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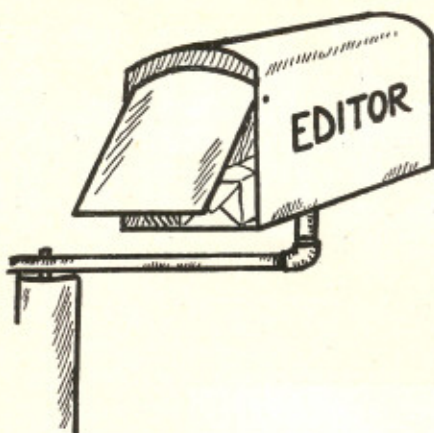
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"We must get more into the open for the health, whether of the body or the soul, of Scout and of Scoutmaster."  
—Lord Baden-Powell.





### The Editor's Mailbox

This is the first in a series of "Letters to the Editor", which we hope will be of interest to Scouters and other readers of *The Scout Leader*. Readers are invited to contribute to this column by telling us what they would like to read and, of course, passing along 'idea' material. *The Scout Leader* is *YOUR* magazine and the prime purpose of publication is to be of assistance to Scouters.

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed a copy of a letter published in the March issue of *The Scouter*.

"The other day I got talking at lunch with a man who is the father of a Cub. On learning that I was a Scouter he asked me 'when would the Wolf come back?'—a question he often put to his Cub son who could not answer. Eventually I discovered that the boy had learnt the last part of his Promise as:

"To keep the Law till the Wolf comes back!"

I enlightened the father, but is there not perhaps a lesson here for us Scouters in seeing that the Law (and other things) are not learned by rote?"

I am passing it on to you as I think it might be of some interest to the readers of *The Scout Leader*.

Yours in Scouting,  
R. HUGHES,  
S.M. 4th Richmond, B.C.

Dear Sir:

After reading "Plan Achievement for the Scout Troop" by P.M.O. Evans in the February issue of *The Scout Leader*, we constructed an individual target chart, showing target dates for each boy (which were set by the Court of Honour) and underneath each target date is space to write in the date the badge is achieved. As the targets are made the spaces will be coloured in using the colours suggested for the Troop chart which was made up by Canadian Headquarters. If the badge is earned after the target date the space will be coloured with hatched lines rather than solid.

Enclosed is a snap of our chart.

Yours truly,  
BOB STARKE,  
ASM Gander, Nfld.

Dear Sir:

We in Guiding realize how important Good Turns are, and wonder if you would be interested in hearing of a splendid example of "Helping Hands".

We held our first Mother and Daughter banquet last month, and thanks to the help of our Scoutmaster Cecil Smith, and Assistant Scoutmaster Harold Ince, it was a great success.

Facing the problem of cooking and preparing for over 100 guests is nothing to the Mothers but what can they do when they have to turn a school room into a banquet hall overnight, move desks, set up tables (that won't collapse the minute a guest sits down) and at the same time have the Fathers stay home and baby sit? Of course, turn to the Scouts, they won't let you down.

Our Scout leaders spent over 3 hours getting tables ready for us, even though they were on their way to a dance that night.

The night of the banquet, the Scoutmaster was one of our distinguished guests, as was Akela, and they honoured us by proposing a toast to the continuance of our Guiding. The Assistant Scoutmaster joined our fathers in their task of serving the Mothers and girls their dinner in the most efficient and delightful way.

Of course, after a wonderful evening, comes the sad awakening—school must open as usual Monday a.m. Tables, dishes and every crumb from the banquet must disappear and the desks return. Bright and early Sunday morning, again the same helpers are on hand and devote the entire a.m. to helping us clean up.

We think that is one of the nicest things in Scouting and Guiding—to find people who really live up to their vows and ideals, and offer assistance to their fellow organizations the way our Scout Leaders did to us, when we needed them.

Also, I might add, the Chairman of York Central Executive, spent his entire Saturday a.m. designing a most artistic Trefoil on the blackboard between our two flags, as a surprise and delight for us.

The Scout and Cub mothers made the coffee, and served the food on to plates for the fathers and helped with the dishes afterwards (which was a boon to our fathers and mothers).

To us, these heartwarming gestures are the true spirit of good fellowship, which we try to instill in our Youth Movements, and we do hope our Scout Leaders will be an inspiration to some other companies, who need help as we did.

Sincerely yours,

EILEEN M. PAUL,  
District Commissioner,  
Girl Guides and Brownies,  
Richvale, Ontario.

## The Sign Post

### THE BUDDY SYSTEM ON HIKES

Recently, there have been several instances of non-Scouts becoming lost in mountainous country on organized hikes. It seems that, in one or two instances, these lads have wandered away from the main party, and have become lost. I strongly suggest that Scouters should ensure that boys operate within their Patrols, and in pairs, or as buddies, on such activities. In this way, there is greater control and less likelihood of a lone individual becoming lost.

### THE CARE AND FEEDING OF REPORTERS

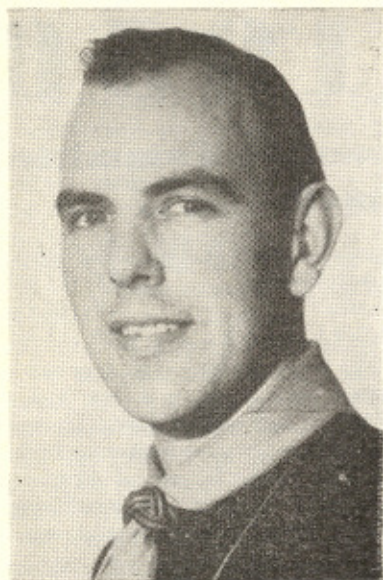
Whenever your Group has some special occasion, such as Father and Son Banquet, or Going-Up Ceremony, etc., do make sure that you invite the local press representatives to attend. Give them every facility and opportunity to get the facts correctly, and ensure that they are looked after throughout their visit. In this way, you will find them more ready to help explain Scouting to the general public. On some of these occasions, I have seen the unfortunate reporter relegated to a dark corner, with no one paying attention to him or helping him to understand the proceedings. Be kind and helpful to the press, and they will be helpful to you.

### SCOUT PAMPHLETS

You may already have many of our pamphlets, but they are written with the hope that you will re-read them and pass them on to your Assistants or to any other interested persons. These pamphlets cost money and are the result of a lot of hard work by a number of people, and they do not serve their purpose collecting dust. Let's make our pamphlets work!

*D.C. Spang*  
Chief Executive Commissioner.





Mr. David Green

### Leader of the Canadian Contingent to the 7th World Jamboree in Austria

MR. David Green, Scoutmaster of the Willingdon Scout Troop in Montreal, Que., has been named to head the Canadian Contingent to the 7th World Jamboree. Many Scouters who attended the 1st Canadian Jamboree will remember Mr. Green as Scoutmaster of No. 1 Troop in the Quebec Contingent.

Dave Green was born in Watford, England, from whence he immigrated to Canada in 1948. During the War Dave did a tour of operations with the R.A.F. over North-West Europe. He has been in Scouting since 1934.

BEFORE World War II, Canada was a quiet youngster with a somewhat rustic air. Now it has shot up into something that has all the earmarks of an industrial world power." This is a quotation from *Business Week*, a leading U.S. business magazine and was referred to in a recent editorial in the *C-I-L Oval*. Although we may not agree entirely with such a statement, it might be wise to pause and reflect on the changes which have been effected in our country in the post war era.

Without going into any long discourse on the subject, it is easy to see that the boys and young men we have undertaken to train for citizenship are going to face grave challenges of leadership at the service of their country. It is a natural inclination on the part of Scouters to take a very serious view of this situation, but we must remember that the lads do not think of things in the same way that we might. They are anxious to learn all Scouting has to offer, but they join the Movement to have fun and realize their desire for adventure while absorbing character building. The inspired founder of our Movement always stressed the "play-way" as the

ideal method for instructing boys and men, and his words have been lauded by educational authorities in many lands. Scouters have faithfully carried the "game of Scouting" to millions of boys with wonderful success, but even the best of them would agree that we need to remind ourselves of our aims now and then. It would indeed be an unusual programme that did not occasionally overstep its ideal, but, as Scouters, we want to protect our proud record of steadfastness.

With the June exams over, the boys under your leadership will be ready to explore the trails of adventure which lured them into Scouting. Plan Achievement calls on us to make sure every Cub, Scout, Rover, and Scouter realizes the thrill of the outdoor life. With extra effort we can shatter our targets of 25% of Cub meetings out-of-doors, 14 days camping for every Scout and Rover, and participation in Scouter training courses. Every time Canadian Scouters have set their sights they have hit the mark, and never before in our history was the target so important. Let's make the summer of '51 a milestone in our brilliant history.

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# SCOUTING 1950

## A Digest of the Annual Report of the Executive Committee of the Canadian General Council

*Editor's Note:* To provide the Scouting fraternity with a wider vision of Scouting in Canada, this digest of the Annual Report of the Executive Committee of the Canadian General Council is presented. The Report is addressed to His Excellency Viscount Alexander of Tunis, K.G., as Chief Scout for Canada.

In opening its report for 1950 the Executive Committee paid tribute to His Excellency The Chief Scout, "whose gracious interest in Scouting during the past year has been both a help and an inspiration to those charged with the conduct of the Association's affairs."

The Committee also recorded its great indebtedness to Rev. Canon H. J. Cody, the President, and to Mr. Jackson Dodds, the Deputy Chief Scout, for the outstanding services they rendered the Association in 1950.

Following are some excerpts from the body of the report:

### Honours and Awards

His Excellency, the Chief Scout for Canada, made the following awards in 1950.

- 5 Silver Wolves for service of exceptional character.
- 12 Silver Acorns for distinguished service.
- 5 Silver Crosses for gallantry with considerable risk.
- 3 Gilt Crosses for gallantry with lesser risk.
- 3 Certificates of Merit for gallantry.
- 11 Medals for Meritorious Conduct for meritorious acts.
- 2 Certificates for Meritorious Conduct for meritorious acts.
- 1 Letter of Commendation for Meritorious Act.
- 41 Medals of Merit for good service to Scouting.
- 8 Bars to the Medal of Merit for additional good service.
- 10 Certificates of Merit for good services to Scouting.
- 2 Letters of Commendation for good services to Scouting.
- 135 Long Service Medals.
- 42 Bars to the Long Service Medal.

### Membership

The 1950 Census shows an increase in all provinces and in all branches



His Excellency, Viscount Alexander of Tunis, K.G., Chief Scout for Canada.

with the exception of Sea Scouts. The new total of 117,680 is again an all time high and reflects an increase of 7,650 or 7% over the 1949 figure and 23,003 or 24.2% since the end of the war. The most significant feature of this year's census is the fact that leadership shows a healthy increase. While boy membership is up 6.5% or 6,427, leaders show a 12% gain, an increase of 1,223 to 11,073 the highest figure ever recorded. This gives one leader for every 9.7 boys, a practically ideal situation in the overall analysis. The large increase in Wolf Cub population as compared with the Boy Scout branch persists. Wolf Cubs show an increase of 9% while Boy Scouts including Lone Scouts and Sea Scouts are up only 2.6%. There are several causes for this discrepancy, now the subject of study at Canadian Headquarters. In 1949 Rover Scouts and Rover Sea Scouts registered a gain of 13.94%. This year the increase was 158 or just over 7%.

Membership gains by provinces during 1949 were:—

Newfoundland	462	(68%)
P.E.I.	200	(27.2%)
Nova Scotia	302	(5.3%)
New Brunswick	298	(7%)
Quebec	398	(4.6%)
Ontario	2323	(4.4%)

Manitoba and N.W. Ont.	1999*	(40%)
Saskatchewan	985	(11.9%)
Alberta	713	(10.2%)
British Columbia	1735	(13.6%)

The total number of groups has increased from 2,733 to a new high of 2,867, an increase of 4.9%. Increases are registered in most sponsoring bodies, but that calling for special mention is registration of four new handicapped groups, three in Ontario and one in Alberta.

### International Scouting

Relations with the International Bureau continue to be most cordial. The Director and his staff are always ready to give unstintingly of their time when called on for assistance. In common with the rest of the Scouting world Canada plays her part in contributing toward the upkeep of this most necessary office. The present quota, set by the International Committee, is calculated at £4 per thousand of Scout population remitted at \$4.03, the rate in force when the quota was set. Thus Canada's contribution in 1950 was \$1,779.

### Col. John Wilson

Canada was honoured in June with a visit from the Director of the International Bureau, Col. John Wilson. The Director addressed several groups of Scouters in Montreal and lunched with leaders of La Federation. During his visit Col. Wilson found time to confer with the Deputy Chief Scout and the Chief Executive Commissioner upon developments in the field of international Scouting.

### Greek Staves

In response to a request from the International Commissioner in Greece, Canadian Scouts cut and shipped over 5,000 staves, with every Province and La Federation co-operating. Mr. G. L. Magann, Canadian Ambassador to Greece made the official presentation before 2,300 Scouts at the Greek National Jamboree in August. On behalf of the Boy Scouts of Greece, Mr. Nelas, the International Commissioner and Mr. Benaki, the Chief Scout voiced the appreciation of the Greek Scouts

\*This includes the transfer from Ontario of the area at the Lakehead involving a Scout population of approximately 1800.



for this expression of good will and helpfulness.

### Canadian Scout Brotherhood Fund

Inaugurated in January 1950, the Canadian Scout Brotherhood Fund received generous support during the year from every Province in Canada but one. One donation came from the United States and another from the Western Canada contingent to the Boy Scouts of America Jamboree.

A total of \$1,582.39 was received during the year, and \$636.60 was expended, leaving a balance in the Fund as of December 31st, 1950 of \$945.79.

During 1950 three sums totalling \$636.60 as recorded above were distributed from the Fund. Scouts of Cabano, Que., who suffered through the disastrous fire which swept that town, were assisted to the extent of \$426.60; Winnipeg Scouts, who suffered in the severe floods, were helped in the amount of \$160.00, and a donation of \$50 was sent to Imperial Headquarters in Great Britain to assist families stricken in the tragedy in the English Channel when a Sea Scout whaler disappeared with all hands.

Gifts from the fund to Canadian Scout groups or individuals are only made with the approval of the Provincial Council concerned.

### American Jamboree

Every Province with the exception of Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island and Manitoba was represented in the Jamboree at historic Valley Forge in Pennsylvania in July.

A total of 204 Scouts and 24 Scouters from Canada journeyed in several Groups to converge on Valley Forge one day before the official opening by Harry S. Truman, President of the United States. In addition there was a headquarters staff of five men, while another six Canadians served on the American Headquarters staff. The contingent was led by Major Roy B. Oglesby of Ottawa, a leader of wide experience in Brandon, Manitoba, and Toronto.

Space does not permit any lengthy review of this spectacular event, which brought together 47,000 boys from all over North America and from many foreign lands. It was the largest encampment of this kind ever held in the United States and was a masterpiece of organization and efficiency.

The Canadian contingent won for itself an enviable reputation at the Jamboree. Always smart, neat and courteous, its members were greeted with applause wherever they paraded.

One example, which probably thrilled the Canadians more than any other event was, when they marched into the Arena one evening, headed by their killed pipe band from Nova Scotia, their flags flying bravely in the evening breeze, a crowd of 40,000 Scouts already seated, and possibly another 20,000 visitors rose to their feet and cheered as the Canadians marched down the centre aisle of the immense natural amphitheatre.



Mr. Jackson Dodds, C.B.E., Deputy Chief Scout for Canada.

### Civil Defence

Pursuant to Resolution passed on October 13, 1950, at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Canadian General Council, whereby the services of Boy Scouts were offered to the Civil Defence authorities, the Resolution was conveyed to Major-General F. F. Worthington, Federal Co-Ordinator of Civil Defence, and the offer was gratefully accepted.

Resulting from conferences with General Worthington, it was agreed that the following duties and responsibilities should be assumed by Boy Scouts:

Messenger service; assistance with damage surveys; assistance with warden services; specially trained Scouters and Rovers to undertake light rescue work; assistance with evacuation schemes and traffic control; participation in billeting surveys; provision of instructors and demonstrators for knotting, lashings, elementary pioneering and First Aid.

### Camping

The emphasis being placed on outdoor Scouting has shown marked results in the substantial increase of the number of registered camps. The 1950 figure of 1000 is an increase of 361 or

### A TRIBUTE TO VOLUNTEER LEADERS IN SCOUTING

*At its Annual Meeting in Ottawa on April 27th, the Canadian General Council unanimously approved the following resolution.*

*"The Canadian General Council of the Boy Scouts Association in session at its Annual General Meeting in Ottawa, desires to express its appreciation to all volunteer workers in the Association; leaders of Wolf Cub Packs, Boy Scout Troops, Rover Scout Crews, Commissioners, members of Group Committees, Ladies' Auxiliaries, Associations and Councils for the high quality of loyal service and co-operation rendered Scouting in 1950.*

*"The Council is well aware that these willing workers are not looking for tributes. Nevertheless the Council wishes to acknowledge the vital role these workers play in the continuing work of developing good citizenship.*

*"The Canadian General Council furthermore pledges its continued efforts through its Canadian Headquarters services to assist to the utmost of its capacity the work so generously and fulsomely undertaken by the volunteer workers of the Movement."*

56.5%. The majority of this increase was registered in Ontario whose figures rose from 212 to 448, an increase of 111.3% although all provinces showed gains. In all, 24,510 boys were in registered camps for a total of 215,222 camper days. This, of course, does not include the hundreds of week-end and overnight camps, details of which are not recorded.

### Scouting in 1950

The story of Scouting in Canada in 1950 was one of continued progress, both in numbers and in activity. The following review by Provinces will reflect, in part only, the tremendous activity of the Movement during 1950.

#### Newfoundland

In addition to nearly doubling its membership in the past twelve months, Canada's newest Province has organized a Provincial Headquarters under the charge of Executive Commissioner A. J. Tomlinson. Mr. Tomlinson spent several months at Canadian Headquarters and visited District and Provincial Headquarters in Eastern and



Central Canada, acquainting himself with operational details.

During the summer of 1950 Scouters and senior Scouts took charge of the Kinsmen's Club Camp, while a group of older Scouts acted as instructors at the Rotary Sunshine Camp.

Scouts of St. John's assisted the Tuberculosis Association by distributing hundreds of posters for the Association's financial campaign.

Boy Scout Christmas Toyshops were operated in St. John's, Corner Brook and Bell Island and some 1800 children received parcels of toys from these sources.

#### Prince Edward Island

Scouts in Alberton and O'Leary planted trees in the community playgrounds, while O'Leary Scouts also handled traffic control at the West Price Exhibition. Summerside Scouts operated a Christmas Toy Shop for needy children, while those of St. Eleanor made a community survey of fire hazards and fire fighting equipment. The Provincial Council gave financial assistance to all leaders wishing to take Wood Badge training.

#### Nova Scotia

This Province provided 350 staves for the Staves for Greece campaign.

Scouts of Halifax were given charge of the illumination of the North West Arm, and Dartmouth Scouts undertook the task of handling the flares and rockets for the Dartmouth Bicentennial. At the request of the Public Service Commission, Halifax Scouts planted hundreds of trees on the watershed. Nova Scotia Scouts carried out innumerable Good Turns in many communities, assisting local welfare organizations and ushering at many events. The Halifax Scout Pipe Band added colour and interest to the Canadian Contingent at the Boy Scouts of America Jamboree.

#### New Brunswick

The Annual Report of the Provincial Council reveals a most active year. In connection with the Annual Meeting of the Council a Commissioners' Course was held with an attendance of 17. Thirty-two candidates attended the Maritime Gilwell Courses.

New Brunswick was represented at the American Jamboree by a contingent of 41. A Group of First Class Scouts under Field Commissioner Tony Landry undertook a 200 mile canoe exploration along the Tobique and Saint John rivers. This annual expedition has aroused wide interest and the

Boy Scouts of America magazine *Boy's Life* is sending an Assistant Editor to cover the 1951 Expedition.

Sixty King's Scouts were invested at Saint John by His Honour the Lieutenant Governor. Scout population during the year increased by 34%, and new records were created in the number of camps and campers and in the number of King's Scouts and holders of the Bushman's Thong.

An interesting development in the Lone Scout section was the organization by Mr. William Reddin of Fredericton, of a Lone Scout Patrol of Indian lads at the Reserve at Kingsclear.

Many Scouts are acting as Junior Forest Wardens for the Provincial Government, and all Scoutmasters have been provided with free subscriptions to *Forest and Outdoors*, and have been provided with *Native Trees of Canada*.

The Provincial Department of Education is stocking Scout books, to be sent to schools on request, and Scout pamphlets are also being sent to all schools.

Among the many Good Turns were the operation of Scout Toyshops, assisting at Blood Donor clinics and visiting shut-ins.

Fredericton Scouts stage a regular weekly radio programme of 15 minutes duration titled "Know Your Scouting".

#### Quebec

Twenty-two hundred boys attended some 26 different Scout camps in Quebec during 1950.

Outstanding events recorded by the Quebec Provincial Council during the year included the following.

An Honour Roll, bearing the names of 600 Scouts who served in the armed forces during World War II was unveiled at the Provincial Headquarters by His Excellency, Viscount Alexander, K.G., Chief Scout for Canada.

Over 1,000 Scouts and Leaders attended the annual Patrol Leaders' banquet at which the Chief Executive Commissioner was the speaker. A total of 560 Scouts and Leaders from Montreal attended an International Camporee at St. Alban's, Vermont in June. The Montreal contingent was accompanied by Chief Poking Fire of Caughnawaga and 45 Indians together with a member of the R.C.M.P. in full scarlet and gold. Nine Scouts and two Scouters attended the Boy Scouts of America Jamboree.

In the field of exploration one long cruise was made by a Sea Scout Whaler to New York City, and a group of eight made a 95 mile canoe trip from Lac

#### SPONSORSHIP OF SCOUT GROUPS IN CANADA

SPONSORING BODY	NO OF GROUPS
Community	768
Anglican	443
United	429
Roman Catholic	414
Service Club	147
Presbyterian	129
Baptist	97
Salvation Army	62
Canadian Legion	73
Schools	47
Latter Day Saints	39
Hebrew	19
Lutheran	18
Handicapped	13
Other Religious Denominations	22
Miscellaneous	147
<b>TOTAL NO GROUPS</b>	<b>2867</b>



Nominique to Val Ombreuse, 30 miles north of Ottawa.

The Montreal Scout Toyshop repaired some 4,000 toys for distribution and Scouts assisted in several searches for lost persons. A number of cases of prompt and efficient action in rescue work were also recorded. Among Good Turns recorded were the collection of cotton and linen material for cancer dressings; the collection of money and food for the Scouts of Rimouski who suffered in the disastrous fire; food parcels for Britain; carol singing; guide service; ushering services; collection of clothing; collection of staves for Greece and contributions to the Canadian Scout Brotherhood Fund. Other outstanding events included the winning of 72 Red Cross and Royal Life Saving Society awards at Camp Tamaracouta, and the annual Scouters Conference at North Hatley, which attracted a record attendance.

#### Ontario

This Province in 1950 celebrated its 40th year as a Provincial Council, and marked the anniversary with a record of progress all along the line. Despite the removal of Northwestern Ontario from the jurisdiction of the Ontario Provincial Council to that of Manitoba, census figures at the end of the year showed a net increase of 3,571.

The anniversary was also marked by increased interest in the field of training and in camping and outdoor activity. The objectives for the year; increased numbers in leadership, greater emphasis on training, more boys with higher grades, and increased outdoor activity were all achieved with considerable success.

During the year the organization of the Province into five regions was completed with each of the regions having its own resident field commissioner.

The Toronto Metropolitan Area marked the year by acquiring a new headquarters building, while the Ontario Provincial Headquarters, after 25 years in the Northern Ontario Building moved to more spacious quarters at 137 Wellington Street West, Toronto.

It is impossible to detail the activities of over 50,000 boys in Ontario Scouting. However they were active in all forms of community service, including reforestry, ushering, assisting in various welfare campaigns, Christmas Toyshops, carol singing, assisting in Canadian Scout Brotherhood Fund and Staves for Greece campaigns, and rendering service in their respective communities in a score of ways.

One of the most successful gatherings of the year was the annual Commissioners' Conference held in Guelph in March. To this conference came 149 Commissioners and District and Local Association officials representing some 41 districts in the Province.

Mr. Gordon Williams, Executive Commissioner for Hamilton was chosen by Canadian Headquarters to head the Canadian delegation to the International Club Conference in Edinburgh.

The Provincial Council suffered the loss early in 1950 of Leonard Wheeler, the Executive Commissioner for South Waterloo. Mr. Wheeler died following a lengthy illness, after rendering long and distinguished service to Scouting.

#### Manitoba

1950 has been a year of expansion and progress in Manitoba. The Provincial Council has been reorganized as the Manitoba and North Western Ontario Council and now has jurisdiction over a large section of north western Ontario including the twin cities of Fort William and Port Arthur.

Replacing Mr. Tom Stark, who removed to Saskatchewan as Executive Commissioner, Mr. Herbert Northcott became a Manitoba Field Commissioner working out of Brandon. Mr. Tony Pierce was also added to the field staff, and as the year closed Mr. Patrick Horan had been added to the staff also.

Scouting in Winnipeg suffered considerably from the disastrous floods of last spring. While financial loss was not heavy for the Scouts, programmes

were disorganized for several weeks as a result of the emergency. As was to be expected the Scouts played a big role in the flood services, working with the organization set up to meet the disaster.

At Fort Churchill a very active Pack and Troop reports that every boy in the Community of Cub and Scout age belongs to the Group. Scouts and Cubs here are practically all sons of Army and R.C.A.F. personnel.

At Sherridon the Cub Pack placed feed boards out for birds in all parts of the village, and also provided food parcels for needy local families.

At Portage la Prairie the 1st St. Andrew's Troop presented a new cot to the General Hospital, raising the necessary funds through candy sales, operating check rooms and advertising in their show programmes.

An annual feature which attracts large crowds in Winnipeg is the Cub Carol singing programme staged at the main railway stations in the city. This was repeated in 1950.

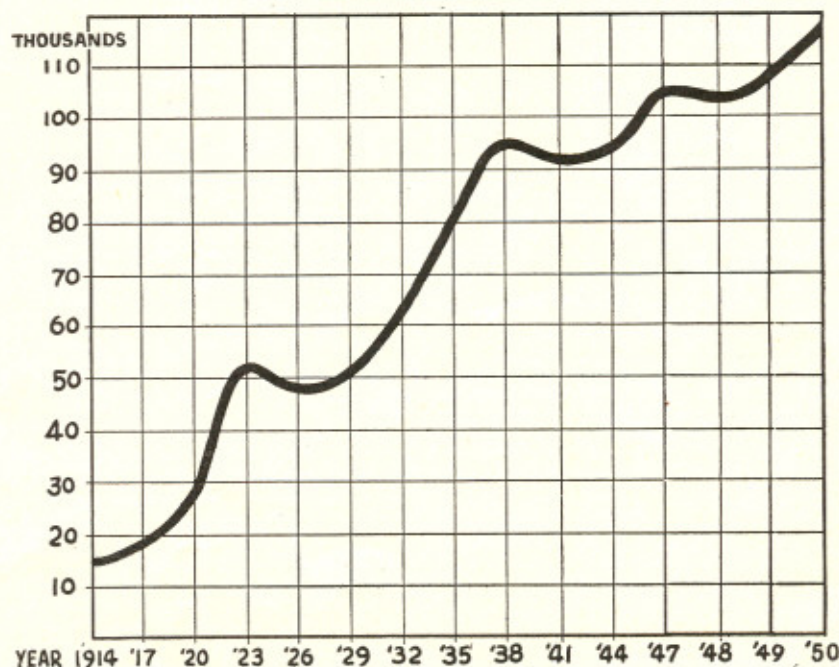
Among the Christmas toyshops operated was one at The Pas by the 3rd Troop which reports a most active year.

Manitoba also reports increased outdoor activities, specially in the field of winter camping.

#### Saskatchewan

Although the Winnipeg floods were far removed from Saskatchewan, Scouts of Regina played an important role in aiding refugees from the Manitoba capital. Scouts gave every assistance

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to evacuees from Winnipeg who came to Regina.

A number of Saskatchewan centres operated the traditional Christmas Toy Shops and provided Christmas gifts for hundreds of children of lower income families.

An interesting new Cub Pack has been formed at an Anglican Indian Residential School in Prince Albert. A number of Scout radio "hams" have been participating in inter-Scout broadcasts with Scout radio "hams" in Edmonton, Alberta.

During the year Mr. Tom P. Stark, formerly Field Commissioner in Manitoba, became Executive Commissioner for Saskatchewan. Towards the end of the year arrangements were completed for the services of an additional Field Commissioner who will operate in the northern part of the Province and is based at Saskatoon. Mr. Evans, for the past five years Field Commissioner in Saskatchewan returned to Canadian Headquarters field staff.

#### Alberta

Membership in the Association increased by nearly 10% during 1950, with Scout units now active in 127 hamlets, villages, towns and cities in the Province. There were 49 registered camps, an increase of 14 over the previous year, with a total of 1,336 boys participating.

Most unique of these camps was that of the Yellowknife Troop which journeyed by boat and bus a distance of more than 1,800 miles to camp at Sylvan Lake. The Grand Centre Troop journeyed 1,200 miles to camp at Cold Lake, and the Jefferson Troop 600 miles to camp near Nelson, B.C. Twelve boys from all parts of the Province were again privileged to be guests of Col. H. M. Snyder, F.R.G.S., at his ranch near Sundre.

Thirteen Scouts, accompanied by Assistant Executive Commissioner J. G. Scott, attended the American Jamboree at Valley Forge.

Alberta Scouting has always endeavoured to keep the Scout Good Turn to the fore. Public service projects during the year included provision of Guards of Honour for the Newfoundland Premier on his visits to Calgary and Medicine Hat; assistance at stampedes and fairs; decoration of soldiers' graves; Christmas toyshop and assistance with Rotary-Shrine Circus in Edmonton.

Principal achievement during 1950 was the completion of the headquarters building, now located in Baden-Powell Park in Edmonton. The building, on

land generously leased by the City of Edmonton, was completed in May, and officially opened by Premier E. C. Manning, Honorary President of the Association, in November. Located on the banks of the North Saskatchewan River, with exterior in log siding, the new headquarters is shared with The Girl Guides Association. Two new Field Commissioners were added to the staff during 1950, bringing the Executive staff to four.

#### British Columbia

Scouts of the Province, particularly of the Vancouver and Victoria districts

cut and shipped nearly 3,000 staves for the Scouts of Greece.

Along the highways leading into the city of Nelson, the Scouts of that area planted flower seeds to beautify the city approaches.

At Fernie, high in the foothills of the Rockies, Scouts furnished a ward in the local hospital, earning the money through salvage collections.

Scouts in the Kimberley district assisted the Community Chest campaign, while those in Vancouver District were called out on a number of occasions to search for lost children.

### STATEMENT OF CENSUS AS AT DECEMBER 31st, 1950

	Wolf Cubs	Boy Scouts	Sea Scouts	Lone Scouts	Rover Scouts	Rover Sea Scouts	Grand Total Boy Member	Adult Leaders	Total 1950	Total 1949
Nfld.....	205	835		2	14		1,056	84	1,140	678
P.E.I.....	444	346		56		12	858	75	933	733
N.S.....	2,652	2,700		146	18		5,516	505	6,021	5,719
N.B.....	2,155	1,632	23	265	63		4,138	426	4,564	4,266
Que.....	4,876	3,099	59	72	100		8,206	715	8,921	8,523
Ont.....	31,593	16,256	524		1,001	58	49,432	5,000	54,432	52,109
Man. and N.W. Ont.	4,129	1,974		78	89		6,270	667	6,937	4,938
Sask.....	2,983	2,181		150	8		5,322	392	5,714	5,105
Alta.....	4,286	2,639	12	40	50		7,027	669	7,696	6,983
B.C.....	8,734	4,087	63	35	132	22	13,073	1,362	14,435	12,700
La. Fed..	1,612	3,349			748		5,709	1,178	6,887	6,604
TOTALS 1950	63,669	39,098	681	844	2,223	92	106,607	11,073	117,680	
TOTALS 1949	58,449	37,878	1,002	694	2,095	62	100,180	9,850		110,030

### CAMPING

	REGISTERED CAMPS	TOTAL BOYS IN CAMP	TOTAL CAMPER DAYS
Newfoundland.....	8	200	1200
Prince Edward Island.....	6	260	1821
Nova Scotia.....	29	854	7966
New Brunswick.....	37	1300	11000
Quebec.....	26	2116	24413
Ontario.....	448	9452	70890
Manitoba.....	36	920	6600
Saskatchewan.....	38	569	4328
Alberta.....	54	1336	8883
British Columbia.....	65	2398	21012
La Federation.....	253	5105	57109
TOTALS	1,000	24,510	215,222

NOTE:—These figures do not include unregistered, weekend or overnight camps.

### CENSUS AS AT MARCH 31st, 1951

Another sharp increase in Scout membership in Canada was recorded on March 31st and reported at the Annual Meeting. These figures showed 66,034 Wolf Cubs, 40,019 Boy Scouts, 721 Sea Scouts, 836 Lone Scouts, 2,241 Rover Scouts, 90 Rover Sea Scouts, for a total boy membership of 109,941. Adult leaders numbered 11,507, for a total membership of 121,448, yet another new all time record.



In the Nanaimo area on Vancouver Island, Scouts have continued their Good Turn of providing magazines for the patients in the Indian Hospital, and in Victoria, Rover Scouts have been prominent in the news for fine work in rendering first aid.

"The Dykes the Kids Built" was the caption of a newspaper story describing the efforts of the Scouts of Harrison Hot Springs in building dykes when Harrison River floods threatened to inundate the town. Scouts built walls of sandbags and other material, and although adults in the community had not expected the river to rise as high, the work of the Scouts actually saved the town from serious flooding.

International exchanges between Scouts of British Columbia and the State of Washington proved popular during the year. At Kimberley, Scouts cleared the snow and chopped firewood for the special community built homes for old folks in the town.

This is only a partial picture of Scouting in British Columbia during 1950, but illustrates the vigour with which Scouting principles and ideals are being stressed in the Movement.

#### C.H.Q. Staff Travels

Members of Canadian Headquarters Staff in the course of their duties travelled a total of 98,070 miles during 1950, the highest travelling record in the history of the Headquarters.

A large part of this travel was due to visits during the year of Mr. John Thurman, Camp Chief of Gilwell Park, England, and Col. John Wilson, Director of the International Bureau, who were accompanied by members of the staff throughout their Canadian travels. However the mileage travelled by Mr. Thurman and Col. Wilson is not included in this total.

#### Executive Staff

The Association is now employing the following full time Field and Executive Commissioners:

Newfoundland .....	1
Prince Edward Island .....	1
Nova Scotia .....	3
New Brunswick .....	2
Quebec .....	4
Ontario .....	22
Manitoba and N.W. Ontario .....	4
Saskatchewan .....	2
Alberta .....	4
British Columbia .....	6
Canadian Headquarters .....	11
	60

#### Stores Department

The Stores Department sales during 1950 continued to expand both in



A happy scene taken in the foyer of Government House after the Investiture ceremony conducted by His Excellency, Viscount Alexander. Left to right, Sixer Wayne Bailey of Island Falls, Sask., Mr. Jackson Dodds, Deputy Chief Scout and P.L. J. Alex. Coubrough of Brantford, Ont.

dollar value and in unit distribution. Dollar sales totalled \$519,052.67, the highest on record and an increase over the previous year of \$34,307.32 or 7.3%. Unit sales likewise showed a substantial increase of 69,041 to 859,168, representing an increase of 8.6% over 1949.

#### Training Department

The year 1950 has surpassed all previous records in training. The grand total of candidates who availed themselves of the various types of training amounted to 3,333 as against 2,534 in 1949.

In addition to the above, all of whom were adult leaders, there were 1,987 Patrol Leaders who attended Patrol Leader Training Courses.

#### Visit of Mr. R. F. Thurman

From July 17th to August 23rd we had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. R. F. "John" Thurman, the Camp Chief at Gilwell Park. During this period he visited Part II Courses as follows:—C.S.T.C. Cubmasters and Scoutmasters; Maritime Scoutmasters at Hammond River, N.B.; Ontario Scoutmasters at Blue Springs, Ont.; Prairie Scoutmasters at Prince Albert, Sask.; British Columbia Cubmasters at Camp Barnard, B.C.; and Quebec Cubmasters at Tamaracouta, Que. He also addressed the Kiwanis Club at

Kingston, Ont., and meetings of Scouters at Kingston, Vancouver, and Montreal, as well as members of the British Columbia Provincial Council, the Quebec and Montreal Councils.

His presence at the training courses was a great inspiration to the training teams and candidates and his practical help, interest and understanding were of immeasurable value. He gave freely of his experience and knowledge and undoubtedly his visit was the highlight of our training season in 1950.

#### Appreciations

The Committee recorded in its report a series of resolutions of appreciation to those who rendered special service to the Association during the year. Included were—The staff of Government House, Ottawa; The Government of Canada for its annual grant; individual supporters who have generously subscribed to the Association's work; the Press and Radio of Canada for generous coverage of Scout activities; the various Federal and Provincial government departments which have given much practical assistance; the St. John Ambulance Association and the Canadian Red Cross Society; The Girl Guides Association; the Advisory Committees of Canadian Headquarters Departments; and the Staff of Canadian Headquarters.



## GREETINGS FROM THE CARIBBEAN

### B.W.I., Canada Scouts Plan Closer Liaison

John L. MacGregor, Quebec Commissioner, Ends 10-Week Tour

A CLOSER liaison between the Boy Scouts Associations of the British West Indies and Scout Headquarters in Ottawa will develop out of a ten-week information and training tour just completed in the Caribbean by John L. MacGregor, Provincial Field Commissioner for Quebec.

Mr. MacGregor has just returned from the West Indies where he received this assurance from Scouts and Scouters alike.

#### Canada's Prestige High

"Scouting is definitely on the up-grade in the West Indies," he said. "Wherever I went I found eager and enthusiastic young people, and was given a cordial welcome. What, perhaps, impressed me most, however, was the fact that Canada's prestige stands very high throughout the area. That goes not only for Scouting but for every other field of endeavour as well."

Commissioner MacGregor's visit, entirely by air, was requested by Imperial Scout Headquarters in London, England, and arranged between London and Scout Headquarters in Ottawa.

He met the governors of the islands who are the Chief Scouts as well, and representatives of all the churches and schools. In Jamaica and Grand Cayman he helped to organize two training courses for Scouts and Cub leaders, they flew to Trinidad to take part in the Caribbean Commissioners' conference.

"This was one of the outstanding features of the whole trip," he said. "It was federation in being just as is

under consideration in the political and economic realms. It lasted three days, and apart from deciding on a closer liaison with Canada, such questions as producing Scout literature locally, and obtaining uniforms for boys without means were considered."

#### Paid Many Visits

Commissioner MacGregor then went to St. Kitts, Antigua, Barbadoes, St. Lucia, Grenada and St. Vincent. Returning to Trinidad he helped to run a Scout leaders' wood badge training course, involving eight days in camp. Some 33 leaders took the course. A preliminary training course for Cub leaders in British Guiana was attended by 27 representatives.

In Trinidad, and again in Barbadoes, he met Lady Baden-Powell, widow of the founder of the Boy Scout Movement.

She was touring the Caribbean on behalf of the Girl Guide organization and expressed gratification at Canadian Scouters' interest in the West Indies, Mr. MacGregor said.

He added that wherever he went he conveyed the greetings of Canadian Scouts and Cubs, and was asked to reciprocate the message on his return home.

Scouts in the area are looking forward to the International Jamboree planned for Jamaica in 1952. It is expected that between 3,000 and 4,000 Scouts from the entire area and from Britain, Canada and the United States will attend.

## Notes on Scouting from Here and There

### A Good Turn

Members of the Town Council of Lindsay, Ont., approved of the suggestion from the Scouts of this town when they offered their services to keep the cleaning and upkeep of the cenotaph. The town council will supply the materials and the Troops will undertake the Good Turn on a year-round basis.

### Anglers Club Help

In St. John, N.B., the Anglers Club has offered to instruct and examine Scouts for their Angler's Badge. As the members of this Club are keen sportsmen the Scouts in the District will be receiving the very best instruction and keen examination.

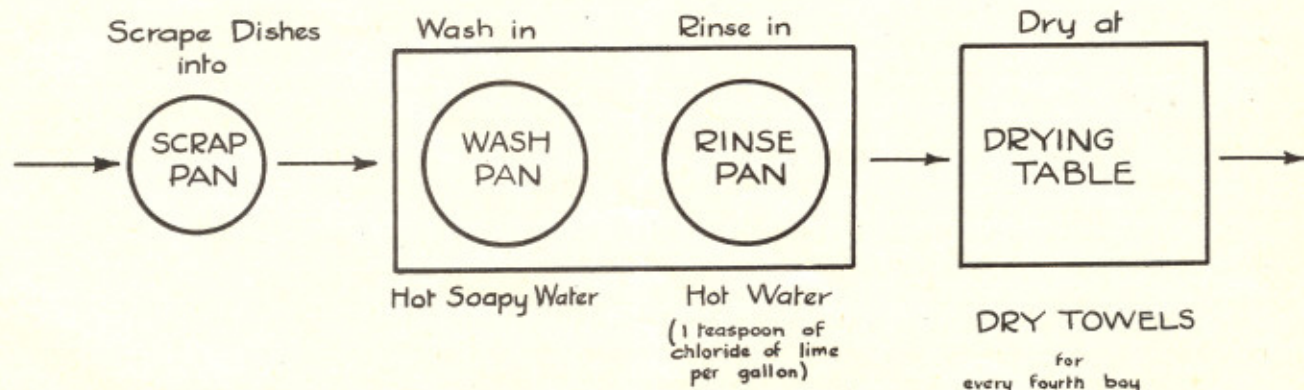
### Help Red Cross

Members of the 3rd Wolf Pack in Prince Albert, Sask. were busy carrying out their promise to do a good turn for somebody everyday during March. Several members of the Pack offered their services to the Red Cross and delivered posters in the recent National campaign.

### A Newfoundland First

Senior Scout Boyd Pennell of the 1st St. Thomas Troop has the honour of being the first Newfoundland Scout to receive the Religion and Life Award. Reports reach us that many Newfoundland Scouts are working for this badge and so to them and Scout Pennell we pass on our best wishes for even greater success.

## DISHES HAVE TO BE DONE AND HERE IS A GOOD SYSTEM





# IN QUEST OF ADVENTURE

## A Rugged Wide Game from Denmark

I HAVE read several numbers of your excellent paper and I thought you might like to have a report of a Danish Tournament.

First of all a little about the Senior Scouts:

They are boys from 16½ - 18 who have finished their general scout work. Now they are seniors, "woodmen" as we call them and I am one of those. We work in teams two and two. The work is very primitive; we only work hard in the winter-half year, only sleep in bivouac, light our fires with two sticks, etc. etc. A very important thing is an exact knowledge of the use of maps and compass. The "runs" often take place at night, and if you are not closely informed in the use of map and compass, you can't succeed.

My troop, named "Christian the IV's Troop" is a part of the North-Sealand Division. On January 23rd, 1950 all the troops in North-Sealand sent their best woodmen teams (two in each team) to Hillerd, where I live. At once, when we met we were told that we were Canadian Mounted Police, and should seek for five gold-diggers, who had escaped from jail after murdering the keepers. The weather was bad, it froze a little, and we had to carry with us a kitbag with a spade, an axe, our firemaking-sticks, a "Billy-Can" and extra batteries.

At 1900 p.m. the first team set off. My partner Willy and I had no. 13 (unlucky!). A total of 16 teams started off. At 1939 we started. The "police-master" told us that the convicts were seen in direction 3°. We found the point on our maps (they were in the scale of 1:100000!). It was coalblack, but we ran to the place—an old gravel-pit where an old trapper was sitting. He said that if we made a good fire for him he would give us further information about the convicts. We had only 10 minutes, but we made the fire rather quickly with our sticks. Then the trapper said he had heard the gangsters had left for an old watermill about 1½ miles north of here. We found the mill on the map and ran. The way to the mill passed through a corner of a big forest and there I fell into ice water to the waist! The trapper on the watermill should build a biv-

ouac of a special kind of branches but could not find out which were which of the ten branches he had. We had to write down all the names of the branches and then he said he had heard about some drum signals in the east-end of a little wood just 2 miles from here. We rushed away to the wood.

Walking slowly and silently along a woodpath we suddenly heard Indian drums—drumming in morse: 5 PALE-FACES HAVE GONE THROUGH THIS WOOD ALONG THE PATH THAT RUNS AGAINST THE SETTING SUN.

While sitting writing the message we saw 3 other teams of "police" we did not know, and as fast as we could we ran to the westend of the wood. Here we saw a light and near that a trapper sitting. He could hardly move and asked us to make a fox-trap for him. We made one of three sticks:

The two long sticks were stretched from each other and would smash together if anybody walked on the little stick between them. Onward to the next post 2 miles away. Here a policeman asked us for a description of the last trapper. He was a traitor and had pointed out a wrong direction for us. But now they knew that the gold-diggers had run in direction 318°, but they could not say how far. Only between 1½ and 2 miles they said. The line of direction passed a cross-way ¾ miles away, and we ran to that point. After having sought for one hour we found an old trapper, who asked us to splice a rope; but the ends were fastened on two trees and the splicing should take place 1½ meters high. That was indeed very difficult. Well, it was done, and then 2½ miles away, we found the next post. After having run over fields and mud, it was very slushy, we found a man lying "dead" near a railroad, and from some marks beside him, we should re-construct the crime. We did our best, and then the "dead" man woke up and said that we should follow the rails. Nothing is so tiring as walking on ties I assure you! At the site a trapper ordered us to draw a plan over the spot where the crime had taken place and then go 2½ miles in direction 93°. That led to our

old scout-cottage. Here was a telegraph-station, but the operator was ill and we had to transmit and receive a report. Then there came a trapper and ordered us to fill our "Billy-Can" with whisky (water) to appease the martial Indians whose district we had to pass. We went tired—very tired to "the Valley of the 1000 Voices" where we saw an old Indian Chief sitting at the bottom. An Indian sitting at the edge of the "valley" (it was an old gravel-pit) said that the sides of the valley were "Tabu" but we could climb out on the rope, down on another, give our whisky to the great chief "Sitting Bull" and climb back the same way.

I think ten times on the way, I had to hang still and breathe. Afterwards we staggered the 100 yards down to our large cottage from where we started. Now we had run about 30 miles and could absolutely not walk one single yard longer. We thought we had finished now; but finish—not now my son! The leaders took our maps away and gave us half an hour to draw a map over the whole route in the scale 1:200000! Fortunately we had taken all directions from post to post so we made it—not excellent—but we made it! When we had finished it was 7.30 a.m.; we were deadly tired but we had the satisfaction that our three teams from Chr. IV's became no. 1, 2, and 3 and Willy and I were the winners. That meant that we should represent the division on the great 5 days Woodsmen-Country Tournament in April.

The best scout-greeting to all Canadian Scouts,

Tore Dinesen.

### WE ARE VERY SORRY

To report that the Stores Department has completely exhausted their stock of *Policy, Organization and Rules*. This important book is at present undergoing a thorough revision and therefore will not be in stock until the final changes have been made. *The Scout Leader* will carry an advance notice of the publication date for the new edition. Until then please make use of the copies now in circulation.





# AKELA'S DEN

## LET'S HAVE MORE PACK MEETINGS OUT-OF-DOORS



WE ARE very fortunate in Canada to have a country sparkling in natural beauty. There are endless opportunities for passing on this love of the out-of-doors to our Cubs and every Akela should plan now, if he or she has not already done so, to hold as many Pack meetings as possible outside. Scouting is basically a brotherhood of the open air and Cubbing, which we must remember is a preparation for Scouting, has been in danger of losing or under estimating this aspect of our programme. Let's "look the horse in the mouth", so to speak, more *real* Cubbing can be done in the fresh air and it is every bit as easy for Akela to conduct a meeting outside.

In this generation we are in danger of losing much of our country's natural beauty as a result of industrialization and the misconception that Mother Nature will quickly replace the beauty we take for granted and destroy. In Cubbing we have the opportunity of implanting in these young minds a love of nature and a clearer understanding of the necessity to keep and protect our country's beauty for themselves and future generations. Every Akela will realize at once that this sort of conservation training should not be taught in lecture form but rather close to Mother Earth where the romance of the countryside and nature study can be blended into the regular programme. There are many more things which could be said in favour of out-door meetings but then we know them, so why not just say we know Cubs will revel being close to Nature. Unless it is pouring rain, let's stay out.

Now, after deciding that open-air programmes are for our Packs, and, that we are going to teach them not only Cubbing techniques but the wonder and beauty of Nature, what is the first step for Akela to take? Cubs want practical and straightforward answers to their questions and so it is suggested that Scouters arm themselves beforehand by consulting a volume on general nature study which can be borrowed from any public library or

in lieu of this from from school libraries or private collections. The idea is not to become an expert but answer your own elementary questions by reading an expert in the field. Then when you move out for a Saturday hike or a regular meeting, there will be no necessity of giving the lads *ready-made* facts. Cubs will examine and therein lies much of the fun of the outing. With their enquiring minds they will, if given the incentive, dig for the information and then feel a real sense of pride in having learned while playing.

Above all let's make up our minds to take the young wolves out in the open where they can see God's handiwork and grow strong in mind, body

and soul. As Akelas let's make up our minds to Achieve our Target for Pack rambles in 1951 and lay a solid foundation for good Scouting in our charges.

### Scout and Guide Good Turn

WHEN the Cape Breton Concert Association staged a musical evening recently to raise funds for the Central Home and School Association, members of the North Sydney Scout Troop and Guide Company united to add smartness and colour to the proceedings. Acting as ushers for the musical evening the boys and girls not only enjoyed themselves but were happy to perform still another 'Good Turn'.

### PLAN ACHIEVEMENT TARGET

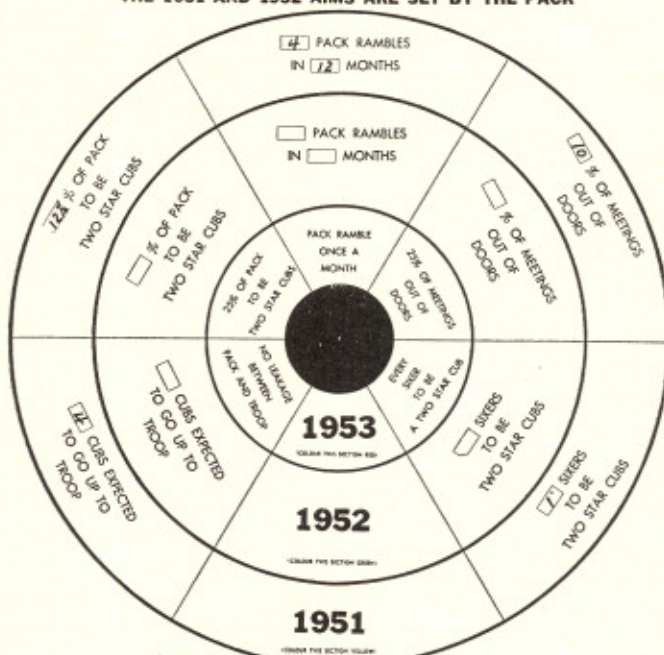
45 CANADIAN

PACK

1951-1952-1953

"PLAN ACHIEVEMENT" sets for specific targets to be reached by THE SECOND CANADIAN JAMBOREE in 1953. These aims are indicated in the 1953 circle of this target.

THE 1951 AND 1952 AIMS ARE SET BY THE PACK



PACK SCOUTERS WILL ENTER IN THE BOXES THE AIMS OF THE PACK, YEAR BY YEAR, OTHER BY NUMBER OR PERCENTAGE

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE 1953 AIMS BE LEFT BLANK UNTIL THE PLANNING FOR THE YEAR 1953 TAKES PLACE AT THE END OF 1951

AT THE 1951 AIMS ARE COMPLETED THE APPROPRIATE SECTIONS OF THE CIRCLE ARE COLOURED IN YELLOW

AT THE 1952 AIMS ARE COMPLETED THE APPROPRIATE SECTIONS OF THE CIRCLE ARE COLOURED IN GREEN

AT THE 1953 AIMS ARE COMPLETED THE APPROPRIATE SECTIONS OF THE CIRCLE ARE COLOURED IN RED

By now every Pack should have their Plan Achievement Target filled in for 1951, and mounted so that the Cubs can keep tabs on their progress.



## WHAT IS A CANADIAN?



**WE** ARE citizens of Canada, either by birth or by adoption and naturalization.

We are citizens of the Commonwealth.

Our skins may be brown, or yellow, or black or white, but we are Canadians.

Our name may be Podolski, Fraser, Wong, Spermant, Dubois, Schmidt or Jones.

Our forefathers may have come from Glasgow, Prague, Tokyo, from Dublin, Bordeaux, Rotterdam or Newcastle.

We may be laborer, student, doctor, merchant or machinist.

Whatever we are, whatever our occupation, whatever our background, if we accept Canada as our country, and with it the democratic way of life, we are Canadians.

We have the right to speak freely, to worship freely, but with these rights we must learn our duties—to speak wisely, to worship wisely, to choose our leaders wisely.

We inherit, along with 14,000,000 other Canadians, a vast half continent, abounding in resources and opportunities for a good, healthy, and a happy life.

We inherit two great cultures—the Anglo-Saxon and the French—and more than thirty others as well. We are creating out of these a new and growing Canadian culture.

We are at the dawn of great things, for us and our country.

We are the builders of a great and free nation, of a great and free people.

It's great to be a Canadian."  
(From the Kiwanis International Magazine)

## HOW FAR IS IT?

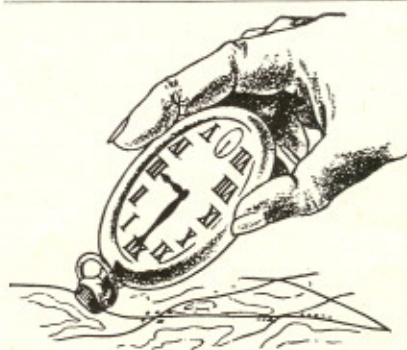
**N**ow, how can a watch be adapted to measuring distances on a map? First, set the watch to any given time, say 1200, and leave the stem in the "set" position. Second, hold the watch face upwards, stem inclined slightly downward, and place the stem carefully on the starting point of the distance to be measured. Third, roll the stem along the road, trail or path to the end of the distance to be measured. You now have registered on the watch face a representation of the exact distance from the point of origin to the point in question. All that remains to be done is to convert this reading, in hours and minutes, into ground measure. This is done by simply rolling the watch stem over the linear scale provided at the bottom of the map in such a manner as to cause the hands to rotate in the opposite direction to their original motion. As this is done note carefully the number of times the 1000-yard distance is traversed, and also the smaller units shown. When the hands are once again at the original setting used to begin the problem, you shall have the exact answer to your question.

In this manner you have easily traversed the entire distance as shown on the map, from point to point, and

have accurately converted this distance into a very definite number of hours and minutes. The re-conversion from hours and minutes is just as easy as the original measurement but it is done over a straight line, and is therefore a slight bit easier.

A conversion factor can easily be computed for any given watch using the scale of the map you use most often. Such a conversion factor for the author's watch using a 1:25,000 map works out to be, one hour equals 500 yards. It just happens that this one works out to a very simple conversion factor; however, anyone can find the factors for his own watch very easily.

Marine Corps Gazette (U.S.A.)



## A Game for Cubs

**D**IVIDE the Pack into two teams. One team forms a circle in which a Cub has two pieces of rope. The other team forms a straight line a little distance away. At the "Go", the Cub with the rope ties a knot—reef or sheet bend. If the umpire of the circle finds it correct, the Cub unties the knot and passes the ropes to the next Cub, shouting "One" as he does so. The next Cub does the same thing, calling out "Two" as he passes the ropes on, and so right round the circle, keeping on even although every Cub has had a chance, until the call, "Stop", comes from the other team. Meanwhile the other team in its straight line is busy too. The Cub at the end of the line at the "Go" taps the back of the Cub in front of him, and so on right up the line. When the top Cub gets the tap, he starts to run forward and right round the Cubs in the circle, coming in at the tail-end of the straight line and tapping the back of the end Cub, who again sends the tap on to the Cub in front of him, and again the Cub at the top of the line waits until he gets the tap and then he runs. This goes on until every Cub in the line has run round the circle, the last one to reach the end of the line shouting "Stop". The knotting Cubs count their score. Change over and see how many correct knots the second team can make. Winners are those who have the greatest number of correctly tied knots to their credit.

## And One for Scouts

### Dumb Actors

**P**ATROLS in their corners and one member of each Patrol is sent to the Scouter, who whispers a word or a simple phrase to them. Each then returns to his Patrol and must act and keep on acting until the Patrol guesses the word or phrase. If it is a phrase they must get the exact wording.

The actor, of course, isn't allowed to say anything at all. The others can keep on throwing out their suggestions as fast as they like and the actor can only shake his head or nod when they have got it.

When the Patrol has got it, it sends another member post-haste to the Scouter, and the first Patrol to get all the answers wins.

Suggested words should be like cauliflower, sardine, sunny afternoon, frosty morning, nightmare, etc.

—The Aramak, December 1950.





TODAY, many people, in a mercenary attitude ask "What's in it for me?" We, as members of the greatest youth movement in the world, and as Leaders and Rovers, ask ourselves the same question in a different way. We continually seek knowledge of our Movement, so that we may pass to our younger brothers, the training and guidance which we ourselves received. This is a noble aim.

Now, what can we get from a Rover Moot? What can we get from the First Canadian Rover Moot?

Rovers assume the responsibility of planning and preparing their kit; they figure out their food and utensils; they arrange transportation; what kind of clothing, etc. for camp; and a host of other details. And when the glorious time arrives, the fellowship, fun and the spirit of the great outdoors is theirs to enjoy to the fullest extent.

To the Skipper of the Crew goes something too. There is nothing to compare to the feeling of stimulation, which comes with the knowledge, that you have a live crew. Therefore, keep the enthusiasm high, counsel well, and when the Moot Day arrives, then no misgiving may be felt regarding the department of *your* Crew. That is the reward you get for doing a job wisely and well.

Sometimes we receive notices through the mail. Sure, we read them, but do we act on them? And so we come to the Moot Registration Form. Have you received them, and if you have, what have you done about filling in the particulars and returning them to the proper quarter. It is important that the forms be sent in as soon as possible.

The public is our audience, noticing many things. Often we have heard exclamations of pleasure at the sight of well dressed and properly attired Rovers. No one should fear to appear in uniform. If we have a high sense of loyalty and devotion to our Movement, the wearing of it is the "hall-mark" of distinction. It can readily be seen, therefore, how important it is,

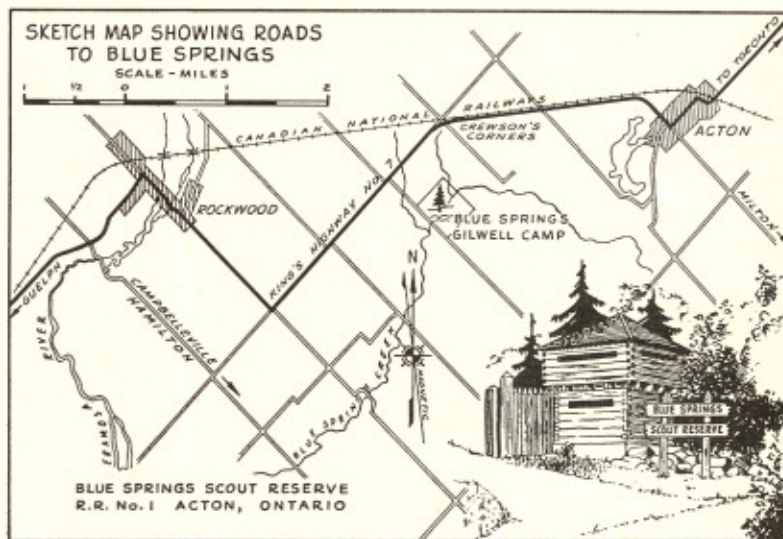
# ROVERING TO SUCCESS

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## First Canadian Rover Moot 1951

"What's In It for Me?"

By Bob Gibson, Hamilton, Ont., Member of O.R.R.T. and Editor of "Ontario Rover"



that in the coming and going to the Moot, the right kind of uniform be worn.

During the period at Blue Springs, Ontario, a small newspaper will be published each morning, which will contain news of the previous day's happenings. A booklet is also being prepared. In it will be many items of interest concerning the Moot and of Blue Springs, as well as the newspaper pages themselves. This Souvenir Booklet will gain in value as the years go on, and the small charge necessary to cover the cost, will appear negligible when the intrinsic value is considered. Make sure you get one.

A Museum of any kind is always interesting. A museum of exhibits pertaining to Rovering will be doubly so. Much can be gained by observation and if the necessary material is procurable then an exhibition will be there at the Moot for the benefit of everyone. An appeal is made for articles. You can bring them with you or you can send them in. Do not forget to have them properly identified so that the rightful owner may get his property returned.

The idea of holding a Canadian Moot

is not a new one. Back in 1937, a committee was set up to plan details. War intervened and so the project was abandoned till a more precipitate time arrived. The year 1950 saw the wheels set in motion once again, and much thought and hard work has been put into the present arrangements. The experience gained by Ontario Rovers at Provincial and Local Moots is invaluable. This "Know-How" will be used to the fullest extent at Blue Springs. Some of you may say, "what is a Moot"? Briefly let it be said that in Anglo-Saxon times, in England, the word Moot denoted a meeting of Free Men. How appropriate that applies to our proposed gathering, and how precious is our heritage of freedom.

Perhaps this article does not satisfy you entirely. It is to be hoped however that you gained something. Let your imagination be stirred, build up your enthusiasm, think of the possibilities and get down to "brass tacks". If you attend the First Canadian Rover Moot, and give of your best, as all real Rovers do, then you will not have to ask yourself the question, "What's in it for me"? No questions will be necessary, the answer will be within you.

# SEE YOU AT THE MOOT





## BOY SCOUT CAMP SURVEY 1951



MANY Scouters will remember that a Boy Scout Survey was conducted a few years back to determine what the boys thought about Scouting and how we could better our services and procedures to give them the type of Scouting that they wanted. From this Survey, we found many valuable factors that affected the boy's Scout life. Many things were merely confirmation and what we thought, but others were entirely new. Scouters who used the facts disclosed and published in this magazine, have been able to render more valuable services to the boys they lead.

Once again, we are conducting a Survey,—this time concerning the boys' reactions to their Scout Camp. All successful businesses are constantly referring their products or services to their consumers so that they may keep up-to-date. This is just good business. In our case the consumers are the Boy Scouts and what they think about their Summer Camp very often means the success of our Troops.

When you receive your Registered Camp Certificate this year, or when you register your Troop to go to a District Camp, you will receive four Boy Scout Camp Survey Forms, together with stamped, addressed envelopes. All you have to do is to give these forms out to four boys in your Troop, near the end of the Camp. Two should be given to boys who are at their first Summer Camp and two to two who have attended one or more previous annual camps. We want the boys' answers, so please ask them to fill in the forms themselves. None of the questions are difficult, but if a boy should be stuck, please explain the question to him, but let him figure out his own answer.

At the end of the Camp season when all the forms have been returned, they will be tabulated, and we are quite certain that once again we will learn some pertinent facts from the boys that can help us to give our Scouts the best possible Camp experience.



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Serve Scouting and Give  
Yourself a Break  
Let's Go To Gilwell!

## Canadian Scouters' Training Centre, 1951

Scoutmaster ..... Aug. 9-17  
Rover Leader ..... Aug. 18-23  
Akela ..... Aug. 25-30  
Sea Scoutmaster ..... Aug. 13-20 Lakefield, Ont.

Province	Campsite	Course	Dates
B.C.	Penticton	Akela	June 23-30
	Cultus Lake	Scoutmaster	July 21-29
Prairies	Gimli, Man.	Scoutmaster	Aug. 6-15
		Akela	Aug. 20-25
Ontario	Blue Springs	Akela	July 14-20
		Akela	Sept. 8-14
	Camp of the Crooked Creek	Akela	June 2-24 (week-ends)
	Blue Springs	Scoutmaster	July 21-29
		Scoutmaster	Sept. 15-23
	Camp of the Crooked Creek	Scoutmaster	May 5—June 3 (week-ends)
	Blue Springs	Rover Leader	Sept. 4-9
Quebec	Tamaracouta	Scoutmaster	June 16-23
	Lac aux Sables	Scoutmaster	June 1-10 (week-ends)
	Tamaracouta	Akela	June 1-10 (week-ends)
	Tamaracouta	Akela	Aug. 18-25
Maritimes	Lone Cloud Reserve	Akela	Aug. 18-25

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### Sea Scout Uniform Changes

Due to unforeseen production difficulties, it is not possible to publish the display of uniform changes for Sea Scouts in this issue of *The Scout Leader*. However the July-August edition of the magazine will feature the changes recently approved by the Executive Committee of The Canadian General Council.

### Old Scouts Never Die

The young man served in the navy during the war and on one occasion he was giving commands for drill. He was doing fine until it was time to bring the men to attention. Then he became confused and finally shouted "troop alert!" Echoing his shout was that of the commanding officer asking for the name of the sailor's former Scout Troop. He, too, had been a Scoutmaster several years before enlisting.

### Earl Mountbatten Helps Sea Scout

Earl Mountbatten of Burma, British Commodore for Sea Scouts, has made available a bursary of 120 pounds sterling so that a Sea Scout can take part in the Iceland Expedition of the British Schools Exploring Society next summer.

### A Wolf Cub's Prayer

By Ruth Brown, Rosemount First  
United Wolf Cub Pack

Dear God, who art in heaven  
Please hear our Wolf Cub prayer  
Oh guide and help our sixers  
And each Cub in each lair  
Please give our leaders wisdom  
And strength withstanding all  
That even in times of trouble  
They'll always hear thy call.

Dear God, who art in heaven  
Please help us to obey  
Our Cub Law and our promise  
Our good turn every day.  
Please help us in our learning  
To always keep in mind  
The golden rule He taught us  
To Us, and all mankind.

Dear God, who art in heaven  
Our praise to thee we sing  
Until the heavens beckon  
Our hearts to thee we'll bring  
As long as we are Wolf Cubs  
We'll try to do our best  
As long as thou art watching  
Our lives with thee will rest.

(Note: This can be sung to the Hymn tune, "The Church's one foundation").

### The Prayer of a Tenderfoot

This is my first day in Camp, Lord,  
And to you I had to pray:  
To say thank you for all the fun I've  
had,  
Here with the gang today;  
At home, I don't think much of what  
I'm saying  
But here with the pines o'er my head;  
And the moon and stars shining over  
me,  
I had to pray before I crept to bed.

The games we played on the fields,  
Lord,  
The hike we had through the wood;  
The flowers and trees and the birds  
we saw  
Made my heart say, God is Good!  
The songs we sang round the campfire  
And the yarn the Scoutmaster read  
Made me so glad to be here, Lord!  
Hear my prayer as I go to bed.

The fellows all help me to Scout, Lord,  
I'm only a Tenderfoot you know;  
And I'm trying quite hard to be like  
them.

It isn't so easy though!  
I know if I do the best that I can,  
You'll be with me right by my side:  
So thank you, Lord, for what you have  
done,

Please always with me abide.

(From the programme of the Toronto  
Boy Scout Cyclorama).