Ontario was that given by Toronto Metropolitan Area Scouts following the disastrous fire aboard the S.S. *Noronic*, at anchor in Toronto harbour. Within 30 minutes of the first call for help from the Red Cross, nearly 20 Scouts and several Commissioners had reported to the Red Cross rooms, and within an hour between 75 and 100 Scouts were on the job. Some remained on duty at Red Cross headquarters, while others were stationed on the grounds of the Metropolitan Church for emergency service. Within two hours of the call for help 16 mobile teams, of four to nine members each with a first aider on the team had been organized. More Scouts than could be used turned up, and many were returned to their homes with orders to

"stand by" for 48 hours. Fifty Scouts were dispatched to Pier 9 to assist the police. Throughout the day more and more boys were called in for duty.

During the afternoon of Saturday, September 17th, boys were on duty at the Royal York Hotel, handling telephones at the Red Cross, sorting clothing, 50 were on duty at the waterfront, and many others were seconded for special duties, including all-night watches. The following day scores more Scouts were on duty throughout the day.

One interesting sidelight of the waterfront duty was the order given Scouts to prevent lighted matches or cigarettes being thrown into the water, because of the "oil slick" surrounding the vessel. One Scout politely asked a man lighting a cigarette not to throw the match into the water. The man—the Provincial Fire Marshal.

Among the many duties performed by Scouts were policing the waterfront, shore patrol, orderlies at emergency shelters, operating canteens (30 hours continuously), operating telephone switchboards, driving cars, operating elevators, washing dishes, making beds, morgue duty, messenger service for Red Cross, police, survivors and others,

and fitting survivors with clothes. In all about 300 Scouts and leaders were used in the operation putting in a total of 4,160 hours of service.

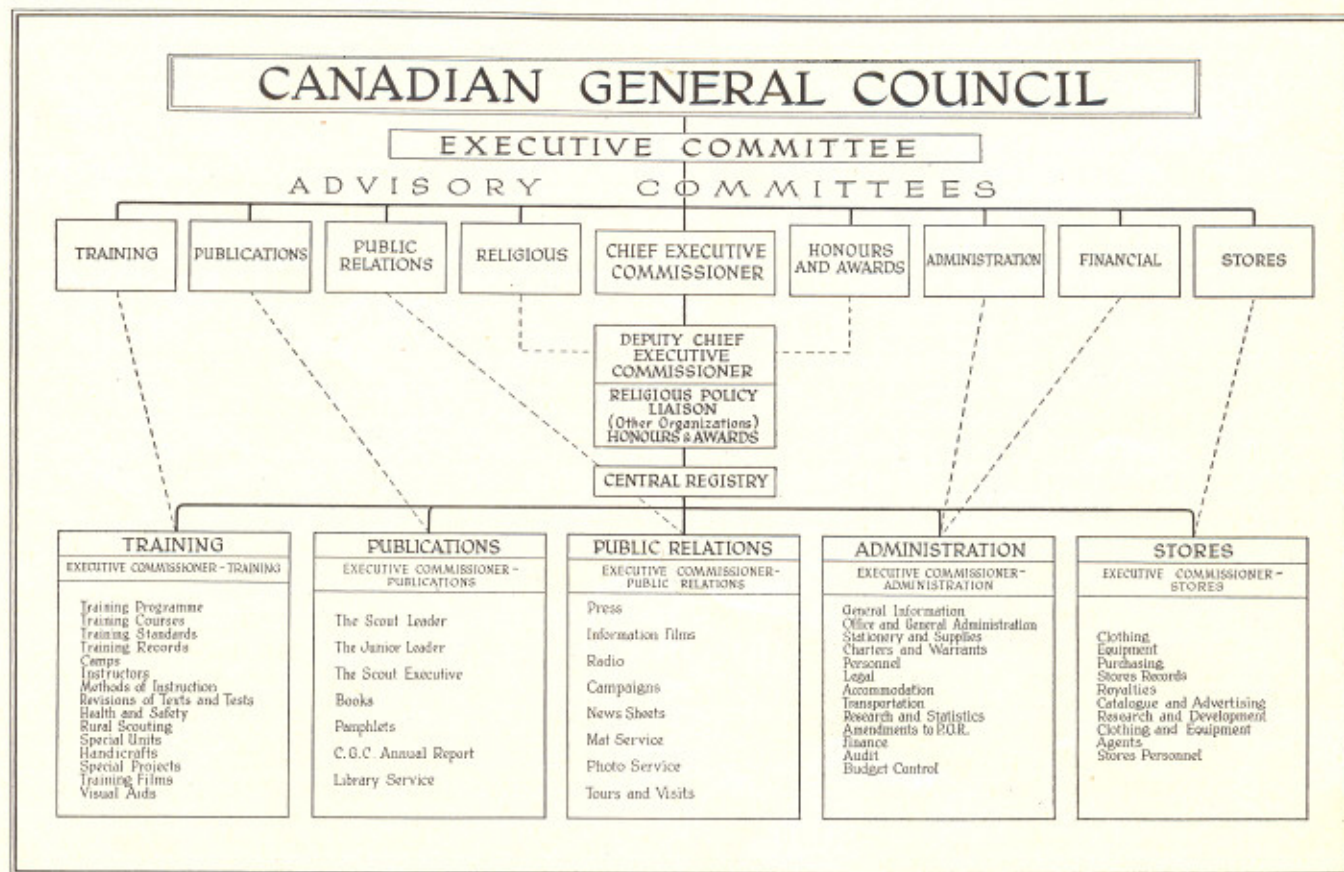
A few of the other public services rendered by Toronto Area Scouts including ushering at the Toronto Horse Show, assisting at Thomas Foster Picnic, assisting at picnic of Comrades Club for the Blind, ushering at Police Games, ushering at Warrior Day Parade at Canadian National Exhibition, and ushering and assisting at the Noronic Memorial Service at the Coliseum. While this is only a record covering about four months, a total of 5,137 hours of service were rendered in the above projects.

Elsewhere in Ontario service work went forward. A Mimico Pack entertained the children at the Thistletown Children's Hospital, Toronto Scouts assisted in the National Sanatorium Seals campaign; Cochrane Rovers did the research and prepared a history of the town to mark its 40th anniversary; Windsor Scouts engaged in an 18 week quiz programme over the radio with Detroit Scouts; Scouts interested in amateur radio carried on a two way programme between North Bay and Sudbury; fourteen Troops in the North

Waterloo district collected 45 tons of waste paper in one campaign and 68 tons in another, splitting the proceeds between the Troops and the District Association; over 200 Ontario Rovers attended a winter rally at Camp Samac, Oshawa; when a Group Committeeman of the Lakeshore District (west of Toronto) required 30 blood transfusions, Scouts and Scouters provided them all; 13,462 Scouts and Cubs in 156 Ontario centres did Junior Power Warden duties during the power shortage; reforestation projects were carried out in several areas including the Ganaraska Valley, Birchcliffe, Simcoe County and Western Ontario. Niagara-on-the-Lake, substituted the traditional Scout Apple Day with a Peach Day. Twenty-seven Ontario Scouts attended the World Rover Moot in Norway.

Quebec

Toy Shops were operated in Montreal District (2), Sherbrooke, and St. Eustache. The two Montreal shops distributed a total of 4,500 toys. Southern Area Troops in Montreal performed their annual Good Turn by singing carols with the Salvation Army Band in Verdun. Kensington Wolf Cubs sang carols on a Christmas



The chart above shows the plan of organization of Canadian Headquarters of The Boy Scouts Association.

broadcast and at the Old People's Home, while in the Eastern Area the Vickers Troop and Pack sang carols at the Old People's Home.

As recorded elsewhere 826 Scouts attended Camp Tamaracouta, and 404 Cubs the Wolf Cub camp. Camps were held in the St. Maurice Valley, Sherbrooke, Quebec District, Laurentian District, and in many other sections of the province.

Among the Good Turns recorded by Montreal Scouts were, the wrapping of 100,000 Easter Seals; sending food parcels to Britain, Carol Singing, First Aid rendered at accidents, duty on Armistice Day, delivered 800 posters for Rotary Club, 500 posters for United Nations Society; acted as ushers at Youth Music Festival; provided guides for American visitors; played host to 12 visiting American Troops, provided ushers for benefit game; assisted at Home and School functions and picnics; delivered weekly community newspaper and collected waste paper. In addition Scouts and Scouters figured in rescues from drowning and from a gas filled home.

At Sherbrooke Scouts ushered at Sherbrooke Fair, were messengers at Rotary Fair, and collected waste paper. Quebec District sent parcels to needy at Christmas.

Brownburg Scouts sent food to Scouts in England, acted as ushers at Women's Institute Concert, at Firemen's and Canadian Legion shows; removed snow from open air skating rink, and aided in Legion Poppy Day. At nearby Lachute the Scouts did

similar service and rendered special assistance to the Fire Department. Morin Heights and Rosemere Groups assisted in Legion Poppy Day Campaigns, while at St. Eustache Scouts sent parcels to English Scouts and assisted in a poison ivy eradication campaign. St. Rose Scouts assisted in fire fighting on Terrebonne Heights, and in the new Pontiac District Scouts collected waste paper and with the proceeds sent seeds to Britain. This area also collected 100 books and started a library at the local hospital.

New Brunswick

Christmas Toy Shops were conducted in Saint John, Fredericton and many smaller centres. In Saint John alone 1000 toys were repaired and distributed. New Brunswick Scouts camped approximately 9,000 camper days during the year. Saint John Scouts delivered posters for the Tuberculosis Association, helped at the I.O.D.E. Horse Show, at the St. Croix International Jubilee, sent gifts to shut-ins, and helped to organize Christmas projects and the Food for Britain Fund.

Two New Brunswick Scouts attended the World Rover Moot in Norway. During the year the Province acquired a bilingual Field Commissioner for work among French speaking groups. New Scout Halls were constructed and opened at St. Stephen and Fairhaven and a new Rover Den constructed and opened by the Fredericton Rovers. A Group of Scouts from Saint John District took part in a Forestry Course and 50 New Brunswick Rovers attended a St. George's Day service at

Sussex. Lone Scouting continues to make progress in the Province and a number of these Scouts attended the Canadian Jamboree.

Nova Scotia

Scouts have been active in Nova Scotia in all forms of community service. Toy Shops were not as active as in some years, largely because the demand was less. Cubs and Scouts in Halifax joined with the Girl Guides in outdoor carol singing during the Christmas season.

The 1st Yarmouth Troop did a splendid job in a civic improvement campaign, their particular function being to rid the community of burdock roots. Posters have been distributed in many centres for the Red Cross Society and other community service Groups.

During the summer of 1949 Halifax celebrated its Bicentennial and Scouts performed many useful services in that connection, including that of taking the collection at a huge bicentenary service at the Forum. Scouts also had charge of railway flares for a Venetian night, and also lined the route for the Natal Day parade, assisted at the Horse Show and the Children's Pageant.

Prince Edward Island

During the year the Provincial Council engaged a full time Scout Executive and progress is being made throughout the Province. Although Scouts continued to be active in community service, it was not possible to prepare a record of their activities in time for this report.



One of the illustrations from the Annual Report showing the Chief Scout taking the Salute at the opening of the First Canadian Jamboree last summer.

International Visits

The popularity of international visits continues to grow. During 1949 thirty-one Canadian units made authorized journeys to the United States, while forty-four American Troops visited Canada. This does not take into account those who exchanged visits without being in possession of the International Letter of Introduction as required by the regulations of the International Committee.

Executive Staff

As of December 31st, 1949, the Association was employing the following full time Field and Executive Commissioners:

British Columbia	6
Alberta	2
Saskatchewan	1
Manitoba	2
Ontario	23
Quebec	6
New Brunswick	2
Nova Scotia	3
Prince Edward Island	1
Canadian Headquarters	11
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The Stores Department

This department once again established a new high record both in dollar and unit sales in 1949. Dollar sales amounted to \$484,745.35, representing an increase of \$68,422.87 or 17% over 1948. Unit sales reached a total of 777,186, an increase of 123,290 or 19%.

The department continues to function most successfully as a separate unit within the framework of Canadian Headquarters, and its annual profits help materially in financing the services rendered by Headquarters to Canadian Scouting.

The department is headed by a most capable Advisory Committee composed of leading business men under the able chairmanship of Lt. Col. J. Aird Nesbitt of Montreal.

Mr. George Ferguson, the Executive Commissioner in charge has held the appointment since the Stores Department was inaugurated in 1921, and has seen it grow from small beginnings to its present important place in the Movement.

The Annual Report for 1921 reveals that during the first part of that year

only books and badges were handled. "Owing to the unstable condition of the market" the report adds "the Uniform and Equipment Dept. was not opened until July 1st. During the period of six months, July to December inclusive, \$11,200 worth of uniforms and equipment were sold. The total sales of books, badges, uniforms and equipment for the year were slightly in excess of \$21,000."

Training Department

Reference to the Training Department statistical chart will show that during 1949 interest in Wood Badge training increased considerably. This is particularly so in the case of Part II of the Wood Badge Course which is held in camp. Not only did the number of trainees increase by 74, but the number of camps held was 3 more than in 1948. The Prairie Gilwell was held in Alberta and the Maritime Gilwell was held in Nova Scotia. These co-operative efforts between provinces have much to commend them. Most of the provinces concerned in these schemes find it difficult to obtain sufficient trainees within their boundaries

TRAINING DEPARTMENT STATISTICS OF TRAINING COURSE ATTENDANCE AND CERTIFICATES ISSUED

	Canadian Hdqts.	Prairie Gilwell	Maritime Gilwell	Brit. Col.	Alta.	Sask.	Man.	Ont.	Que.	N.B.	N.S.	P.E.I.	La Fed.	TOTALS	
														1949	19 8
AKELA WOOD BADGE															
Part I.....		27	18	21	9	1	2	58	16	2	2	1		112	108
Part II.....				17				58	17					137	93
Part III.....				12	7	2	5	45	4		1		2	78	78
SCOUTMASTER'S WOOD BADGE															
Part I.....		19		15	4	5	5	52	20	3	4			108	78
Part II.....				27				31	33					110	79
Part III.....				12	3		1	23	6	5	3	1	15	69	59
ROVER SCOUT LEADERS															
Part I.....								3		1				4	2
Part II.....															
Part III.....															
DISTRICT TRAINING															
Cubmaster.....				128	62	19		416	72	11	9	15		732	761
Scoutmaster.....				137	10		13	164	39	9	9	17		398	543
COMMISSIONER'S COURSES.....	10						7		20					34	42
INFORMATION COURSES.....									29		7			36	35
C.S.T.C. PART II															
Certificates Issued															
Cubmaster.....	6													6	17
Scoutmaster.....	3													3	0
Certificates Renewed															
Cubmaster.....	18													18	14
Scoutmaster.....	12													12	30
GROUP COMMITTEE COURSES.....				195		15			40					250	162
COMPOSITE COURSES.....				31	12				53					96	23
SPECIALIZATION COURSES.....				56				63		28		31		178	0
PATROL LEADERS' COURSES															
"A" Bronze Arrowhead.....				196	85	60	65	628	162	19	58	74		1347	1511
"B" Silver Arrowhead.....						39		70			8			117	425

to make a Part II Course possible every year, but by combining with other provinces, it is possible to obtain the required number. There is also the advantage of being able to gather together Scouters from many different localities, thus providing an exchange of ideas from over wide areas.

Loaned to Bureau

From October 24th to November 2nd, Mr. E. F. Mills, the Executive Commissioner for Training was loaned to the International Bureau in order to conduct a Part II Wood Badge Akela Course in Mexico. This Course was attended by Scouters from Mexico, Cuba and Guatemala, and was the first to be held in South America, the object being to ensure that Cubbing in Latin America should follow international pattern.

Appreciations

Government House, Ottawa. The helpfulness of the Staff at Government House in matters connected with His Excellency's various tasks as Chief Scout for Canada has been most apparent during 1949, and your Committee desires at this time to record its special thanks to Maj.-Gen. H. F. G. Letson, C.B., C.B.E., His Excellency's secretary, and to Major Mark Millbank, M.C., His Excellency's comptroller, for their many courtesies during the year.

Parliamentary Grant. The Committee once again acknowledges its in-

Tribute to Volunteer Scouters

The following resolution was unanimously approved at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian General Council in Ottawa, April 28th.

"That the Canadian General Council reaffirms its pledge to do all in its power to assist the volunteer leaders in every part of the country in the extremely important work they have undertaken as leaders of our Wolf Cub Packs, Boy Scout Troops and Rover Scout Crews. The Council wishes on this occasion to express again its deep appreciation of the magnificent services being rendered Canadian boyhood by these leaders, and the many thousands of Council and Committee members, without whom the work of the Boy Scouts Association could not be carried on. The Council would ask that they exert every effort to influence their friends to join what B.-P. has called 'this joyous brotherhood', in order that the Council may fulfill its pledge to give every Canadian boy who so desires the opportunity of enjoying Scout experience."

debtedness to the Government of Canada for its continued interest in the work of the Association as evidenced by the Government's contribution of \$15,000 towards the general expenses of the Association. This continued recognition of the value of Scouting in the training of Canada's youth is much appreciated.

Individual Supporters. Just so long as the Association has no endowment to assure a regular income, it must depend to a great extent on the financial support of many individual contributors who each year help to make it possible for the work of the Association to continue and to expand. Your Committee desires to express to these contributors its gratitude for their continued support and interest.

Volunteer Workers. No report of the Executive Committee would be complete without full and complete recognition of the vital role played by the nearly 10,000 volunteer leaders, and those thousands more who form the corps of administration for the Association as members of Provincial and District Councils, Group Committees, Ladies' Auxiliaries and Badge instructors and examiners. Their work is of inestimable value to the future of our country, and without their efforts the Association could not continue to operate.

The Press. The Association is dependent upon the goodwill of Canada's

STATEMENT OF CENSUS AS AT DECEMBER 31st, 1949

	Wolf Cubs	Boy Scouts	Sea Scouts	Lone Scouts	Rover Scouts	Rover Sea Scouts	Gr. Total Boy Mem'rs	Adult Leaders	Total 1949	Total 1948
Prince Edward Island	286	377	—	20	—	—	683	50	733	804
Nova Scotia	2606	2412	22	159	38	—	5237	482	5719	5215
New Brunswick	2039	1524	20	190	80	—	3853	413	4266	4110
Quebec	4553	3068	89	57	83	—	7850	673	8523	7830
Ontario	29283	16442	753	—	983	43	47504	4605	52109	48442
Manitoba	3020	1354	—	66	32	—	4472	466	4938	6046
Saskatchewan	2674	1941	17	149	7	—	4788	317	5105	5237
Alberta	3670	2601	22	23	53	—	6369	614	6983	6282
British Columbia	7598	3648	79	30	117	19	11491	1209	12700	10627
Salvation Army	1237	339	—	—	—	—	1576	96	1672	1609
La Federation	1453	3588	—	—	688	—	5729	875	6604	6194
Newfoundland	30	584	—	—	14	—	628	50	678	—
TOTALS 1949	58449	37878	1002	694	2095	62	100180	9850	110030	
TOTALS 1948	52631	36725	1123	930	1822	71	93302	9263		102566

newspapers and magazines for keeping its aims and objects before the public, and these periodicals have responded in generous fashion. To the publishers of Canada's newspapers, daily and weekly, and to the magazines and other periodicals the Executive Committee with appreciation acknowledges its indebtedness.

Radio. Scouting has been "on the air" more in 1949 than in any previous year. Responding to the appeal of the first Canadian Jamboree, both the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and private radio stations gave most generously of time and facilities. The Story of Scouting in Canada has gone out, not only on local and national networks but across the seas in the International Service of the CBC. For this generous treatment and for its ready co-operation the Committee extends to the radio broadcasting industry of Canada its most grateful thanks.

Government Departments. Since its inception, The Boy Scouts Association has sought and received the practical assistance of many departments of Government, both Provincial and Federal. As a source of authentic information these departments have been

of incalculable help. To them the Executive Committee acknowledges with gratitude its indebtedness.

St. John Ambulance Association and The Red Cross Society. Continued service of great worth has been given the Association during 1949 by these two great organizations. Their assistance has been offered and received on so many occasions and for such a variety of purposes that it is not possible to list them here. Once again we extend to the officers of these associations the most sincere thanks of The Boy Scouts Association.

Jamboree Helpers. So many organizations, businesses and individuals played a part in the success of the First Canadian Jamboree in July, 1949, that it is not practical to mention them by name. However the Executive Committee is most anxious that they know how greatly these services were appreciated.

The Girl Guides Association. In many parts of Canada combined Scout and Guide activities have served to bring about the closest co-operation between our two organizations. The closest liaison has been maintained between the Canadian Headquarters of

our kindred Associations and your Committee is most grateful for the co-operative spirit of the Girl Guides Association in all its dealings with the Boy Scouts Association.

The Advisory Committees. The Committee acknowledges with gratitude the work of the Chairmen and members of the Advisory Committees. These committees have given most valuable service in the field of counsel and guidance to the permanent officials and department heads at Canadian Headquarters.

Canadian Headquarters Staff. Members of the Committee desire to express their sincere appreciation of the efficient service rendered by the Executive Staff and other employees at Canadian Headquarters during 1949.

Affiliated Groups

The reports of the Salvation Army Groups and La Federation des Scouts Catholiques de la Province de Quebec show both Groups active and steadily increasing in membership. Both groups were well represented at the First Canadian Jamboree, and both are anticipating further progress during 1950.

Staves for Greece Campaign

LATEST information regarding the Staves for Greece Campaign shows a total of 4,245 collected and shipped to Greece up until press time. The balance of the 5,000 required are expected to be provided shortly. The response by Provinces has been as follows:

British Columbia	1,000
Alberta	49
Manitoba	250
Ontario (Toronto)	216
Quebec	1,300
New Brunswick	650
Nova Scotia	350
Prince Edward Island	30
Newfoundland	200
La Federation (Scouts Catho- lique)	200
Total	4,245

Because it was virtually impossible for Greek Scouts to obtain staves from natural sources the Chief Commissioner for Greece asked Canadian Scouts to fill the need. As usual there was a ready and generous response.

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STORES DEPARTMENT CATALOGUE

NOW READY

All Leaders have now been sent their copy of this long awaited edition. Due to unavoidable delays in the production of the catalogue it is **MOST URGENT** that leaders apply for their extra copies without delay in order that every Cub and Scout will receive a copy of this new price list.

Please send in your request for extra copies to The Stores Department. These will be sent you promptly, free of charge, in sufficient quantities to provide one for each boy in your Pack, Troop or Crew.

The Stores Department

THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

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Ottawa, Ontario

HEADQUARTERS NOTICES

CHANGES IN RULES

The following changes in rules and regulations have been approved by the Executive Committee of the Canadian General Council and are effective immediately.

* * * * *

- (1) *Uniform*—(a) Shirts and shorts will be retained as the distinctive dress of the Boy Scouts in Canada for wear on appropriate occasions.
(b) The present green slacks will be replaced by blue "battle dress" type trousers for wear in winter and at other times of the year when shorts are not suitable, uniformity being maintained within a unit on all occasions.

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- (2) *Winter Scouting Badge*—A Winter Scouting Proficiency Badge is hereby instituted with the following requirements.

Winter Scouting Badge

1. Have qualified for the Ambulance Badge and have specialized in winter emergencies.
2. Under winter conditions:—
 - (a) Lay out an over-night camp-site.
 - (b) Make a reflector fire and erect a suitable over-night shelter.
 - (c) Demonstrate care and storage of food, equipment and personal gear at an over-night camp-site.
 - (d) Demonstrate that he knows how to make comfortable sleeping arrangements.
 - (e) Submit menus and list of provisions required for two persons for a period of forty-eight hours.
 - (f) Present himself for inspection correctly clothed and equipped for a period of forty-eight hours in camp.
 - (g) Demonstrate ability to cook and serve in the open a substantial meal for two persons.
3. Know how to avoid becoming lost.
4. Know the procedure to adopt
 - a. if lost.
 - b. if overtaken by a blizzard.
5. With a companion have camped out for at least six nights (not necessarily consecutive) under winter conditions and submit a log showing
 - a. Dates and weather conditions
 - b. Menus
 - c. Programmes of activities
 - d. Routes followed

The term "winter conditions" is to be interpreted as being the average winter common to the locality in which the Scout lives.

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- (3) The wear and use of sheath knives is restricted to boys of First Class or higher grade.

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- (4) The following is Association Policy regarding Ladies in Scout Camps.

- (a) When a Scouter is employed as a Camp Warden and is in residence in a large District camp for the entire summer, provision should certainly be made for him and his family. This should be a permanent structure with all possible conveniences. It should be located some distance from the camp, and should be a separate building from the Camp Warden's office and store which should be centrally located on the camp site proper. In order to ensure unrestricted Scouting activities and atmosphere, the Warden's family should, unless by invitation to visit them, consider Troop or Pack campsites out of bounds and the same practice should be adopted by Scouts in relation to the Camp Warden's private grounds. On special occasions such as visitors' days, special camp fires,

etc., the Camp Warden would use common sense and arrange for his family to be free to visit as others would. There are good reasons for the above, the Warden deserves some privacy and relaxation, his family making free use of camps would cause embarrassment, if not downright resentment on occasions; and interference with timetables and programmes might well result.

- (b) On a large District camp site, Scouters wishing to bring their wives and families should have similar facilities as the Warden and similar conditions imposed. But unless there is a capable assistant with him, the Scouter should sleep in camp with his Scouts.

- (c) When a Scouter wishes to take his wife and family to a Troop camp held on property other than a District site, there should be accommodation provided for them at some distance from the Troop. The family site should be entirely self contained, and out of bounds regulations as already indicated both for family and Scouts be observed. This is only fair to both parties. Scouters children become quite a nuisance to the Scouts by getting in the way of ordinary Patrol activity. This is no reflection on the manners or bringing up of Scouters' families, it happens because of youthful enthusiasm and with the best intentions in the world.

Then too the constant or even occasional presence of a lady in camp can and does frequently cause embarrassment. Scouts like to feel that they can look after themselves. A Scouter's wife is apt to mother them and that does not appeal. Of course, unless a capable assistant is in camp, the Scouter must sleep in camp with his Scouts.

- (d) A somewhat different situation arises in connection with Cub Camps. Some Cubmasters obtain the services of members of their Ladies' Auxiliary who look after the cooking of meals for the Pack. In this event, of course, accommodation is provided for them at some distance from camp and beyond their very acceptable duties around the kitchen and dining room they do not as a rule have time for anything else.

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- (5) *Entrance Age for Rovers*:—The entrance age for Rover Scouts is lowered to 16, but Rover Squires will not be permitted to take their investiture before their 17th birthday. The upper age limit for Boy Scouts remains at 18 as at present.

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- (6) *King's Scout Qualifying Badge Repasses*:—In future only the Ambulance Man's Badge will require an annual repass. Other King's Scout qualifying badges will not require an annual repass.

CANADIAN SCOUT BROTHERHOOD FUND

The Canadian Scout Brotherhood Fund gratefully acknowledges the first donations towards the relief of Scout Groups who suffered losses in the Manitoba Floods and the Rimouski fire.

1st Richvale, Ont., Ladies Auxiliary	\$30.00
32nd Ottawa Troop	5.00
Hantsport, N.S., Wolf Cub Pack	2.50
1st New Germany, N.S., Troop	5.00
Gordon Williams, Hamilton, Ont.	5.00
Miss Madge Black, Hamilton, Ont.	1.00
Miss Norma Wright, Hamilton, Ont.	1.00

CAMPER BADGE

The latest shipment of Camper Badges from Great Britain shows a change of design. Rather than hold up Scouts for this badge, the new style badges, featuring a pup tent, will be sent out until a new supply of the old badges can be obtained.

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